



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 24, 2017 - 5:00 P.M. Meeting

ITEM NO.

- 1.00 Call to order – Butte County Public Works Facility, 44 Bellarmine Ct., Chico, CA
- 2.00 Pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America
- 2.01 **Roll Call – Members:** Nick Repanich, Thad Walker, Teri Faulkner, Trish Puterbaugh, Pete Moak (voting Alt), Peggy Moak,
Alternates: Vance Severin, Jim Shary, Bob Gage, Lindsay Wood
Invited Guests: Karey Humphries (Loco Challenge Run), Dan Newman (Butte County Sheriff's SAR), Randy Gould and staff (Plumas National Forest) Kathleen Nelson (Almanor District Ranger, LNF), Laura Page (Congressman La Malfa), Dave Derby (Cal Fire), Sarah Reynolds (BCRCD); Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee),
- 2.02 Self-Introduction of Forest Advisory Committee Members, Alternates, Guests and Public – 5 Min.
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- 3.00 **Consent Agenda**
- 3.01 Review and approve minutes of 3-27-17
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Loco Challenge Run in Lassen NF – Karey Humphries – 15 Min.
- 4.02 Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue, SAR operations, successes, and future challenges: Captain Dan Newman – 45 Min.
- 4.03 General Plan 2030 Update – Peggy Moak – 10 Min.
- 4.04 OHV Grant Public Comments generally strongly supportive of all grants (list of comments provided with packet) – 5 Min
- 4.05 SOPA Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for projects affecting Butte County listed in 2017 SOPA Reports for Lassen and Plumas NF's. (Chair) 30 Min
- 4.06 AB 907 - *Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement* – Thad Walker – 10 Min.
Action Requested: Consider issuing letter of support (CC approval also)
- 4.07 Alternate Position – Watershed/Environment: Lindsay Wood Resignation – Vacancy Notice and Recruitment
- 4.08 New Business – considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is May 22, Chico, 5:00 PM
- Trails Meeting – May?
 - PG&E – DeSabra project w/d, maintenance plans for Rock Creek/Tobin roads (North Fork of the Feather River)
 - Sierra Club Trails Guide – invite them to make a presentation
 - F&W Service – Table Mountain Trail
 - Sierra Nevada Conservancy-May
- 4.09 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)

Moak, Peggy

From: thadwalker@chicovelo.org
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2017 4:18 PM
To: Moak, Peggy; Nick Repanich
Subject: [FWD: Re: The Loco Challenge & The Pacific Crest Trail]

Hi Kathleen,

Thank you for taking the time to review the additional information on granting a permit to Intrepid Adventures for use of the Pacific Crest Trail, in Lassen National Forest. I know you are very busy (and getting preparing to retire!).

Myself, and my board, have spent a great deal of time gathering information on other foot races that use the PCT. At the end of this email are our findings on those races and specific input on the information that you emailed over. Additionally, we have come up with an alternate route that, while still uses the PCT, it uses far less than half of what our permit originally asked permission for (new route requests 3.6 miles, starting just north of Poison Spring, heading north towards Cirby Meadow & less than 1 mile, near Cold Springs. A link to the map is at the bottom of this email). In the event that you allow a permit for the alternate route we would like to personally invite you to come out on race day and spend a little time at one of the 100k aid stations to gain a feel for the pace and flow of the race.

A few important things to note about the way that an ultra trail race generally works, since they are vastly different than your standard, shoulder to shoulder, Boston Marathon road race. This is especially true of The Loco Go Big or Go Home Challenge, which is a much smaller, more intimate trail race, in comparison to most races out there. In the longer distance trail races, like a 100k, runners spread out over time and you may only see a runner every 30-60 minutes, or even longer in some cases. For example, a front of the pack runner may be expected to come through an aid station in 6hrs, a mid pack runner may be expected in 8hrs, and a back of the pack runner may come through in the 9.5 hr range. We also have strict cutoff times and any runner coming in after that time is pulled from the course. Additionally, most runners, later in longer distance trail races incorporate a hike/run strategy on the uphills and very a slow shuffle/run on the flats and downhills. Very

rarely do you see ultra trail runners speeding through the course, particularly at this stage in the race. **Trail etiquette**, (including giving hikers the right of way by standing to the side of the trail and allowing them to pass) is explicitly stated in the pre-race email that goes out prior to the event and again at the pre-race briefing on race morning.

Before addressing the information that you sent over, via email, we feel that it is important to point out the following:

1. We are asking for a total of approximately 4.3 miles of the PCT to be permitted for our event. That 4.3 miles is split in to 2 sections (3.6 miles & 0.7 miles). This is less than a quarter of what most of the other PCT permitted races use (except Gorge Waterfalls 100, which uses approximately double what we are asking for).
2. Most through hikers of the PCT will not be to this point on the trail by the date of our race (June 3rd), thus minimizing (not eliminating) the possibility of running in to other recreational users. I (and several others) have been on these areas of the PCT (especially the 3.6 mile stretch), during all different times of year and we all agree that rarely ever (usually never) do we run in to anyone else. This leads me to believe that these might not be high use areas of the PCT.
3. We will not have ANY aid stations on the section of the PCT that we are requesting to use. This minimizes any disruptions that other PCT users might encounter to almost zero. Our runners are simply passing through on these small sections of the PCT to continue on to the rest of the race.
4. We are more than willing to cap our race to minimize any disruptions along the PCT. We are suggesting a cap of 50 runners allowed to participate in the 100k distance. This is less than half of the amount of runners allowed at any other PCT permitted race, besides Pine to Palm, which is still larger, at 82 runners.

In reading through all of the information that you emailed over, we believe that the following are the items most in question. We have addressed them in parentheses, in bold, under each segment from the information that you emailed me and hope our responses help put your mind, as well as Lassen National Forest, at ease about permitting our use of the PCT.

- The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Management Plan (1982): In establishing a practical maximum carrying capacity for a set segment of the trail, the manager should analyze the interaction of several factors, including but not limited to:

(As the manager, you, have final say in analyzing the interaction of these factors and determining the practical maximum carrying capacity and whether permits will be granted. Is this correct?)

*Users may usually expect no more than 6-15 parties per day encountered on the trail and 6 or less parties visible at campsites. Opportunities for solitude and exercising outdoor skills will be present, but the areas are not as remote as in the primitive class.

(The first sentence of this is also listed under Lassen National Forest Land And Resource Management Plan (1992)) (We do not anticipate that there will be very many hikers or equestrians during the brief time that our runners would be on the PCT, especially the 3.6 mile section, near Poison Spring, since most of the lower half of the stretch does not have ease of access. In the event that there are hikers/equestrians on either of the particular sections, the likelihood of them seeing more than 15 of our runners during the duration of their hike is slim, based on the example of runner/pace spread, given at the beginning of this email. To recap, in an ultra race, runners spread out greatly over time, based on their running pace. Oftentimes, once you see a runner, you won't see another runner for 30 minutes or more. Additionally, many runners are fast hikers as the race goes on and most hike or shuffle the hills, which is not different or disruptive to what

recreational hikers are doing. Our runners will be briefed on trail etiquette several times before, and on race day, including stepping to the side of the trail to give hikers the right of way.)

