

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of Shasta
1450 Court Street #208
Redding, CA 96001

(Address)

Project Title: Badger Restoration Project (SNC 1268)

Project Location - Specific:

The approximately 38,500-acre project area is adjacent to Highway 44, west of the Hat Creek Rim and the community of Old Station, and adjacent to the north side of Lassen Volcanic National Park. The project area is located within the Hat Creek Watershed. Approx center at 40°35'02.9"N 121°26'19.2"W

Project Location - City: Community of Old Station Project Location - County: Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding in the amount of \$100,000 to the U.S. Forest Service, Lassen National Forest, to complete pre-implementation surveys, and prepare a NEPA/CEQA document. This project is a part of a landscape-level project within the Burney-Hat Creek Basins Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Project (CFLRP). This planning and environmental compliance would support future implementation of the CFLRP, with the goal to increase landscape level resilience to disturbances including fire, insects, disease, and drought, and protect local communities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: USFS Lassen 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: 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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