

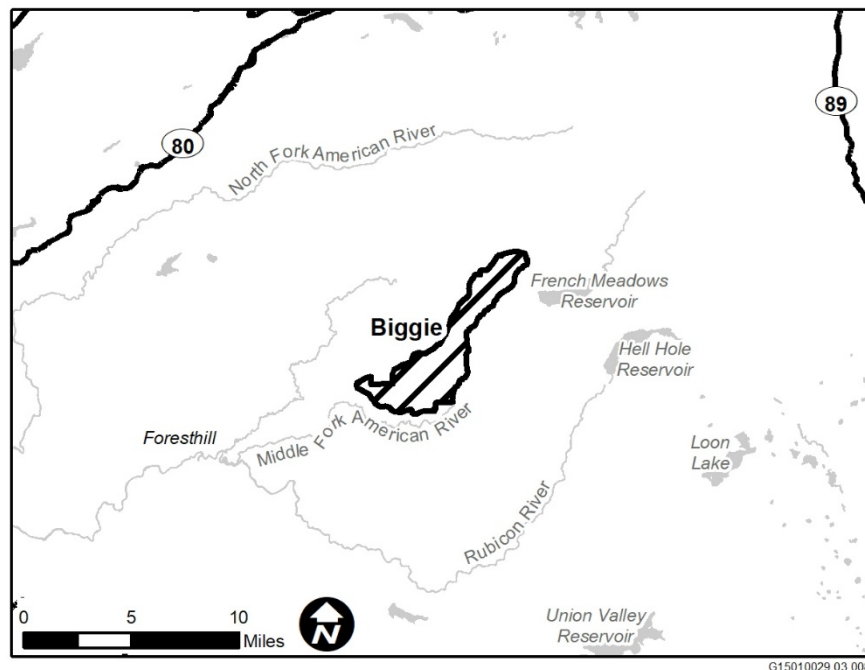
# Sierra Nevada Conservancy

## NOTICE OF INTENT

### Release of an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Biggie Vegetation Management and Fuels Reduction Project

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) has released for public review the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Biggie Vegetation Management and Fuels Reduction Project. The project would result in forest fuels reduction activities on 3,549 acres along Mosquito Ridge Road northeast of Big Oak Flat near the southern boundary of the Tahoe National Forest American River Ranger District. The purpose of the project is to use vegetation management and thinning activities to reduce the potential for severe wildfire and restore forest health. The project would result in an increase in diversity of tree species and enhanced stand structural diversity which would strengthen forest stands and establish greater resiliency to environmental stresses and disturbances.

**Project Location:** The project is located between 23 and 28 miles east of Foresthill, Placer County, California. The project encompasses a large ridge-top area that separates the North Fork of the Middle Fork and Middle Fork of the American Rivers (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/Proposed ND 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 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:

Foresthill Library  
24580 Main Street  
Foresthill, CA 95631-0419  
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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>