

To: Governor's Office of Land Use and
Climate Innovation
1400 10th Street
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From: Lead Agency
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
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To: Amador County Recorder-Clerk
810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95642

Project Title: AmCo Stewardship Project Amendment No.2 (SNC 1370.2) (SCH 2022060108)

Project Location – Specific: Two general locations on Bureau of Land Management, Mother Lode Field Office property. 1) Just northeast of the community of Pioneer, along Buckhorn Ridge Road and South View Drive. T7NR13E Sec 20, 21, 29. Treatment center at approximately -120.565, 38.441 degrees. 2) Along Thompson Ridge, west of Stage Road. T7N11E Sec 12, 13. Treatment center at approximately -120.720, 38.465 degrees.

Project Location - City: [Near the towns of
Pioneer and Fiddletown]

Project Location - County: [Amador]

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would amend SNC project 1370 AmCo Stewardship Project with Amador Fire Safe Council to partner with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to allow the use of SNC grant funds to implement approximately 70 acres of fuels reduction treatments across four BLM parcels. Hand crews and mechanical operators (track chippers, masticators) would remove brush and small diameter trees from the project area, with maximum diameter at breast height (dbh) of conifers no greater than 11" dbh. The average spacing would be roughly 30 feet between boles and brush with some tighter spacing in clumps and "islands". The preference is to remove hardwoods under 4" dbh, though spacing concerns may necessitate removing larger hardwoods. The project is part of the *Pioneer Park & Pioneer Creek Fuels Reduction Project* and *Thompson Ridge Fuels Reduction Project* developed by the BLM. The project was reviewed and approved under the *Pioneer Park & Pioneer Creek Fuels Reduction Project Determination of NEPA Adequacy* with *Decision Record* signed on December 29, 2025; and the *Thompson Ridge Fuels Reduction Project Determination of NEPA Adequacy* with *Decision Record* signed on April 20, 2026. The project will be implemented consistent with all NEPA requirements.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Amador Fire Safe Council
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Exempt Status:

Statutory Exemption: Pub. Resources Code, section 4799.05, subd. (d)(1)

Reasons why project is exempt: Public Resources Code, section 4799.05 statutorily exempts from CEQA projects for prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning, or fuel-reduction projects, or to related activities included in the project description, undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The SNC has approved the use of the funding for Amadro Fire Safe Council to work in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management to conduct fuel-reduction treatments on Bureau of Land Management, Mother Lode Field Office lands. The project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA by the Bureau of Land Management in the *Pioneer Park & Pioneer Creek Fuels Reduction Project Determination of NEPA Adequacy with Decision Record* signed on December 29, 2025; and the *Thompson Ridge Fuels Reduction Project Determination of NEPA Adequacy with Decision Record* signed on April 20, 2026.

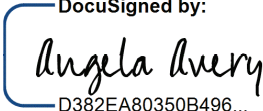
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Andy Fristensky

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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 ___

Signature:  D382EA80350B496...

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 7/31/2026

Signed by Lead Agency: Yes

Signed by Applicant: No

Date received for filing at OPR: _____

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

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