

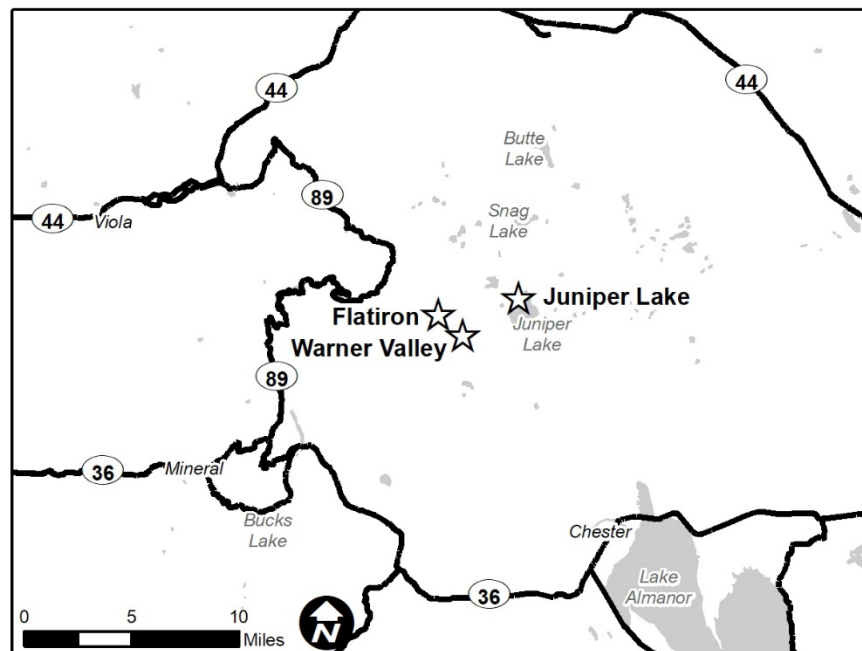
Sierra Nevada Conservancy

NOTICE OF INTENT

Release of an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lassen Volcanic National Park North Fork Feather River Headwaters Fire Management Project

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has released for public review the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Lassen Volcanic National Park (Lassen NP) North Fork Feather River Headwaters Fire Management Project. SNC would provide \$492,134 to fund the project, which includes fuels reduction activities on 1,940 acres throughout three sites in Lassen NP. There is a need to reduce high fuel loadings and overstocked conditions in the park to maintain forest health; mitigate risk of catastrophic high-intensity fire to human lives, property, and the forest; and promote watershed resilience for climate adaptation. The fuels reduction activities would reduce fuel accumulation, reduce the risk of high intensity wildfire, and restore a diverse forest composition and structure over multiple years.

Project Location: The project is located on three sites within Lassen NP: Project Site 1 and Project Site 2 are located in the upper reaches of Warner Valley in Shasta and Plumas Counties, which can be accessed via Warner Valley Road from the south; Project Site 3 is located along the northwestern edge of Juniper Lake in Lassen County, which can be accessed from Juniper Lake Road (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

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

Chester 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>