To: Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Lead Agency
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

To: Plumas County Clerk-Recorder
520 Main Street, Room 102
Quincy, CA 95971

Project Title: Claremont Forest Resiliency Project Amendment 2 (SNC 1632.2) (SCH 2024030336)

Project Location – Specific: Approximately 288 acres in Plumas National Forest, Mount Hough Ranger District, approximately 1.5 miles southeast of downtown Quincy, in an area commonly known as Peppard Flat, in the Feather River watershed. Project center at approximately -120.8939, 39.8953 degrees.

Project Location - City: 1.5 mi SE of Quincy

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is amending grant agreement #1632, Claremont Forest Resiliency Project (Proposed Project) with the Mule Deer Foundation (MDF) to allow funds to be used for an additional 288 acres of fuels reduction treatments. The treatments include 66 acres of mastication, 32 acres of mechanical piling of burnt snags and debris with follow-up mastication treatment, and 190 acres of hand thinning in areas either too steep or restricted by protected resources for mechanical treatments.

In March 2024 the SNC awarded the grant to MDF to partner with the PNF to protect communities and wildlife habitat by implementing an approximately 950-acre fuels reduction project that included four separate strategically placed treatment units on PNF land. Treatments included but were not limited to mechanical thinning (including mastication), hand thinning, and piling, following a variable density thinning approach. The project is part of the PNF's 30,000-acre landscape-scale Claremont Forest Resiliency Project, and SNC filed a Notice of Exemption pursuant to Pub. Resources Code, section 4799.05, subd. (d)(1) (SCH 2024030336). In July 2025 SNC amended the grant agreement authorizing an additional 83 acres of mastication, and filed a Notice of Exemption pursuant to Pub. Resources Code, section 4799.05, subd. (d)(1) (SCH 2024030336). This amendment would authorize grant funds to be used for an additional 288 acres of treatments growing the total treated acres under this grant to 1,321. All treatments will be implemented per the PNF Claremont Forest Resiliency Project Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impacts signed on April 7, 2023.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Mule Deer Foundation
Chris Daunt, Conservation Forester
159 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA 95971
530-400-2414

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 is amending the grant agreement to authorize SNC funding to be used for additional fuels reduction and forest-health treatments in the PNF. The project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA in the PNF Claremont Forest Resiliency Project Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impacts, with final Decision Notice for the EA/FONSI documents signed on April 7, 2023.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Wendy Johnson **Area Code/Telephone/Extension**: 530-450-5177

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: DocuSigned by: Angela Avery D382EA80350B496...

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 10/28/2026

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.