Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 212 From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205

Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 <u>Auburn, CA 95603</u>

Project Title: Lind Corridor Property on Indian and Montgomery Creeks SNC1471-LC

Project Location – Specific: <u>2213 Genesee Road, between the communities of</u> Taylorsville and Genesee. APNs 008-120-013, 008-120-1-015.

Project Location - City: <u>Taylorsville</u> Project Location - County: <u>Plumas</u>

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Wildlife Heritage Foundation to conduct planning and due diligence activities for a potential future conservation easement to be placed on the 152-acre Lind Corridor property at the confluence of Indian and Montgomery Creeks. Located in Plumas County on Genesee Road, between the unincorporated communities of Taylorsville and Genesee, the project site is approximately 23 miles from Quincy, CA. The property links USFS lands to the west and east to support wildlife movement, safeguard water quality and water supply in the upper Feather River Watershed, sustain carbon sequestration, reduce wildfire risk, protect an area of significance to the Maidu people, and expand upon the lands protected by the Feather River Land Trust in the region. Specific actions include obtaining a property appraisal, title report, phase one environmental assessment report, and developing a forest evaluation and fuels management plan, a natural and cultural resources management plan including tribal participation, baseline report, and a draft conservation easement.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Wildlife Heritage Foundation

Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: <u>Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies</u> Categorical Exemption: <u>Class 6 Section 15306 Information Collection</u>

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is Statutorily Exempt under Section 15262 Feasibility and Planning Studies as the project only involves planning studies for possible future actions which the Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board has not approved, adopted, or funded; there is no legally binding effect on later activities. The project is also categorically exempt under Section 15306 Information Collection (Class 6) because it consists of basic data collection and resource evaluation activities which do not result in a disturbance to environmental resources. The proposed activities are for information gathering purposes and are part

of a study leading to an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. This project does not fall within any exceptions to the categorical exemption.

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If filed by applicant: N/A 1. Attach certified document of exe 2. Has a Notice of Exemption beer	n filed by the public agency approving the	project: No
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