

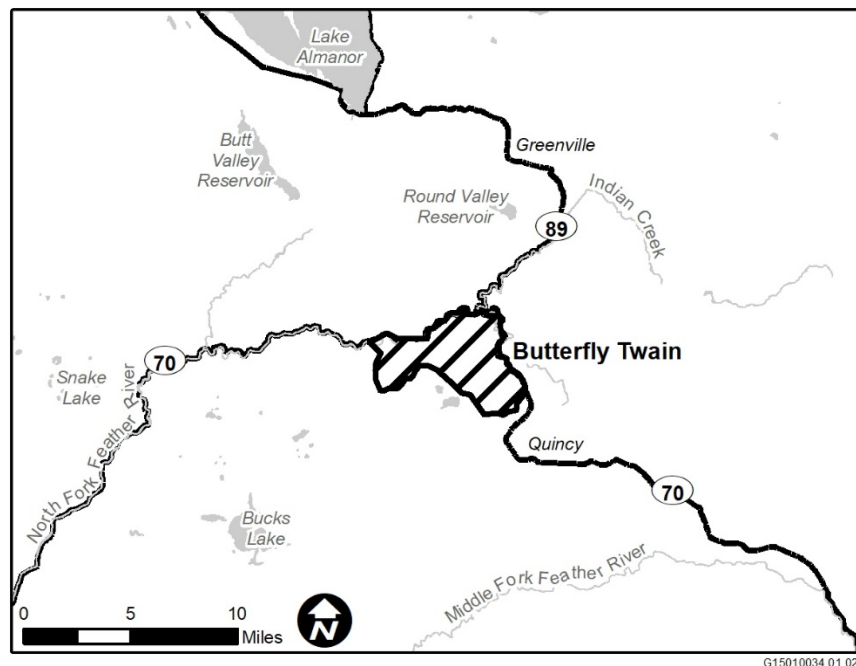
# Sierra Nevada Conservancy

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### **Release of an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Butterfly Twain Fuels Reduction and Landscape Restoration Project**

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has released for public review the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Butterfly Twain Fuels Reduction and Landscape Restoration Project. SNC would providing funding for the project, which involves fuel reduction activities on 4,641 acres in the Mount Hough Ranger District, Plumas National Forest. The goal of the project is to reduce fuel loading within the wildland-urban interface surrounding the community of Butterfly Valley, promote forest health, protect water quality and quantity, and improve and protect habitat for wildlife and botanical values. A variety of fuels reduction and forest health improvement actions would be implemented to meet project objectives.

**Project Location:** The project is located in the Mount Hough Ranger District, Plumas National Forest, Plumas County, approximately 4 miles northwest of Quincy within the Upper Feather River Watershed (see map).



**Environmental Effects:** SNC has prepared an IS/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 IS/MND 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 18, 2018 to May 18, 2018.

**Where to Review the Environmental Document and Provide Comments:** Formal comments regarding the IS/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 18, 2018. Comments may be sent to:

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Copies of the IS/MND, and the documents referenced in the IS/MND, 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:

Plumas County Library  
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**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>