Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044, Room 212 Psacramento, CA 95812-3044 From: Sierra Nevada Conservancy 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205 Auburn, CA 95603

Project Title: Kótasim Kódo Chenúk m Bomó: Greenville Rancheria Stewardship Project (SNC #1622-LC)

Project Location – Specific: 1454 Greenville Wolf Creek Road, Greenville, Plumas County. APN 110-310-015-000.

Project Location - City: Greenville Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide funding for the Greenville Indian Rancheria to acquire fee title to a 54-acre parcel on the north side of the community of Greenville. It borders both public and private lands and is situated just west of the Plumas National Forest's Greenville Campground and Wolf Creek, approximately 15-20 miles south of Chester and Lake Almanor, and 23 miles from Quincy. It is an undeveloped forested site with gentle terrain, paved access, and electricity. The property is currently privately owned and vacant. The intent of the acquisition is to return a land holding to the Greenville Indian Rancheria, which intends to manage the property to restore and conserve a resilient forest plot and protect the ecological and cultural resources on the property. As part of the acquisition, the Greenville Indian Tribe will complete a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment, baseline conditions report, and management plan.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Pacific Forest Trust, Incorporated.

Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: Section 15325 Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources

Reasons why project is exempt:

The project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15325 Transfers of Ownership of Interest in Land to Preserve Existing Natural Conditions and Historical Resources, which consists of the transfers of ownership of interests in land in order to preserve open space, habitat, or historical resources. The intent of this acquisition is to conserve the natural conditions and cultural resources on the property. The SNC has independently reviewed the project and determined that no exception under Section 15300.2 applies.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mary Akens Area Code/Telephone/Extension: <u>530-450-5177</u>

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 ___

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

Signature: ______ Date: 6/1/2023 Title: _____ Chief Deputy Executive Officer Title: _____ Signed by Lead Agency: Yes Signed by Applicant: No

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Date received for filing at OPR: