

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: Tuolumne County Clerk
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Project Title: Protecting Highway 108's Communities, Economies, and Watersheds
Amendment 1 (SNC1837.1) (SCH 2026030288)

Project Location – Specific: Three locations in Stanislaus National Forest. 1) Adjacent to the north and west sides of the community of Pinecrest, along Highway 108 and Crabtree Road. Treatment center at approximately -120.018, 38.179 degrees. 2) Along the east side of Highway 108, between Stoddard Spring and Sylvan Lodge, including around the community of Long Barn. Treatment center at approximately -120.126, 38.098 degrees. 3) On the southeast side of Highway 108, between the communities of Me-Wuk Village and Arastraville. Treatment center at approximately -120.633, 38.037 degrees.

Project Location - City: Near Pinecrest,
Long Barn, and Arastraville

Project Location - County: Tuolumne

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would amend grant agreement #1837 with Tuolumne County to provide additional grant funds, and authorize the use of those grant funds to implement an additional approximately 60 acres of fuelbreaks. Tuolumne County will partner with the Stanislaus National Forest to implement between 339 and 594 acres of fuelbreaks in eastern Tuolumne County to protect nearby communities and infrastructure from wildfire. Treatments will consist of roadside thinning, reducing ground and ladder fuels up to 12 inches in diameter. Treatments will be a combination of mechanical mastication, hand-thinning, and pruning. The fuelbreaks installed with this project will allow access for fire-suppression activities and reduce the spread of catastrophic wildfire events, but will also act as key anchor points for future forest-management activities. The project is part of the larger Social and Ecological Resilience Across the Landscape (SERAL) 2.0 landscape-level plan developed by the Stanislaus National Forest in partnership with the local collaborative, Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions.

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 Tuolumne County to work in partnership with the Stanislaus National Forest to conduct fuel-reduction treatments on national forest lands. The project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA by the Stanislaus National Forest in the *Social and Ecological Resilience Across the Landscape 2.0 Final Environmental Impact Statement* and *Another Step in Collaboratively Moving Toward Resilience in the Stanislaus Landscape - Record of Decision (ROD-1)* signed on July 31, 2024, and *Forest Thinning in California Spotted Owl Protected Activity Centers (ROD-2)* signed on January 15, 2025.

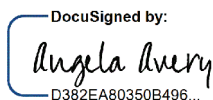
Lead Agency

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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:  D382EA80350B496...

Executive Officer

Title:

Date: 6/4/2026

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.