Notice of Exemption **Appendix E**

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

From: Lead Agency
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

To: Modoc County Clerk
108 E. Modoc Street
Alturas, CA 96101

To: Shasta County Clerk
1450 Court Street Suite 108
Redding, Ca 96001

Project Title: RFFCP (RFFCP2022) Tribal Capacity Building Program – Pit River Tribe (SNC1743-RFFCP)

Project Location – Specific: Two locations: 1) 60-100 acres along Hwy 395 North of Alturas in the Pit River XL Rancheria, Modoc County. 2) 60-79 acres along Hwy 299 directly South West and adjacent to the town of Burney, Shasta County.

Project Location - City: Alturas; Burney

Project Location - County: Modoc; Shasta

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would award grant agreement #1743-RFFCP (RFFCP2022) Tribal Capacity Building Program – Pit River Tribe. This fuels reduction project is led by the Pit River Tribe, a federally recognized tribe. The project will reduce hazardous fuels on 60-100 acres of land in the XL Rancheria, Modoc County, and 60-79 acres of land on the Pit River Trust Lands near Burney in Shasta County. Potential treatments include hand and mechanical thinning of encroaching Juniper and hazard fuels. Specific treatments will include:

- Thinning of ladder fuels and overgrown vegetation
- Hand thinning, mechanical thinning, lop & scatter, mastication, and may include chipping
- Cut handline with chainsaws and hand tools
- Lop and scatter or cut and pile vegetation
- Masticate and mechanically rearrange fuels
- Fell hazard trees
- Removal of dead and downed woody debris
- Maintenance of shaded fuel breaks in strategic locations
- Creation and maintenance of defensible space around homes and structures

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:
Steve Geopfert, Grants Manager
Pit River Tribe
36970 Park Ave
Burney, CA 96013
(530) 335-5421
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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 Pit River Tribe with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to conduct hazardous fuel-reduction treatments on Pit River Federal Trust Lands. The project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and found Categorically Excluded from additional environmental review. This BIA decision is memorialized in the TR-4314 P5 J52 Pit River Fire Project signed 7/16/2026.

Lead Agency: Sierra Nevada Conservancy
Contact Person: Wendy Johnson **Area Code/Telephone/Extension**: 530.450.5177

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 D382EA80350B496...

Title: Executive Officer

Date: 9/14/2026

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.