

To: Governor's Office of Land Use and
Climate Innovation
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From: Lead Agency
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
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Project Title: Stumpfield Fuel Break Maintenance (SNC 1814)

Project Location – Specific: Along both sides of Stumpfield Mountain Road from SR 49 (37.43679, -119.79162) to the western boundary of USFS land (37.306929, -119.821291) and Watt Rd from Stumpfield Mountain Rd (37.368778, -119.807322) to the northern boundary of the Maria Wilson Indian Allotment (BIA) (37.374686, -119.825857) in Mariposa County, CA.

Project Location - City: Near Bootjack
and Elliot Corner.

Project Location - County: Mariposa

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the Mariposa Fire Safe Council (MFSC) to maintain an existing shaded fuelbreak in a very high severity fire risk zone originally permitted and funded by CAL FIRE in 2019. The project involves maintaining an existing strategic fuelbreak that extends approximately 3 linear miles along an established road corridor. Vegetation treatment will occur within 150 feet of the road centerline. Hand crews will remove dead and downed material and regrowth up to 10" in diameter, and chip or remove slash. Vegetation treatment will be performed exclusively using chainsaws, hand tools, and portable woodchippers. No off-road heavy equipment, tracked or wheeled machinery, masticators, bulldozers, or excavators will be used. Chippers and support vehicles will remain on existing roadways or previously disturbed surfaces. Work will occur within the existing 192-acre fuel break footprint. A cultural monitor from the Southern Sierra Miwuk Nation will be on call during this project to protect known archeological sites. Maintaining this fuelbreak is critical for firefighter access and staging to fight wildfire.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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

Mariposa Fire Safe Council
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Exempt Status:

Categorical Exemption: Cal.Code Regs.Tit.14 (CEQA Guidelines), section 15304; Minor Alterations to Land

Reasons why project is exempt:

The CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, provides that projects that consist of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry and agricultural purposes, are exempt from CEQA environmental documentation requirements, provided no exceptions apply. The minor alterations to vegetation proposed by the project involve hand-implemented vegetation removal for maintenance of an existing shaded fuelbreak. No new access routes or staging areas will be constructed. The project includes standard best management practices and is not in a location or involves activities that would have a significant effect on resources. The SNC reviewed the project activities and determined that the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, Class 4, and none of the exceptions to the exemptions apply to the project.

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...

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 06/04/2026

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.