

Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044, Room 212
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From: (Public Agency) Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

County Clerk
County of _____

(Address)

Project Title: Landscape-Scale Carbon Accounting (SNC #CCI005)

Project Location - Specific:

Reserach within the Tahoe National Forest and Eldorado National Forest

Project Location – City: _____ Project Location – County: Sierra, Yuba, Nevada, Placer, El Dorado

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy would provide CCI funding in the amount of \$350,000 to the USDA, Forest Service, Region 5, Remote Sensing Laboratory to leverage existing datasets and test future forecasting computer models on the TSCI landscape, the impacts of management activities, and the growth and mortality impacts of drought and fire within TCSI forests. Researchers will use existing TCSI LiDAR to develop a fine-scale above-ground forest carbon data layer by small watershed, including how much of that carbon is in various size classes of trees.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: USDA, Forest Service, Region 5, Remote Sensing Laboratory

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15306, "Information Collection"
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

Project consists of basic data collection, research, and resource evaluation activities that do not involve physical alterations to the environment and will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource.

Lead Agency
Contact Person: Andrea Williams Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 823-4682

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Title: _____

- Signed by Lead Agency Date received for filing at OPR: _____
- Signed by Applicant

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