

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: El Dorado County Recorder - Clerk
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Placerville, CA 95667I

Project Title: Sly Park Fuels Reduction Project (SNC1830)

Project Location – Specific: Eldorado National Forest, Placerville Ranger District, near the communities of Camino, Cedar Grove, and Pollock Pines in El Dorado County. The project is located directly south of US Highway 50, adjacent to the community of Cedar Grove. Project center at approximately -120.633, 38,735 degrees.

Project Location - City: Near Cedar Grove, CA

Project Location - County: El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) is providing funding to the El Dorado Resource Conservation District (RCD) to partner with Eldorado National Forest (ENF) to conduct approximately 377 acres of fuels-reduction treatments near the communities of Cedar Grove, Camino, Pollock Pines, and Pleasant Valley in El Dorado County. Forests in the project area currently have an abundance of dense smaller trees, thick undergrowth, and a high density of surface fuels. These fuel conditions create a higher potential for severe, stand-replacing wildfire, which poses a significant threat to the safety of nearby communities and infrastructure. This project will complete 377 acres of strategically placed fuel-reduction treatments that complement and extend the continuity of existing treatments to create a fire-resistant landscape. This will be accomplished by a combination of treatment types, including thinning, chipping/mastication of brush and smaller trees, and hand treatments including brush cutting, hand-thinning, and pruning. The treatments will reduce tree density in selected stands and change the structure of live and dead vegetative material to lower tree density and reduce understory ladder and surface fuels.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
El Dorado Resource Conservation District
Mark Egbert, District Manager
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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 RCD to work in partnership with the ENF to conduct fuels-reduction treatments on national forest lands. The project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA by the ENF in the *Decision Memo for the Sly Park Fuels Reduction Project Categorical Exclusion*, signed on June 1, 2020.


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:  D382EA80350B496...

Title: Executive Officer

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.