- National Trails System Act (Pub.L. 90-543, 82 Stat. 919, 16 U.S.C. § 1241 et seq. Sec. 7(c): "Other uses along the trail, which will not substantially interfere with the nature and purposes of the trail, may be permitted by the Secretary charged with the administration of the trail. Reasonable efforts shall be made to provide sufficient access opportunities to such trails and, to the extent practicable, efforts be made to avoid activities incompatible with the purposes for which such trails were established.

(We believe that organized trail running, in manageable numbers, during the off "season" for through hikers, does not substantially interfere with the nature and purposes of the trail and should thereby be provided sufficient access to opportunities to use the trail for such purposes.)

- FSM 2303.3 - Policy. Provide recreation uses that are appropriate to the natural setting and that balance the needs of national and local communities.

(The trail running community is part of the local, and in many cases, national community. Therefore, a small, well managed event for the trail running community, using a minuscule portion of the PCT, should be provided equal opportunities for recreational use. Since most ultra runners are very conscientious of, and are great stewards for, the land and running falls in to named recreational use, this intimate event aligns with recreation use that is appropriate to the natural setting, just as hiking or equestrian use would.)

Below is the information gathered about other foot races that use the PCT. There are (as you stated previously) several races that were established many years ago. Regardless of years in use, the fact is that they are still being permitted and to turn down permit requests asking for the same, or fewer permissions is not an equal opportunity for other recreational users. There are however, two races listed that were established more recently, Mountain Lakes 100 (2013) and Gorge Waterfalls 100k (2014). All of the races listed are permitted for a much larger number of runners than we are asking for and many use a substantially larger section of the PCT than we are requesting use of.

Gorge Waterfalls 100K/50K - <http://www.rainshadowrunning.com/gorge-waterfalls-100k.html>

First Run: 2014
Last Run: 2016
Currently Active: Yes

Race Distance: 100K (also a 50K)
PCT Distance: 8 miles
Number of Runners: 219 (in 2016)

Mountain Lakes 100mi - <http://gobeyondracing.com/races/mountain-lakes-100>

First Run: 2013
Last Ran: 2016
Currently Active: Yes

Race Distance: 100 miles
PCT Distance: 60 miles
Number of Runners: 175

Waldo 100K - <http://waldo100k.org/>

First Run: 2002
Last Run: 2016
Currently Active: Yes

Race Distance: 100 Kilometers
PCT Distance: Only a few miles
Number of Runners: 135 (Max allowed by USFS)

San Diego 100 - <http://www.sandiego100.com/index.asp>

First Run: 2001
Last Run: 2016
Currently Active: Yes

Race Distance: 100 Miles
PCT Distance: 50-75 Miles
Number of Runners: 300

Mt Hood 50 - <http://www.runguides.com/portland/event/mt-hood-50>

First Run: 1999
Last Run: 2016
Currently Active: Yes

Race Distance: 50 Mile and 50 Kilometer
PCT Distance: 50 miles
Number of Runners: 148 (in 2016)

Cascade Crest 100 - <http://www.cascadecrest100.com/>

First Run: 1999
Last Run: 2016
Currently Active: Yes

Race Distance: 100 Miles
PCT Distance: At least half, Approx. 50 Miles
Number of Runners: 164 (in 2016)

Angeles Crest 100 - <http://www.ac100.com/>

First Run: 1987
Last Run: 2016
Currently Active: Yes

Race Distance: 100 Miles
PCT Distance: Exact Mileage Unknown
Number of Runners: 130

Western States 100 - <http://www.wser.org/>

First Run: 1977

Last Run: 2016

Currently Active: Yes

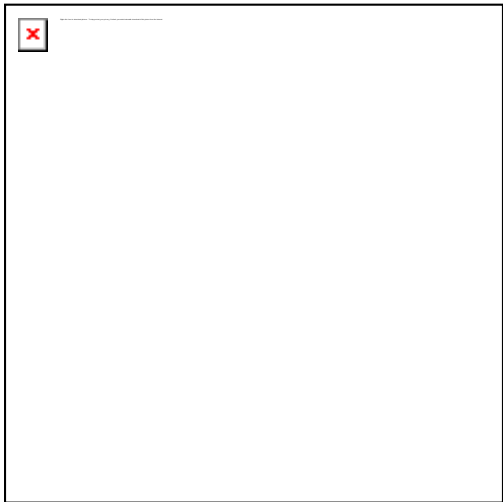
Race Distance: 100 Miles

PCT Distance: 100 Miles

Number of Runners: 369 (Max allowed by USFS, grandfathered status)

Here is the link for our alternate route. If you have any questions, or need clarity on anything in this email, please feel free to email me.

<https://caltopo.com/m/20H0>



Loco 100K

caltopo.com

Proposed Route for The Loco Go Big or Go Home 100K

Thanks again for taking the time to help sort through all of this and hear us out.

Karey Cooper
The Loco Race Series
Race Director
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From: Nelson, Kathleen G -FS <kgnelson01@fs.fed.us>
Sent: Thursday, March 9, 2017 5:17 PM
To: Karey Humphreys-Cooper
Cc: Kronner, Stacy R -FS
Subject: RE: The Loco Challenge & The Pacific Crest Trail

Sure Karey, no problem. - K

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From: Karey Humphreys-Cooper [<mailto:intrepidadventures@outlook.com>]
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Subject: Re: The Loco Challenge & The Pacific Crest Trail

Hi Kathleen,

I am sharing this email with my board. Can you please wait until Tuesday to send out any letter of denial so that we have a chance to read through everything that you sent over?

I will have an email to you no later than Monday, close of business, with a reply.

Thank you for sending over such a detailed email with all of the information requested.

Karey Cooper

Sent from my iPhone

> On Mar 9, 2017, at 4:25 PM, Nelson, Kathleen G -FS <kgnelson01@fs.fed.us> wrote:

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> Hi Karey - Yes, I enjoyed meeting and talking with you in person at the FAC. Always good to talk face to face. As we discussed, the condition of the trail tread is only one aspect of the rationale for denying your request to have the Loco Challenge utilize the PCT for part of the run. Extra folks needing to pass others and travel outside of the tread to do so, particularly during the early part of the season and in wet years, has the potential to impact the trail and adjacent corridor. In addition to potential trail and adjacent impacts, there is the issue of the visitor experience and the purposes for which the trail was established. While there may be some existing competitive events on the PCT, the Forests that are currently undergoing Forest Plan Revision are specifically stating no competitive events on the PCT, due to the issues that have arisen over the years and increasing popularity of the trail. The Pacific Crest Trail Association, federal agencies' primary partner in managing the PCT, has also stated it believes it is not prudent to add new events at this time.

