

# Notice of Exemption

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To: Office of Planning and Research  
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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: HRV Studies in TCSI Area (SNC #CCI007)

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 \$150,000 to the USDA, Forest Service, Region 5 to quantify historic range of variability (HRV) to evaluate the relative effects of alternative future management scenarios on landscape structure. HRV studies the spatially and temporally dynamic mosaic of ecological systems. This project will result in an extended landscape scale for which the HRV is available to public land managers. The value of this will be to be able to specifically evaluate the relative effects of alternative future management scenarios on landscape structure for the TCSI area specifically and for the Northern and Central Sierra forests in general.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

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

### 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
  - Signed by Applicant
- Date received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

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