

To: Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From: Lead Agency
 Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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To: Calaveras County Clerk-Recorder
 891 Mountain Ranch Road, Building D
 San Andreas, CA 95249

Project Title: Lily Gap Vegetative Maintenance, Unit One (SNC1819)

Project Location – Specific: 161-acre unit of Bureau of Land Management land, approximately 1.6 miles northeast of the town of Bummerville, and 3.6 miles west/southwest of the town of Pioneer. The intersections of Hidden Valley Road, Quartz Mountain Road, and Lily Gap Road are within the project area. Treatment center at approximately -120.499, 38.412 degrees.

Project Location - City: Near Bummerville, West Point

Project Location - County: Calaveras

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to Calaveras County Office of Emergency Services (CCOES) to partner with the United States Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to implement an approximately 161-acre fuels-reduction project near the communities of Bummerville and West Point to reduce fire hazards to nearby communities and improve forest-health conditions on BLM forestland. The CCOES will treat and maintain a shaded fuel break that the BLM initially installed in 2013 by removing ground and ladder fuels and thinning the overstory by approximately half. The original treatment in 2013 was carried out by the BLM and consisted of removal of all conifers smaller than eight inches and mastication of nearly all ladder and ground fuels. It has been nearly 12 years since the original treatment was completed and much of the ladder fuels have grown back. Additionally, there are populations of noxious weeds that have been identified within the project site, such as Spanish broom and oblong spurge. The project will consist of two phases, the first phase will consist of masticating ladder and ground fuels and all conifers smaller than 11 inches in diameter. Trees will be spaced approximately 25-35 feet apart. Some snags and downed logs will be retained on every acre for wildlife habitat. The second phase will consist of a targeted herbicide treatment to minimize regrowth from sprouting species and to control the noxious weed populations.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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

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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 authorized/approved the use of the funding for the CCOES to partner with the BLM to conduct fuels-reduction treatments on BLM forestlands. The project was reviewed in its entirety in the BLM *Statewide Wildland Urban Interface Fuels Treatments Programmatic Environmental Assessment* from August 2023, and the *Determination of NEPA Adequacy for the Lily Gap Vegetative Maintenance Project* signed on August 8, 2025.


Lead Agency

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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: 
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Executive Officer

Title: _____

Date: 3/5/2026

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.