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> The PCT Comprehensive Management Plan (attached) directs managing agencies to establish a practical carrying capacity for each segment of the trail. While the Lassen NF has not specifically set a carrying capacity (like many managing other Forests and agencies), we are still managing the PCT according to the goals, and nature and purpose of the trail. As you can imagine, the PCT has seen a very significant increase in use following the release of the movie and book "Wild", and Forests are having to more closely consider the carrying capacity issue, even aside from any organized competitive events.

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> As you requested, the following written direction would apply to your request:

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> The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail Comprehensive Management Plan (1982): In establishing a practical maximum

carrying capacity for a set segment of the trail, the manager should analyze the interaction of several factors, including but not limited to:

> *The specific management objectives related to the particular Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) class.

> *The physical ability of the land and resources to withstand use.

> *The visitor' desires for social densities and facilities.

> *Length of season, pattern of use.

> Where portions of the trail go through the ROS setting of Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized, the plan states that:

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> *Users may usually expect no more than 6-15 parties per day encountered on the trail and 6 or less parties visible at campsites. Opportunities for solitude and exercising outdoor skills will be present, but the areas are not as remote as in the primitive class.

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> The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail's nature and purposes are to provide for outstanding journeys on foot or horseback amongst the spectacularly wild landscapes of high Pacific mountain ranges. These primitive forms of travel harken back to simpler and more rugged times. Tranquility and closeness with nature can be found consistently along the trail corridor, evoking a feeling of extended retreat from civilization, even if only venturing out for a day.

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> Lassen National Forest Land And Resource Management Plan (1992): Portions of the run, along the Pacific Crest Trail, fall within the setting of Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized ROS stated as:

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> Forest Service Manual (FSM) 2353.03(10) - Policy. Issue a recreation event permit involving competitive use of NFS roads, NFS trails, and areas on NFS lands only when the event is appropriate for the NFS setting (FSM 2302 and 2303).

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> FSM 2303.3 - Policy. Provide recreation uses that are appropriate to the natural setting and that balance the needs of national and local communities.

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> I am attaching some documents you may find helpful. I know this is not what you're wanting to hear, but I have to consider the larger, longer term picture. If you still feel you have information that would illustrate how your event is significantly different from others, feel free to share. We are both (you, proponent, and us, Lassen NF) wanting to proceed with getting a permit issued so you can continue with your planning. We are currently preparing a letter that denies use of the trail and requests your alternate route. I will wait until Monday to issue that letter, should you have additional information you think would override all of the considerations above. Thanks for your passion and energy in bringing this event to the Lassen.

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> Regards,

> Kathleen

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Karey Humphreys-Cooper [<mailto:intrepidadventures@outlook.com>]

> Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 5:06 PM

> To: Nelson, Kathleen G -FS <kgnelson01@fs.fed.us>

> Subject: The Loco Challenge & The Pacific Crest Trail

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> Hi Kathleen,

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> It was so wonderful to meet you at the FAC meeting, this past Monday. Thank you for taking the time to chat with me about PCT permitting and the concerns that go along with potentially permitting the use of the PCT for a foot race.

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> Now that I better understand the concerns in using the PCT, I was wondering if you can email me a copy of the regulation/s in which I might find the info that we discussed. I would like to try and put any concerns about my event's use of the Pacific Crest Trail at ease, if possible. Although I am still gathering some information on current races that use the PCT, I have quite a lot of information about my own race that I believe will help with my permitting request. As soon as I am able to read through the regulation/s that you send over, I will email you with all info, in one email.

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> Thank you again for your willingness to try and work with me on this. I really appreciate you.

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> Karey Cooper

> Intrepid Adventures

> The Loco Go Big or Go Home Challenge

> (530)321-3878 (Better to email as I can not receive phone calls up at my house!)

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- OUR EQUIPMENT
- DONATE
- GENERAL INFORMATION
- MEDIA
- CONTACT US

Meet Our Team



Did you ever wonder who responds when "911" is called and Butte County Search and Rescue (BCSAR) is dispatched? Many people needing our services meet us on a truly awful day in their lives. A family member is missing, a vehicle has gone over the edge or a hiker is injured in a remote area. Perhaps an unmanned boat is found drifting or that fun trip to the snow has turned into disaster.

BCSAR is an all-volunteer team comprised of ordinary citizens of this county, many with full-time jobs. We serve at the discretion and direction of the Butte County Sheriff's Office. When a "911" call is received requesting our services, pagers throughout the county are triggered and team members leave what they are doing on a moment's notice to respond to the call. Many times, this summons occurs in the middle of the night. Family is left behind and there is no way of knowing how long we will be gone.

Who We Are

Our team members are an eclectic group from a variety of backgrounds and professions. There is no particular individual that is drawn to search and rescue work. Over half of our members come from Information Technology, engineering or sales/business owner's backgrounds. Another 15% have a background in administration, supervision or education. The remainder of the team has a background as commercial drivers, contractors or firefighters. Our team is fortunate that many employers understand the service we provide to the community and often accommodate our need to respond during working hours. We are an amazing cross section! Only 15% of our team is currently retired with only 8% joining BCSAR after retirement. The other 85% juggle the demands of work, family and BCSAR. We all feel a sincere desire to serve our community with 42% of our team is native to Butte County.

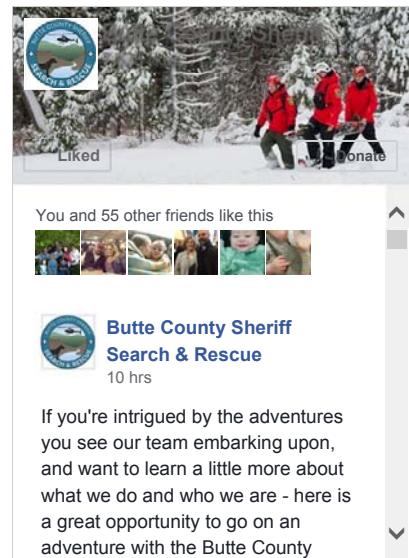
In terms of demographics, our "average" search and rescue member is 48 years old; the youngest member is 24, the most "seasoned" is 72. Odds are you will meet a male, but 15% of our team is female. Only two members of our team respond as a couple.

If you're looking for experience, our team currently has over 200 years of experience with 10 team members having more than 10 years of participation. We are constantly looking for new members who have the time and desire to help!

If all of us were to respond to a call, you would see over 40 search and rescue volunteers. In addition to leaving our home and family members, over 50 pets would also be left waiting for their beloved owner's return. But not all "pets" are left behind. We have several mission ready K9's, who respond to searches with their handler. It is an exciting job for any K9 who earns this privilege. They live for the search mission along with the weekly

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training opportunities. They quickly learn to recognize the sound of the pager and the sight of the BCSAR uniform.

