

**Notice of Exemption****Appendix E**

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** (Public Agency): Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA

(Address)

Project Title: King Fire Restoration Project (SNC 933.1

Project Applicant: Eldorado National Forest

Project Location - Specific:

The project area is located in the central Sierra Nevada mountain range north of Pollock Pines, California and east of Foresthill, California. Centered near 38°57'36.5"N 120°31'17.6"W.

Project Location - City: North of Pollock Pines Project Location - County: Placer & El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

See attached page.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: U.S. Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest

Exempt Status: **(check one):**

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- ☐ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attached page.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Andrea Williams Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4682

**If filed by applicant:**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature: *Julie Alwis* Date: 8/10/2020 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

☒ Signed by Lead Agency ☐ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

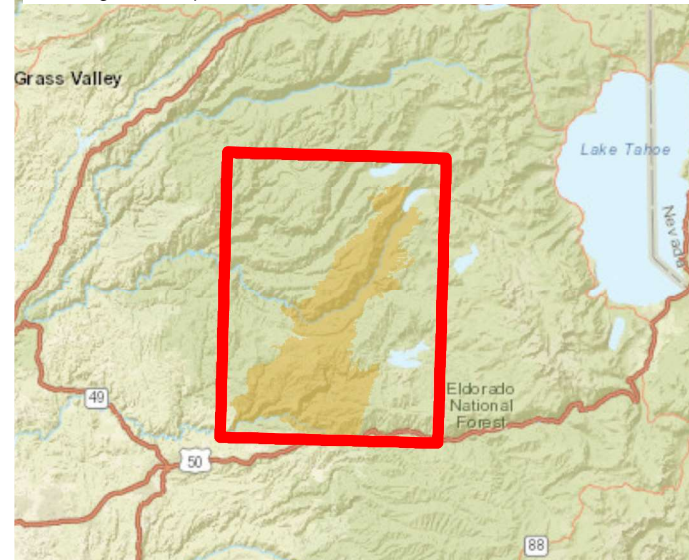
**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project:**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding to the U.S. Forest Service, Eldorado National Forest to complete forest fuel reduction activities in areas affected by the 2014 King Fire. This project includes forest fuel reduction, including the management of shrubs and dead trees. Project activities would involve mechanical and chemical treatments including skidding and piling of large material; mastication or piling of small material; shrub control; and biomass utilization. These activities will reduce the risk of high severity wildfire and support forest restoration on the Eldorado National Forest, promoting forest health and resiliency during future wildfire events.

**Reasons why project is exempt:**

CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the federal NEPA if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. SNC would provide funding to the U.S. Forest Service to reduce forest fuels on federal land in the Eldorado National Forest. The project activities have been analyzed by the U.S. Forest Service pursuant to NEPA. A NEPA Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) was prepared for the project and a Record of Decision was signed by the Eldorado National Forest on September 2, 2015. Proposed project activities were evaluated in the NEPA EIS (see Attachment: King Fire EIS Fuels Treatment Vicinity Map).





# King Fire EIS Fuels Treatments Vicinity Map

## Legend



King Fire EIS Fuels Reduction Treatments



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