

Notice of Determination**Appendix D****To:**☒ Office of Planning and Research

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Lead Agency (if different from above):

California Department of Forestry and Fire ProtectionAddress: 6105 Airport RoadContact: John Ramaley, RPF # 2594Phone: (530) 224-2490***SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.***State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): NAProject Title: Webber Lake Little Truckee Headwaters Phase Three SNC-1389Project Applicant: Truckee Donner Land TrustProject Location (include county): The project is located within the Webber Lake Basin, in unincorporated Sierra County, California. It is located on land owned by the Truckee Donner Land Trust, surrounded by the Tahoe National Forest.

Project Description:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the Truckee Donner Land Trust for the Webber Lake Little Truckee Headwaters Phase Three Project (project). The project involves commercial thinning on approximately 309 acres for forest health, ecosystem restoration, and wildfire resilience. The project would directly reduce the risk of wildfire to the Webber Lake campgrounds, cabins, hotel, and day use areas on the property. Treatments would thin overstocked stands from below; prioritize the removal of insect and disease affected trees and suppressed, intermediate, and codominant trees; retain healthy and vigorous codominant and dominate trees; leave 20 to 30 foot spacing between residual boles; and increase the average stand diameter. Mechanical tree removal equipment would be used for tree cutting and processing including limbing, chipping, and mastication as appropriate to conditions. Merchantable logs would be transported from the site. Accumulated slash would be processed via chipping and removal from the site. Due to the nature of the specific topography and terrain in this section, an access road will need to be constructed in order for the necessary equipment to reach the entire site. It will be decommissioned after the project is completed.

Because this is a commercial project, a Timber Harvest Plan was prepared for compliance with the Forest Practice Rules. Under the Forest Practice Rules, preparation of a Timber Harvest Plan is considered equivalent to a document prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act consistent with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15251. SNC has reviewed the Timber Harvest Plan and has independently determined that the project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts.

This is to advise that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy has approved the above
 (☐ Lead Agency or ☒ Responsible Agency)
 described project on June 2, 2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

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1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment
2. A Timber Harvest Plan **was** prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of the Forest Practice Rules
3. Mitigation measures **were** a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was** adopted for this project
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted for this project.
6. Findings **were not** made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 11521 Blocker Drive Suite 205, Auburn, CA 95603

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Chief Deputy Executive Officer

Date: 6/3/2022 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.