What we do

BCSAR has a dual role, which includes both "search" and "rescue". Our members are required to complete introductory level training in both disciplines. A member is then allowed the freedom to concentrate their training efforts by developing skills necessary to search for a lost victim or skills necessary to rescue those in peril.

We are also a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation with a need to attend to business. Half of our members have served on our Board and taken a leadership position at one time or another. We have the responsibilities for training our members, recruiting new members, providing positive public relations and maintaining our equipment.

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OHV Grant Comments 3-07-17 through 4-03-17

Butte County Public Works – Granite Basin Planning and Development Grant

I support the evaluation and hopefully eventual development of OHV trail systems in the Granite Basin area. The prospects of having an improved trail system that serves the Butte and Plumas County region is very exciting and would ultimately reduce the travel distance and time for many OHV users in the region. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. **Kevin Sevier - 3/8/17**

I am the current Chairman of the Butte County Board of Supervisors. At its meeting of March 14, 2017, the Butte County Board of Supervisors unanimously authorized me to draft this comment in support of this Butte County Department of Public Works application. The Butte County Board of Supervisors believes that the grant proposal to evaluate the Granite basin trail system for development of additional trails to create loop opportunities, protect natural resources and increased OHV opportunities is very needed for recreational use and the economic development potential of our region and its citizens. If you have any questions, please let me know. Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Butte County Board Supervisors. **Bill Connelly, Chair Butte County Board of Supervisors - 3/16/17**

The Paradise Ridge Riders motorcycle club (PRR) supports the Butte County Department of Public Works Development Grant Application, provided that a specific concern is addressed regarding trail design standards to be adopted for the project. Upon completion, the project will substantially enhance OHV recreation and accessibility to the Granite Basin area of Plumas National Forest (PNF), by adding approximately 15 miles of singletrack trails to the existing trail system. New trails will be designed, constructed, and maintained to as to maintain sustainability of the Granite Basin trail system. PRR strongly requests that singletrack trails be constructed to the Class 2, Single Lane Motorcycle Trail Design Parameters as included in FSH 2309.18 – Trails Management Handbook, consistent with characteristics of existing system motorcycle trails in the Granite Basin area. The existing singletrack network is composed primarily of narrow, minimally improved user constructed trails consistent with the above mentioned design parameters. These trails provide a quality, sometimes challenging wilderness-like riding experience, which enhances safety and reduces conflicts by keeping rider speeds low. The PRR membership believes that new singletrack trails should be planned, designed, and constructed in accordance with the Class 2- Design Parameters. A higher design standard could actually be expected to reduce safety by allowing higher speeds, as we have sometimes experienced in highly used motorcycle trails near Stonyford and other areas of Northern California. Additionally, the project will provide for Engineering assessment of 20 miles of ML3 roads for Mixed Use consideration. If implemented, this Mixed Use will greatly enhance connectivity of the existing OHV road and trail system, and thereby improve access to the PNF for all OHV users, not just motorcyclists. **Vance Severin Government Liaison Paradise Ridge Riders - 4/2/17**

Plumas National Forest Grants

Two generations of 6 Simisons have used the Mt Hough and Clairmont trails for wheeling and biking for 40+ years. My family wants to encourage Plumas county to maintain the existing trails. The California OHV will help the county accomplish this goal with grant money. Please consider this economically challenged county for funding. **Warren Simison - 3/8/17**

OHV Recreation is a major element of the Plumas National Forest recreation program and contributes to the economic sustainability for Butte, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba and Lassen counties. Butte County supports responsible OHV recreation. The proposed restoration project would also protect historic resources from future damage by restricting access to unauthorized routes. Sincerely, **Paul Hahn CAO Butte County - 3/30/17**

OHV Recreation is a major element of the Plumas National Forest recreation program and contributes to the economic sustainability for Butte, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba and Lassen counties. Butte County is working closely with the Forest Service to develop a priority list of roads, staging areas, campgrounds, and trails of the OHV and OSV programs for updates and repairs. The proposed projects will help provide access to safe, well-managed OHV routes, facilities, and campgrounds. Butte County supports responsible OHV recreation and the Plumas National Forest application. Sincerely, **Paul Hahn CAO Butte County - 3/30/17**

La Porte snowmobile club members would greatly appreciate the help that this grant would give PNF. Our holding tank has failed, and this is a popular toilet. This warming hut is used almost everyday in the winter. It is the staging area for many of our events, including Special Olympics Snowfest, and our poker run. This area is also used by families coming up for the day to enjoy the snow. We would greatly appreciate your consideration of Plumas National Forest for this grant. Thank you, **La Porte Snowmobile Club - 4/2/17**

My name is Ted Lundberg. My family has been in LaPorte for many generations. We would really appreciate this grant to be able to help PNF work on these projects this upcoming summer. One big Project, that helps the town is the replacement of the facilities at the staging area warming hut. The tank is cracked, and is in dire need of a fix. This along with the other projects planned will help keep our forest activities going. Thank you for your time and consideration. **Ted Lundberg - 4/2/17**

The Paradise Ridge Riders motorcycle club (PRR) supports the Plumas National Forest (PNF) Ground Operations Grant Application. Upon completion, the project will increase sustainability and access to the PNF by providing much needed maintenance to roads used by OHV enthusiasts and many other forest visitors. Additionally, the project will provide for maintenance of singletrack trails used by PRR and many other motorcyclists. The PRR has historically maintained the trails included in the project, and welcomes the opportunity to partner with the PNF to enhance our continuing efforts. **Vance Severin Government Liaison Paradise Ridge Riders - 4/2/17**

Thank you for the opportunity to write this letter in support of all maintenance projects in the Plumas National Forest, specifically the need to replace and fix the toilet in the La Porte Staging Area. La Porte is a place for my family of seven along with all of our friends, visit regularly. I would speculate that I use the staging area more than most, as I visit the area year round snowmobiling and enjoying the roads in my UTV. Two things need to improve in order to accommodate the public, the toilets desperately need repair and the parking lot needs to be expanded. The parking lot is generally overcrowded on the weekends during the winter. I have personally witnessed a child being struck by a car in the parking lot due to the vehicles and trailers crowding the parking lot (the child was not severely injured). Please consider improving the toilets and the small parking lot at the La Porte Staging Area. Thank you. **Clint Johnson - 4/3/17**

Why do we use California State - Green Sticker funds to create more new OHV(user)trails/routes on National Forest lands when there are 1000s of existing miles. Also there are countless miles of trails/routes that are presently causing resource damage that

should be repaired or effectively removed. Why use limited funds to create new trails/routes when we have existing ones that need attention, some damage is even considered egregious and adversely affecting habitat for federally listed endangered species. We can't even afford to take appropriate care of the miles of legal trails/routes that the National Forests presently has, let alone the routes that have been created illegally or legally. I know what I am talking about since I work on a National Forest and have to deal with this situation time and time again. THANK YOU! for your time and consideration for my concern as a California tax payer and citizen of this planet. **C Roberts - 3/8/17**

