

# Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy  
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205  
Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: Ballpark Collaborative Prescribed Burning Project – SNC 1383

Project Location – Specific: This project is located in northern Trinity County, adjacent to the community of Trinity Center, State Route 3, and Trinity Lake, and to the north of the Trinity Center Ballpark.

Project Location - City: Community of Trinity Center

Project Location - County: Trinity

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy will provide funding for prescribed fire on a minimum of 145 acres of federal land within the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, referred to as the Ballpark Collaborative Prescribed Burning Project. The purpose of the project is to mitigate fire risk in the community of Trinity Center and increase forest health through prescribed fire. The project will maintain fire-safe conditions using a series of prescribed understory maintenance burns in a 44-acre area that was previously manually treated for hazardous fuels. It will also include maintenance burning in an additional adjacent 101-acre area, and may support additional fuel reduction treatment included in the North Lake Project NEPA analysis. The project is a valuable opportunity to maintain existing fuels reduction work and return healthy fire to the landscape. This project will also provide a critical training opportunity for both the Trinity County Resource Conservation District and its close partner the Watershed Research and Training Center.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Trinity County Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: Statutory Exemption, Public Resources Code Section 4799.05(d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt:

CEQA does not apply to prescribed fire, thinning, or fuel reduction projects undertaken on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under NEPA if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for prescribed fire on federal lands within the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The actions to be undertaken by this project were reviewed in their entirety pursuant to NEPA, and a Decision Memo with supporting Categorical Exclusion were prepared. The Decision Memo for the project was signed by the Shasta-Trinity National Forest on May 13, 2016. In April 2022 the Shasta-Trinity National Forest reviewed the Categorical Exclusion and Decision Memo and certified that project site conditions have not substantially changed since the NEPA Categorical Exclusion was completed, and the NEPA Categorical Exclusion adequately addresses the project as it is currently proposed.

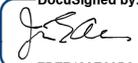
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Shannon Ciotti

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If filed by applicant: **N/A**

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project: Yes  No

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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 6/3/2022 Title: Chief Deputy Executive Officer  
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Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Signed by Applicant: No

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.