



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has completed an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act for the project described below.

Project Title: Arnold Avery Trail Reconciliation, Wayfinding and Outdoor Literacy Project

Project Description: SNC proposes to award a grant to the Arnold Rim Trail Association to support the Arnold Avery Trail Reconciliation, Wayfinding and Outdoor Literacy Project. The project involves trails that would be modified as reroutes, new construction, reconstruction, and obliteration and restoration. After clearance by qualified specialists, all routes determined to be unauthorized would be obliterated and restored. Informational signage would be incorporated throughout the trail system.

Project Location: The Arnold Rim Trail system extends approximately 28 miles on Stanislaus National Forest land and connects the communities of Arnold, Avery, and Hathaway Pines in Calaveras County. No hazardous materials sites listed under California Government Code Section 65962.5 are present within the project alignment.

Filing: On the basis of the IS/MND, SNC has determined that, with the incorporation of the mitigation measures proposed in the Initial Study, the proposed project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Mitigation measures for biological resources will be required to reduce impacts to a less than significant level. Accordingly, SNC intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to Section 21080(c) of the Public Resources Code.

Public Comment Period: The IS/ MND is available for a 30-day public review and comment period from September 24, 2026 to October 26, 2026. If you wish to comment on the IS/MND, please send any written comments with your name and/or the name of your agency contact person (if applicable), to the following address or email address by October 26, 2026.

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Document Availability: A copy of the IS/ MND and supporting documents can be reviewed at the SNC office during regular business hours, located at 11521 Blocker Drive #205 in Auburn, CA 95603. The document is also available for viewing online at: <https://sierranevada.ca.gov/environmental-compliance-documentation/>.