Butte County Sheriff's Office

I was browsing through the grants and came across this one. I live in Paradise and have frequented the High Lakes OHV area. I fully support anything that is willing to protect our natural resources and to curb the drunk driving that is found in the area. At times, the mountains have become a free for all for some, and can be a scary place to be. It's no small task to have a deputy on patrol up there. I highly recommend if enforcement is to be used, that a 2 man team always be sent. Thank you for your service for protecting our community helping to minimize the environmental impact to our culturally and biologically sensitive resource areas. **Torey Feldhaus - 3/11/17**

Butte County Sheriff's Search and Rescue

As much as I appreciate the BCSR's efforts to saving people in the area, and I do want them to have the proper equipment to do so, I would like to see an educational aspect to this grant as well. If a message was conveyed to the people that recreate in the area to do so responsibly, there may be less of a need. However, I do understand that you can't fix stupid and people will continue to go out and get stranded. I'm a firm believer in Educate, educate, educate and we can avoid a lot of the unnecessary callout. Thanks. **Torey Feldhaus - 3/11/17**

I have had personal experience with the vital services that Butte County Sheriffs Search & Rescue (SAR) provide. Many years ago my son and some friends were stranded in the snow overnight and SAR rescued them. Since then there have been numerous rescues and aid to our county, the latest being the Oroville Dam failure and evacuation. These men and women are all volunteers and get no taxpayer funding. They must raise their own funds and receive no compensation other than the satisfaction of helping others. This grant would go far to help replace the aged equipment they are currently using, assuring that these selfless volunteers can continue to provide the essential and life saving services that we have come to depend. **M Gilkey - 3/13/17**

Much needed for the amount of snow we get in the area for reaching stranded Christmas Tree Hikers, snowmobilers and other outdoor enthusiasts. Thanks Butte County! **Noelle Francis - 3/14/17**

Butte County Search & Rescue is a very active SAR team that serves a large county and often helps other nearby counties. In addition to serving Butte County, they often serve the High Lakes area of Plumas County as well. The team does many wintertime back country snow rescues and has an aging Argo OHV. This Argo is depended on frequently to bring rescuers in and rescues out of the snowy mountains. **Matt Wolfe - 3/15/17**

Search and Rescue provides a valuable service to all OHV users in butte county. This argo would be an invaluable resource for their team and would allow them to respond to more calls for help faster. 100% in support of the argo! **Matthew Van Gent - 3/15/17**

I'm an outdoor enthusiast, retired law enforcement officer and resident of Butte County. I routinely see or hear Butte County Sheriff's Search & Rescue respond to calls throughout the county including the greater Butte Meadows/Jonesville area and High Lakes area. I've met or seen a few of their SAR members over the years and they've always been extremely professional. One of my best friends was rescued due to Butte SAR a number of years ago having been stranded in the high country near High Lakes. From their website, press and news releases, they are one of the most active teams in Northern California. I would recommend awarding this grant request. **Stephen Farris - 3/15/17**

I like to spend time in the valley and mountain areas of Butte County as much as possible for all of our seasons. I am encouraged to see more people taking the time to appreciate the outdoors with their family. With that, I do see the need to have the proper tools to help with the safety of all. **Matt Arness - 3/16/17**

Plumas County Public Works

I want to provide my support for the important maintenance and upgrade of the trails outlined in this grant proposal. The proposal funds important improvements to the trail systems - bringing visitors to the county and improving the economy, provides jobs to county (improving the economy) and provides improvements that will minimize future maintenane (long term financial savings. I strongly support approval of this grant. **Karen Siroky - 3/12/17**

I am not sure why you need a grant to map trails that have already been mapped. You can download a kmz file of the trails in the High Lakes area at https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/lassen/passes-permits/?cid=fsm9_034480&width=full . The new 611 trail has been mapped by Friends of the High Lakes (FOTHL) and can be provided to Plumas County as a shapefile, kmz, etc. Item B: How could this grant help with emergency response? Although the High Lakes is in Plumas County, because the main access to the High Lakes is from Butte County, there is a MOU between Butte County and Plumas County so that Butte County will perform search and rescue operations in the High Lakes area. Why does Plumas need to send search and rescue when there is a MOU between Plumas and Butte County? Question 3: It is not clear how mapping trails that are already mapped will improve Camping, Hiking, Birding, Fishing, Rock Climbing or Hunting? Question 4: why is an equestrian club (High Mountain Riders) listed as a Stake Holder for an OHV Grant application? Question 5: do the stake holders realize that the trails are already mapped? FOTHL disapproves of this grant because 1. The trails are already mapped 2. Butte County search and rescue respond to the High Lakes Area and 3. OHV money could be better utilized elsewhere in the High Lakes area. **Louis Johnson FOTHL Chairman - 4/3/17**

BRC has reviewed your three grant proposals and supports them. Thanks for your ongoing efforts in support of managed OHV recreation in the county. **Don Amador - 3/29/17**

Plumas County – more than 100 positive comments supporting the grant applications for the Mt. Hough project



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Lassen National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)

R5 - Pacific Southwest Region

Lassen National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle(OSV) Use Designation EIS *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/23/2016 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/2018	Expected:08/2018	08/2018	Chris Obrien 530-252-6698 cjobrien@fs.fed.us
Description: The Forest Service is evaluating its existing management of OSV use on the Lassen National Forest (LNF). The goal of this proposed project is to designate LNF system roads, trails, and areas where OSV use will be allowed, restricted or prohibited.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45832					
Location: UNIT - Lassen National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest wide existing miles of groomed OSV trails and open cross country areas of the LNF which receive adequate snowfall for OSV use to occur.					

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Lassen National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Rust Resistant Sugar Pine Pheromone Treatment CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2017	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	Greg Mayer 530-336-5521 gmayer@fs.fed.us
Description: Treat ~80 rust resistant sugar pine trees to repel mountain pine beetles using an environmentally friendly synthetic anti-aggregation pheromone. Dollups of up to 70 g of SPLAT Verb will be manually applied ~6' up each tree bole.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51437					
Location: UNIT - Lassen National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Shasta, Tehama. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Dispersed across Hat Creek, Eagle Lake and Almanor Ranger Districts of the Lassen National Forest.					

Lassen National Forest		Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Chips Creek Bridge CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/30/2016	Expected:06/2017	08/2017	Janie Ackley 530-258-5165 jackley@fs.fed.us
Description: The project is intended to re-establish a safe, sustainable trail crossing over Chips Creek along the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail for hikers and stock users.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46543					
Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - sec. 7, T. 25 N., R. 6 E., MDM. In the Almanor Ranger District, Lassen National Forest, where the PCT crosses Chips Creek southeast of the Poison Springs trailhead.					

