Notice of Determination

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To:

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□ County Clerk

County of:

Address:

From:

Public Agency:

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Address: 11521 Blocker Drive, Ste 205

Auburn, CA 95603

Contact: Mary Akens Phone: (530) 450-5177

Lead Agency (if different from above):

Address: Contact: Phone:

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): 2023040430

Project Title: Lost Sierra Route: EZ Verdi Ridge Segment Project (SNC #1482-RT)

Project Applicant: Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship

Project Location (include county): The project includes a 15-mile-long segment of the Lost Sierra Route within the Tahoe National Forest in the eastern portion of Nevada and Sierra counties in California.

Project Description:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) will provide funding to Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship to implement the Lost Sierra Route: EZ Verdi Ridge Segment Project. The project involves constructing a 15-mile-long single-track motorized multi-use trail designated for hiking, biking, motorcycles, e-bikes, and equestrian use. The Verdi Ridge Trail is a segment of the greater 600-mile-long Lost Sierra Route and included as part of the East Zone Connectivity and Restoration Project managed by the U.S. Forest Service. The project will improve recreation opportunities and restore watershed impacts on the forest by constructing a sustainable trail system while eliminating and rerouting existing unsustainable user-created trails.

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This is to advise that the <u>Sierra Nevada Conservancy</u> (Lead Agency) has approved the above described project on <u>June 1, 2023</u> and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment
- 2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
- 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): | Chief Deputy Executive Officer Title: |
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| 6/1/2023 Date: | Date Received for filing at OPR: |

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