

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of _____

From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603
(Address)

Project Title: Moonlight-Wheeler Restoration Project (SNC #FPNFMFSF001)

Project Location - Specific:

Project units are located approximately 7 miles northeast of Taylorsville, CA on Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough Ranger District.
Legal Location: T26N, R12E, S 01, 03, 04, 09, 10, 15, 21, 22 MDMB; T27N, R12E, S 33, 34, 36 MDMB
SGS 7.5'Quad Map(s): Antelope Lake, Babcock Peak, Genesee Valley, Kettle Rock

Project Location – City: Taylorsville Project Location – County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project proposes approximately 480 acres of reforestation in areas of National Forest that have burned at high-severity twice in recent past. Reforestation activities will occur on a small portion of a much larger area that has been type-converted. Trees will be planted at low density to reduce the risk of future high-severity wildfire, and release of trees from competing vegetation will be manual and increase tree survival and growth rate. The objective of the project is to reestablish forests in areas where the habitat type has been converted from mixed-conifer forests to shrubland by stand-replacing wildfires.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Feather River Resource Conservation District in partnership with the Plumas National Forest and Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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: Section 15304, Class 4 - Minor Alterations to Land
 Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

An Environmental Review Report was completed for reforestation planned for Federally owned public lands concluding that project implementation as designed would have less than significant impact in each resource area. Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. The area of land that is proposed to be reforested is less than one percent of the 2019 Walker fire area, and far less than the area that has burned at high-severity in the same watershed in recent past. No healthy, mature, scenic trees will be removed as part of this project.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Jamie Sammut Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-823-4688

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:  Date: 3/6/2020 Title: Deputy Executive Officer

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: _____
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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