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Lassen National Forest Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R5 - Pacific Southwest Region					
Grizzly Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management - Research and Development 	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Blair Halbrooks 530-258-5160 bhalbrooks@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grizzly proposes to move Forest road 26N11 away from Scotts John Crk; increase forest resilience, decrease fuels, maintain/improve wildlife habitat through thinning and prescribed fire; and implement actions to support three research proposals Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43332				
	Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area consists of four separate areas near Scotts John Creek, Grizzly Creek, Water Creek, and Yellow Creek, and ranges in elevation from 4,150 feet to 7,200 feet.				
High Lakes Motorized Trail Re-routes and Staging Area Improvements EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Special area management - Watershed management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/17/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2017	Expected:09/2017	09/2017	Douglas Peters 530-252-6456 dwpeters@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-route and reconstruct motorized trail segments, decommission the eliminated trail segments, restore or improve dispersed recreation areas within Inventoried Roadless Area; develop a staging area outside Inventoried Roadless Area. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48739				
	Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. High Lakes area east of Philbrook Lake.				
Jones Meadow Fuels Reduction EA *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2017	Expected:09/2017	09/2017	Jennifer Erickson 530-258-5141 jlerickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposes to improve defensibility of the Jones Meadow Community by removing surface fuels & snags to reduce potential fire behavior, reduce hazards to fire fighters, improve stand health & reduce the threat of wildfire in the project area.				
	Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - T25N, R5E, Section 32. Mount Diablo Meridian. Jones Meadow is 18 mi NE of the town of Paradise and roughly 3 mi from the edge of the 2000 Storrie Fire perimeter. The project is located within the Mt Hope Management Area (47).				

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Lassen National Forest	Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Little Bear Forest Health Restoration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research and Development	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:09/2017	09/2017	Laura Corral 530-258-5156 lcorral@fs.fed.us
Description: Little Bear Restoration is proposed to increase forest health and diversity with variable thinning and fuels treatments. This project includes research proposals for future management activities and was **originally part of the Grizzly Project.					
Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T27N, R6E, Sections 27 & 34; T26N, R6E, Sections 2,11,25,26,36. Approximately 6 miles West of Butt Valley Reservoir & Approximately 5 miles South of Soldier Meadows.					
Ridge Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special area management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/20/2016	Expected:05/2017	08/2017	Susan Wilcox 530-257-4188, ext. 886 swilcox@fs.fed.us
Description: Begin post-fire restoration in Inventoried Roadless Area to help promote a diversity of habitats that have been lost. Activities include re-establishment of native conifers with reforestation methods. Fuels treatments are no longer proposed.					
Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T25N,R6E,Sec 32-35; T26N,R6E,Sec 2-6 and 9-11 MDBM. East of Saucer Lake on Soda Ridge, in Soda Ridge IRA of Management Area 45, on Almanor Ranger District.					
Rocks Restoration EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/28/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2017	Expected:10/2017	06/2018	Janel McCurdy 559-920-3831 janelmccurdy@fs.fed.us
Description: The Rocks Restoration project proposes fuels reduction, vegetation management, aspen and meadow habitat improvement, and reforestation of some moderate to high severity burned areas.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49830					
Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas. LEGAL - sec. 25, 26, 35, 36 T26N, R5E; sec.4, 7-10, 17-22, 25, 26, 29-31 T26N, R6E. Southwest of Humbug Valley, located in Butt Creek (MA 37), Jonesville (MA 44), and Soda Ridge (MA45) mgmt. areas.					

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Lassen National Forest	Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Scotts John Quarry EA *NEW LISTING*	- Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:09/2017	09/2017	Laura Corral 530-258-5156 lcorral@fs.fed.us
Description: Develop a quarry for localized source of rock gravel for road maintenance and watershed improvements. An area of ~10 acres would be excavated for extraction, stockpiling and crushing of rock material. **Originally part of Grizzly Restoration Project.					
Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - T26N, R5E, Section 17. Approximately 1-1/2 miles East of the town of Jonesville.					

Lassen National Forest	Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration and WUI Project EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:12/2017	06/2018	Bobette Jones 530-257-4188 bobettejones@fs.fed.us
Description: Project objectives are fuels reduction, and forest and watershed restoration. Activities include meadow and hardwood enhancement, variable density thinning, fuel reduction, prescribed burning, watershed improvements, and transportation system mgt.					
Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - T29N,R11E,Sec31,32; T28N,R11E,Sec1-7,11; T28N,R12E,Sec4-8,9-15; T29N,R12E,Sec34. Eagle Lake Ranger District; Diamond Management Area.					
Dyer Mountain Communication Site Development CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:05/2017	07/2017	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
Description: Plumas County Sheriff's office propose to construct and develop a communications tower and prefabricated communications vault for the operation and maintenance of emergency radio communication equipment, at the current Dyer Mountain Lookout location.					
Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - T28N,R08E,Section 36. Eagle Lake Ranger District, Dyer Mountain Communication Site. The exact location on the .96 acre parcel of the project will be determined once the historic evaluation is completed.					

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Lassen National Forest Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
LMUD Master Permit Issuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2017	Expected:09/2017	10/2017	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Consolidating and reissuing LUMUD's three existing use permits, for power lines and facilities, under a single master permit. There will be no change in scope or intensity of existing authorized activities, and no ground disturbance will occur.				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - T32N,R10E,Sec33; T33N,R11E,Sec29; T31N,R10E,Sec10,14,21; T31N,R11E,Sec7,18; T31N,R10E,Sec14,15,16; T29N,R10E,Sec21,28,29. The permit will cover multiple locations across the Eagle Lake Ranger District including: Spalding, Eagle Nest, Eagle Lake Campgrounds, Hamilton Mountain, Westwood to Susanville line.				
North Eagle Lake, Champs Flat, and Lower Pine Creek Allotments Grazing Mgt. Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2017	Expected:02/2018	05/2018	Kirsten Pasero 530-252-5854 kpasero@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grazing allotment management plans.				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - T32N and T33N,R9E and R10E,MDM (West of Eagle Lake, CA; North, East and South of Logan Mtn. area). North half of the Eagle Lake Ranger District.				
Spalding Transfer Station Reissuance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2017	Expected:08/2017	09/2017	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace an existing expired special use authorization for the continued operation and maintenance of the Spalding Transfer Station, with no change in the authorized facilities, and no increase in the scope and intensity of activities.				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - T32N,R11E,Section7. Eagle Lake Ranger District. Eagle Management Unit. Brockman Flat Sub-watershed. Spalding Transfer Station is located south of the community of Spalding.				

