

Notice of Exemption

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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(Address)

Project Title: Greene Acres Forest Health Planning Project (SNC 1263)

Project Location - Specific:

The approximately 1,250-acre project area is located on National Forest Lands adjacent to community of Greene Acres, approximately 5 acres north of Sierra City.

Project Location - City: 5 miles north of Sierra City Project Location - County: Sierra

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$100,000 to Sierra County to complete pre-implementation resource reports and surveys and prepare NEPA and CEQA documents. This planning and environmental compliance would support future implementation of the Greene Acres Forest Health Planning Project, with the goal of protecting life and property in the community of Greene Acres by improving forest health and reducing the risk of wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface on National Forest System Lands adjacent to the community.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sierra County

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 15306, "Information Collection"
Statutory Exemptions. State code number: Section 15262, "Feasibility and Planning Studies"

Reasons why project is exempt:

This is a planning project involving the preparation of environmental analysis documents; it does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Specific actions include resource surveys and preparation of NEPA and CEQA documents that evaluate future possible actions. However, those actions have not been approved, and the completion of these environmental documents will not have a legally binding effect on future activities.

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: [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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