

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: (Public Agency): Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 201
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County Clerk
County of: Mono
74 School street - Annex I
P.O. Box 237, Bridgeport, CA 93

(Address)

Project Title: Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (SNC# 1272-RC)

Project Applicant: Plumas Corporation

Project Location - Specific:

Planning effort across 55,000 acres of Inyo National Forest (INF) land surrounding the Town of Mammoth Lakes in Mono and Madera Counties. The project is directly adjacent to the John Muir and Ansel Adams Wilderness Areas and Devils Postpile National Monument.

Project Location - City: Surrounding Mammoth Lakes Project Location - County: Mono, Madera

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will establish a group of regional partners, complete a needs assessment, and develop a draft plan of activities to return INF lands surrounding Mammoth Lakes to fire adapted, climate resilient forests, which will improve forest health and provide for safe and effective fire response in the event of wildfire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Plumas Corporation

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 a needs assessment and draft action plan. It does not involve physical alterations to the environment. Specific actions include stakeholder coordination, needs assessment, development of a budget, schedule, and workplans, and development of a draft action plan and draft request for proposals to conduct environmental compliance analysis. The completion of this draft plan 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: [Handwritten 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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