Lassen National Forest Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R5 - Pacific Southwest Region
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Lassen National Forest Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
Bailey Creek Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:05/2017	05/2019	Shawn Wheelock 530-336-3340 swheelock@fs.fed.us
	Description: Two existing culverts on the North & South Forks of Bailey Creek will be replaced with bridges to eliminate barriers to the passage of aquatic organisms and damage to road crossing when rivers are at high stage.				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - T31N,R3E,S34. Lassen NF 17 Road to the west of Lassen Volcanic National Park.				
Citizens Utility Company Aerial Telephone Line project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:05/2017	06/2017	Kimberly Ganz 530-336-3383 kganz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize Citizens Communications Co. of CA (Frontier) to install an overhead phone cable from a utility pole on National Forest System Lands to a utility pole on Big Springs Estates. Aerial cable is ~300'long w/aerial phone line 6' below power line.				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - T32N, R4E, Section 12, NE1/4. The existing utility pole is located ~3 mi SW of Old Station, CA. The pole lies E of SR44/89 and W of Hat Creek near Big Springs Estates Subdivision on the Lassen National Forest in Eastern Shasta Co.				
Hat Creek Rim Hang Glider & Paraglider Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special area management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:05/2017	06/2017	Kimberly Ganz 530-336-3383 kganz@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hat Creek Pilots Association (HCPA) requests a special use authorization for an established recreation special use of the Hat Creek Rim for hang gliding and paragliding launches and associated landing zones.				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - T34N, R5E, Sections 4, 5, 9 & 16 MDM. On the Hat Creek Ranger District along the Hat Creek Rim and Murken Bench area and near the rural communities of Fall River Mills, Burney and Hat Creek.				

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Lassen National Forest Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Plum Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:05/2018	05/2018	Greg Mayer 530-336-5521 gmayer@fs.fed.us
	Description: This restoration project will encompass: surface fuels treatment for fire hazard reduction; thinning for ponderosa pine, silver sage, meadow and aspen enhancements; noxious weed treatments; and road improvements.				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen, Shasta. LEGAL - Townships 32, 33 & 34 North, Ranges 5 & 6 East, various sections, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian. The project area is located E. of Hwy 89 at the top of the Hat Creek Rim (approx. 1-1/2 miles E. of the town of Old Station), N. of Hwy 44 to Forest Road 34N49 and E. to the Butte Creek Rim.				
Soldier Mountain Lookout Permit Issuance CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 06/2017	Expected:08/2017	08/2017	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Special use permit issuance for the operation of a fire detection lookout and communication uses.				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - T37N, R3E, Sec 1 (SE 1/4 - NE 1/4). Soldier Mountain Lookout is approx. 4 miles NE of "the Pines" off Hwy 89 and approx. 6 miles NW of Fall River Mills.				

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R5 - Pacific Southwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)

Mammoth Base Area Land Exchange EIS *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 08/23/2016 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 05/2017	Expected:09/2018	09/2018	Janelle Walker 760-924-5523 janellewalker@fs.fed.us
Description: Exchange of approximately 30.6 acres of National Forest System land, currently under special use authorization to Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, located near the Main Lodge north of Highway 203 for approximately 1317.5 acres of land in California.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30428					
Location: UNIT - Mammoth Ranger District, White Mountain Ranger District, Mt. Hough Ranger District, Mi-Wok Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Inyo, Mono, Plumas, Tuolumne. LEGAL - Land to be exchanged is located in T.3S, R. 27E., Sec 30, MDM. Proposal includes the addition of non-federal parcels to the Inyo, Plumas, and Stanislaus National Forests in California. The area near Main Lodge, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area would be exchanged for up to 12 non Federal parcels in Inyo, Mono, Plumas and Tuolumne Counties.					

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Plumas National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Plumas National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/29/2015 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/2017	Expected:12/2017	02/2018	Katherine Carpenter 530-283-7742 kacarpenter@fs.fed.us
	Description: Designate over-snow vehicle (OSV) use on National Forest System roads and trails and areas on National Forest System lands as allowed, restricted, or prohibited. Identify trails for snow grooming for OSV use would be conducted.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47124				
Location: UNIT - Plumas National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System lands administer by the Plumas National Forest (forest-wide).					

Plumas National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Moonlight Fire Invasive Plant Treatment Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 01/11/2017	Expected:08/2017	09/2017	John Slown 406-329-3749 jslown@fs.fed.us
	Description: Integrated pest management of up to 500 acres of invasive plant infested areas per year, using herbicides on up to 250 acres per year.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=46877				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District, Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T26NR10E; T26NR11E; T26NR12E T27NR10E; T27NR11E.; T27NR12E; T27NR13E T28NR10E;T28NR11E;T28NR12E; T28NR13E; Many Sections, Mount Diablo Base Meridian . The project area encompasses watersheds affected by the 2007 Moonlight Fire and ranges approximately 15 to 27 air miles northeast of Quincy, Plumas County, California.					

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Plumas National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Moonlight Range Allotment Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/15/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2017	Expected:08/2017	09/2017	Kyla Sabo 530-836-7157 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Mount Hough Range Allotments in and around Lone Rock Creek, Lights Creek, and Antelope Lake. Four allotments are included: Lone Rock, Lights Creek, Antelope, and Antelope Lake.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=41559				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District, Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - portions of sections in T27N R12E. Mt Hough Ranger District.					

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Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Cradle Valley Forest Health Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/01/2016	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	Mary Kliejunas 530-836-7159 mkliejunas@fs.fed.us
	Description: To reduce the risk of insect or disease infestation and improve wildlife habitat across 2348-acres. Project activities include conifer removal, road obliteration, streambank stabilization, native planting, removal of in-stream structures.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48318				
Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen, Plumas. LEGAL - T27N, R13E, many sections and T28N, R13E, Sections 33 & 34 off of the Janesville Grade to Forest Road 28N01 in the Cradle Valley area. This project is located on the far northeastern edge of the Beckwourth Ranger District.					
Crocker Multi-Purpose Trail Project CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/22/2016	Expected:04/2017	06/2017	Gretchen Jehle 530-836-7157 gjehe@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Beckwourth Ranger District proposes to provide OHV access to existing National Forest System motorized trails. The paving of County Road 111 has resulted in a loss of access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49709				
Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Township 24 North, Range 14 East, Section 16. The project area is near Red Clover Valley, approximately 8 miles north of Portola in Plumas County, California.					

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Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R5 - Pacific Southwest Region					
Feather River Inn Water System CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/01/2015	Expected:09/2017	10/2017	Robert Hawkins 916-849-8037 rhhawkins@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-Issue a 30 year special use authorization to Schomac, Inc. for the Feather River Inn water system. The water system includes two diversion structures, a storage tank, waterlines and road and trail access.				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Section 3, T. 22 N., R. 12 E., Mt Diablo Meridian. The water system is located along Bonta Creek just north of the National Forest boundary and the Feather River Inn.				
Lakes Basin Project EA *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/16/2015 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2017	Expected:10/2017	12/2017	Kyla Sabo 530-836-7157 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve forest health and reduce hazards around recreation sites. Activities include mechanical thinning, grapple piling, mastication, hand thinning and underburning.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40964				
Mills Peak Trail North CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 06/24/2016	Expected:04/2017	06/2017	Francisco Castillo 530-836-7123 franciscojcastillo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct approximately 1.6 miles of trail and adding 0.5 miles of user-created trail to the National Forest System (NFS) along the Mills Peak Trail (12E45). The goal is to improve safety by providing a trail separate from NFS road 22N42.				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - The project area is located in Township 22 North, Range 12 East, sections 27, 33, and 34, Mount Diablo Meridian of Plumas County, California. The project area is approximately 1 mile southeast of Graeagle in Plumas, County California. The proposed trails are adjacent to and north of Mills Peak.				

