

To: Governor's Office of Land Use and
Climate Innovation
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From: Lead Agency
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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Project Title: (RFFCP2022) Tribal Capacity Building Program - Mooretown Rancheria (#1740-RFFCP)

Project Location – Specific: Mooretown Rancheria lands in the area of Kanaka Peak and Mooretown Ridge. Lumpkin Road passes between the treatment areas. Forbestown USGS 7.5" quadrangle in T20N, R06E; sections 16, 17, 19, 21 & 28. Project center at approximately -121.319, 39.582 degrees.

Project Location - City: Unincorporated;
near Oroville (95965) & Feather Falls
(95966)

Project Location - County: Butte

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) will provide funding for Mooretown Rancheria of the Maidu Indians of California (Grantee) to conduct pre-burning treatments in preparation for CAL FIRE-funded prescribed burns across 345 acres of the Grantee's fee-owned land. The pre-treatment will include: 1) cut handline with chainsaws and hand tools; 2) lop and scatter or cut, pile, and burn the cut vegetation along handlines; 3) lop and scatter units with significant brush to increase fuel continuity; 4) masticate and mechanically rearrange fuels; and 5) fell hazard trees along fire lines. These units will later be burned through a CALFIRE-funded Tribal Wildfire Resilience grant (SCH#2025100759). The objective of the Project is to advance indigenous forest stewardship to increase ecosystem health and fire resilience while reducing the risk of future catastrophic fire. The Project will increase the Grantee's capacity to conduct indigenous-led prescribed fire, supporting the Tribe in increasing fire resilience and fostering a shift toward a healthy fire-adapted ecosystem on the Mooretown Tribal Cultural Landscape.

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:

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

Reasons why project is exempt:

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 for CEQA environmental documentation requirements, provided no exceptions apply. The Project is not located in a particularly sensitive environment whereby project impacts would be significant. Sensitive habitats, including watercourses, wetlands, riparian habitat, and other habitat for special-status species would be avoided. The project involves shallow ground disturbance during fireline establishment and incorporates adequate cultural resource protection measures. Disturbance to riparian and wetland zones would be minimal. Work will occur outside of nesting season, or pre-implementation surveys would be completed. Project implementation, as designed, would have less than significant impact in each resource area. The SNC reviewed the project 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.

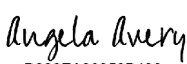
Lead Agency

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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 ___

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Signature:

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 7/20/26

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.