

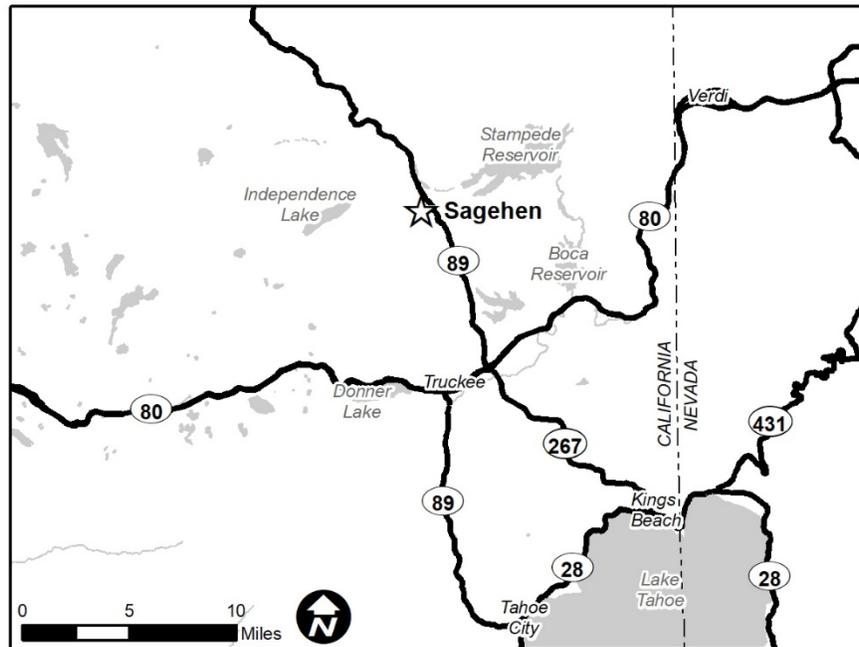
# Sierra Nevada Conservancy

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### **Release of an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Sagehen Forest Project – A Watershed Improvement and Forest Health Initiative Project**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has released for public review the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Sagehen Forest Project. SNC would provide funding for the project, which would involve landscape-scale low-intensity prescribed fire activities following pile-burning and timber removal activities, scheduled to be completed in late spring 2018. The project would reintroduce fire through broadcast burning to a minimum of 973-acres and up to 1,500-acres as an ecosystem process to reduce fuel accumulation, over multiple years. Prescribed burn treatments would enhance water resources for both the ecosystem and downstream water users, and enhance key reproductive and foraging habitat for wildlife in the Sagehen Experimental Forest.

**Project Location:** The project is located approximately 10 miles north of Truckee in Nevada and Sierra Counties, within the Little Truckee River Watershed and the Middle Truckee River Watershed in the Sagehen Basin (see map).



**Environmental Effects:** SNC has prepared an IS/Proposed MND pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15063 and 15071. SNC has studied the effects the proposed project may have on the environment. Based on the IS, mitigation imposed, and environmental protection measures that have been incorporated into the project before release of the proposed MND and IS for public review, the project would not result in significant environmental impacts. Therefore, an IS/MND is proposed for compliance with the requirements of CEQA.

**Where You Come In:** As lead agency under CEQA, SNC is releasing the IS/MND for public review and comments. The document is available for a 30-day public review period from April 20, 2018 to May 21, 2018.

**Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments:** Formal comments regarding the IS/Proposed MND may be submitted in writing via U.S. mail or email any time during the public review period. Written comments regarding the scope and content of information in the IS/MND or any questions regarding the document should be submitted no later than May 21, 2018. Comments may be sent to:

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Copies of the IS/MND, and the documents referenced therein, are available for public review during regular business hours at the office of SNC identified above.

Digital copies of the IS/MND are available online at: [www.sierranevada.ca.gov/other-assistance/prop1-grantprog](http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/other-assistance/prop1-grantprog)

Paper copies of the IS/MND are also available for public review at:

Truckee Library  
10031 Levon Avenue  
Truckee, CA 96161  
Ph. 530-582-7846

**Public Hearing:** A public hearing on the proposed project is scheduled during the SNC Governing Board meeting that will begin at 9 a.m. on June 7, 2018 in Bishop. The meeting location will be posted a month prior to the meeting online at: <http://www.sierranevada.ca.gov/our-board/board-meetings>