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Plumas National Forest	Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Mills Peak Trail South CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/27/2016	Expected:05/2017	06/2017	Francisco Castillo 530-836-7123 franciscojcastillo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Construct 0.95 mile of new non-motorized trail and add 2.8 miles of existing user-created trails to the National Forest Trail System. The new trails would connect the existing Mills Peak Trail to the Round Lake Trailhead.				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trail system would connect the Mills Peak Trail to the Round Lake Trailhead.				
Mohawk Vista Forest Health Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/14/2016	Expected:05/2017	06/2017	Stephen Kraft 530-836-7163 skraft@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce the extent of insect & disease infestations and hazardous fuels. Proposed vegetation treatments include: mechanical thin; hand thin & pile; grapple pile; masticate; prescribed burn; decommission roads; treat invasive plants.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49768				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T22N, R12E, in all or portions of Sections 2,3,11,12 and 14, Mt. Diablo Base Meridian, Plumas County, CA. Located approximately 0.7-miles northeast of Hwy. 70 via Mohawk Vista Drive.				
Rush Skeleton Weed Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 05/27/2015	Expected:05/2017	06/2017	Michael Friend 530-836-7167 mjfriend@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rush skeleton weed would be sprayed with aminocyclopyrachlor chloresulfuron (e.g. Perspective) or aminopyralid triclopyr (e.g. Capstone or Milestone Plus) or a combination of these herbicides with A surfactant (e.g. methylated seed oil) and dye.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=43804				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T22N, R11E, Sec. 1, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4. Eureka Creek at Discovery Mine and adjacent to National Forest System road 23N37, approximately 3 air miles northwest of the Beckwourth Ranger Station. T22N, R11E, Sec. 1, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4.				

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Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Six Waterline SUP Renewal CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2017	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	Laura Gray 530-836-7157 lgray@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-authorize the ongoing routine maintenance and operation of six (6) individual water systems used for domestic and/or irrigation purposes. No new improvements or changes in operations are being proposed.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49887				
Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - PLSS Description: T23N, R15E, Sec12; T26N, R15E, Sec14; T22N, R12E, Sec34; T23N, R11E, Sec2; T26N, R15E, Sec10 and; T26N, R13E, Sec8 of Mt Diablo Base Meridian, Plumas County, CA. The small water systems are located on National Forest System land adjacent to private property at various locations across the Beckwourth Ranger District.					
Two Rivers Soccer Camp Permit Re-issue CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2015	Expected:08/2017	09/2017	Debra Fryberger-Eby 530-836-7120 dfrybergereby@fs.fed.us
	Description: Re-issue a 20 year permit to Two Rivers Soccer Camp for the following uses: bridge, road, parking area, portion of a soccer field, water transmission lines, storage tank and spring boxes.				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Sections 30, 31, 32, T. 22 N., R. 12E., Mt. Diablo Meridian. Two Rivers Soccer Camp is located near Blairsden, California.				

Plumas National Forest Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
2018 OHV Ground Operations & Maintenance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2017	Expected:05/2017	05/2017	Mary Sullivan 530-532-7460 mcsullivan@fs.fed.us
	Description: We propose to perform a number of maintenance activities to repair a faulty vault toilet at the LaPorte warming hut and to perform maintenance to OHV trails on the district.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51433				
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. LaPorte, California.					

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Plumas National Forest Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
Brush Creek Roadside Salvage CE	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/07/2016	Expected:04/2017	04/2017	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: We propose to remove, using conventional tractor logging methods, dead, dying, and structurally damaged trees that present an imminent safety hazard and risk to forest visitors, employees, and facilities as a result of drought induced tree mortality.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50579</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Mount Diablo Meridian, T. 21N., R. 6E., sections 4, 18, and 19; T. 22N., R. 6E., sections 16, 28, 29, and 33. Nearby the community of Brush Creek, within the Brush Creek DFPZ and along portions of 4-Mile Ridge Road.</p>					
Bullards Bar Fire Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2017	Expected:07/2017	07/2017	Clay Davis 907-747-4225 clayrdavis@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: We propose to restore resources damaged by the Bullards Fire through a combination of fuels reduction, Scotch broom control, tree planting, wetland habitat development, water storage, trail construction, and road sign replacement activities.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51420</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Yuba. LEGAL - Mt Diablo Meridian, T. 18 N., R. 7 E., parts of sections 14, 15, 22-26. Nearby Bullards Bar Reservoir about 4-5 miles East Northeast of Dobbins, California.</p>					
Challenge - Community Protection Fuel Reduction (CPFR) EA	- Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/09/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2018	Expected:06/2018	07/2018	Jason Vermillion 530-532-7434 jvermillion@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: This wildland urban interface (WUI) project is designed to reduce the risks of wildfire around the communities of Challenge and Woodleaf, California; enhance firefighter safety; remove hazardous trees along roads; and improve forest resiliency.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49695</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Wildland urban interface in and around the communities of Challenge and Woodleaf, California.</p>					

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Plumas National Forest	Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
FRRD Abandoned Mine Closures - 2017 CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2017	Expected:09/2017	05/2018	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: These abandoned mines currently pose a safety and health risk to the public. There are open adits and shafts surrounded by unstable rock and trash at some sites. The purpose is to improve the health, safety, and resource condition of these sites.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51423				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Abandoned mining claims in Butte, Plumas, and Yuba Counties.				
Five-Year Recreation Event Special Use Permits CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2017	Expected:04/2017	04/2017	Michelle Ahearn 530.532.7447 mahearn02@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to issue five-year recreation event permits for three separate annual events. Paradise Irrigation District Kids' Fishing Day; Under the Sun Events Adventure Run; Newman Memorial Foundation Fishing Derby.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51535				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Paradise Lake and Little Grass Valley Reservoir.				
Gibsonville Healthy Forest Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Heritage resource management - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/18/2017	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	Clay Davis 530 532-8940 clayrdavis@fs.fed.us
	Description: Using a variety of vegetation treatments including sale of merchantable timber and biomass to reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire, release aspen, restore meadows and other wetlands, and to restore and protect the historic Gibsonville townsite.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47960				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas, Sierra. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In and around the historic Gibsonville, California townsite.				

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Plumas National Forest Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
HDH/Millet Mining Plan Of Operations EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/01/2017	Expected:05/2017	05/2017	Donna Duncan 530 532-7461 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Placer mining. Panning, sluicing, dredging. Use of non-system road.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36938				
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Sierra. LEGAL - T20N, R9E, Sec 10, 15, 16. Feather River Ranger District, