

Notice of Exemption**Appendix E**

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 113
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From: (Public Agency): Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 201
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk

County of: _____

(Address)

Project Title: Grizzly Creek Ranch: Protecting the Heart of the Upper Middle Fork River Watershed (SNC 1154-LC)

Project Applicant: Sierra Nevada Journeys

Project Location - Specific:

A 462.84 ac. site approx. 1 mi. east of Portola, along the north side of State Highway 70. The property is bounded on the east by Grizzly Road.

Project Location - City: Portola Project Location - County: Plumas


Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

Project is located on a major tributary to the Middle Fork Feather River. Fee-title acquisition project will protect and enhance ecosystem function in the Grizzly Creek watershed, maintain the landscape as an outdoor classroom for California's youth, provide outdoor access for all, preserve and increase the significant economic benefit of tourism to the region, and safeguard the property from imminent commercial development and urban sprawl.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra Nevada Journeys

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: Class 25, Section 15325, Transfers of Ownership 
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:


The project is a Transfer of Ownership of Interest In Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources. There are multiple purposes to protecting the property, including maintenance and management of the outdoor classroom for California's youth and protecting the ecologically diverse environment in the Sierra Valley along the Pacific Flyway. There will be no change to the primary land use and no physical alterations to the environment.

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

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

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