

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

From: Lead Agency
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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To: Plumas County Clerk
520 Main Street, Room 102
Quincy, CA 95971

Project Title: Plumas Community Resilience Project (SNC1822)

Project Location – Specific: Two locations within Plumas National Forest. 1) Oakland Feather River Camp, along Oakland Camp Road. Approximately 1.6 miles north of Quincy Junction. Treatment center at approximately -120.918, 39.991 degrees. 2) University of California, Berkeley Forestry Field Camp, approximately 1 mile south of the community of Meadow Valley, between Schnider Creek Road and National Forest Road 24N31. Treatment center at approximately -121.064, 39.918 degrees.

Project Location - City: Near Quincy
Junction

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the Sierra Institute for Community and Environment to partner with Plumas National Forest, Feather River Resource Conservation District, and University of California, Berkeley Forestry Field Camp to implement fuels reduction treatments in two locations in Plumas County. At Oakland Feather River Camp, a historic recreational facility located on Plumas National Forest land, partners will implement fuels-reduction treatments on 68 acres. Treatments will be manual fuels reduction thinning, using chainsaws to cut and human power to pile or scatter. Treatments would include felling trees, lopping and scattering and/or piling and later burning, or chipping. Hand-thinning would be used on trees up to 16" DBH but trees over 10" DBH would only rarely be cut, and harvesting would not occur. The treatment area focuses on a ¼ mile stretch of fuels treatment between the Union Pacific railroad track and Oakland Feather River Camp Road. This dead-end road is the only access to the camp facilities, and fuels-reduction treatments will protect this ingress/egress route. This project also contributes to broader fuel-break efforts surrounding Quincy and ensuring the longevity of a site that has connected over 200,000 East Bay residents to the Sierra since 1924. At the University of California, Berkeley Forestry Field Camp, partners will conduct hand-thinning on three acres of Plumas National Forest land between Schnider Creek and an access road to the Camp. This work will reduce fire-ignition risk along the roadway, protect an ingress/egress route, and complement an additional 65 acres of fuels treatments on adjacent land owned by the university. All work will be done consistent with Standard

Operating Procedures and Protective Measures specified in the Plumas National Forest NEPA Decisions authorizing the project activities.

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 Sierra Institute for Community and Environment to partner with Plumas National Forest to conduct fuels-reduction treatments on National Forest lands. The project was reviewed in its entirety in the Plumas National Forest *North Quincy Wildfire Resiliency Project Environmental Assessment*, with the *North Quincy Wildfire Resiliency Project Decision Notice* signed on August 14, 2024, and the *Claremont Forest Resiliency Project Environmental Assessment* with *Decision Notice* signed on April 7, 2023.

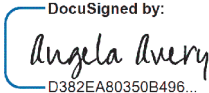
Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mary Akens

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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:  DocuSigned by:
Angela Avery
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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.