

# Notice of Determination

Appendix D

<b>To:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research U.S. Mail: <u>Street Address</u> P.O. Box 3044 <u>1400 Tenth St., Rm 113</u> Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 <u>Sacramento, CA 95814</u>	<b>From:</b> <b>Public Agency</b> <u>Sierra Nevada Conservancy</u> <b>Address:</b> <u>11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205</u> <u>Auburn, CA 95603</u> <b>Contact:</b> <u>Jamie Sammut</u> <b>Phone:</b> <u>(530) 823-4688</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> County Clerk County of: <u>Plumas</u> Address: <u>520 Main Street, Room 102</u> <u>Quincy, CA 95971</u>	Lead Agency (if different from above): Address: _____ Contact: _____ Phone: _____

**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.**

**State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse):** 2018042051

**Project Title:** Little Grass Valley Watershed Protection Project (SNC 1224)

**Project Applicant:** Plumas National Forest

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located approximately two miles north of the remote, ridge-top community of La Porte, California. The project sites are in the South Fork Feather River watershed in the Feather River Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest within Plumas County.

**Project Description:**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide \$459,792 to the Plumas National Forest for the continuation of the Little Grass Valley Watershed Protection Project. The treatments would improve watershed health, restore riparian/aquatic/wildlife habitats, maintain water quantity and quality for downstream users, and reduce the risk of wildfire to natural resources and nearby communities. The project is focused on removing excessive fuels on approximately 557.2 acres of Forest Service Lands. Treatments include mastication, hand thinning and piling, and hand thinning and grapple piling. The project would geographically connect with the Bald Onion Defensible Fuel Profile Zones (DFPZ), the Sugarloaf DFPZ, and the dispersed defensible space and small-scale fuels reduction projects established by private landowners.

SNC evaluated the project in an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. All mitigation measures specified in the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration will be implemented through contractual obligations, which will be monitored and enforced by a supervising Registered Professional Forester. SNC has independently determined that with implementation of required mitigation measures, the project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts.

**This is to advise that the** Sierra Nevada Conservancy **has approved the above**  
 ( ☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency )

Described project on \_\_\_\_\_ and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.  
 (date)

1. The project ☐ will ☒ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures ☒ were ☐ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☒ was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings ☒ were ☐ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration is available to the General Public at:

Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 11521 Blocker Drive Suite 205, Auburn, CA 95603

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Deputy Executive Officer

Date: 3/6/2020 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.  
 Reference Section: 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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