

To: Governor's Office of Land Use &
Climate Innovation
1400 10th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

From: Lead Agency
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA 95603

To: Plumas County Clerk-Recorder
520 Main Street, Room 102
Quincy, CA 95971

Project Title: North Feather I Forest Resilience Bond Investment Pilot (SNC980-DWR)

Project Location – Specific: Plumas National Forest lands across the landscape of the Upper Feather River Watershed in Plumas County, around Indian Valley. Vegetation treatments near the towns of Greenville, Crescent Mills, Moccasin, Taylorsville, and approximately 4 miles northeast of the valley center.

Project Location - City: Near Greenville,
Crescent Mills, Taylorsville

Project Location - County: Plumas

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) will provide funding to Blue Forest Finance, LLC (a 501(c)(3)) to work with Plumas National Forest (PNF) and other partners to implement forest restoration work on approximately 2,000 acres on PNF lands as part of the larger PNF North Fork Forest Recovery Project. The purpose of the Project is to accelerate implementation of fuels management, wildfire risk reduction, and forest restoration activities within the Feather River watershed. Planned treatments include but are not limited to hand and mechanical thinning, hazard removal, pile burning, prescribed fire, site preparation and reforestation. All activities will be implemented consistent with the North Fork Forest Recovery Project Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact signed on June 23, 2025, limited to approved locations, conditions, methods, design features, and protective measures. Details of these requirements are found in the North Fork Forest Recovery Project Final Environmental Assessment, including Appendices.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Project Applicant / Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Blue Forest Finance, Inc.,
Marta Prat Guitart, Science Manager
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Exempt Status:**Statutory Exemption:** Pub. Resources Code, section 4799.05, subd.(d)(1)**Reasons why project is exempt:**

Public Resources Code, section 4799.05 statutorily exempts from CEQA projects for prescribed fire, reforestation, habitat restoration, thinning, or fuel-reduction projects, or to related activities included in the project description, undertaken, in whole or in part, on federal lands to reduce the risk of high-severity wildfire that have been reviewed under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) if the primary role of a state or local agency is providing funding or staffing for those projects. The Sierra Nevada Conservancy has funded a grant to Blue Forest Finance to work with Plumas National Forest to implement forest restoration activities on National Forest lands around Indian Valley, as part of the larger Plumas National Forest's North Fork Forest Recovery Project. The Project was reviewed in its entirety under NEPA by Plumas National Forest in the North Fork Forest Recovery Project Environmental Assessment and Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact signed by the Forest Supervisor on June 23, 2025.

Lead Agency**Contact Person:** Mary Akens**Area Code/Telephone/Extension:** 530-450-5177**If filed by applicant:** N/A

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:

Angela Avery 

Title: Executive Officer**Date:** 12/1/2025**Signed by Lead Agency:** Yes**Signed by Applicant:** No**Date received for filing at OPR:** _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.

Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Certificate of Posting

I hereby certify that from 12/11/2025 to 1/11/2025 (30 days), I posted a Copy of this Notice of Exemption in the Office of the Plumas County Clerk.

By 
Marcy DeMartile
County Clerk or Deputy

Date: 12/11/2025

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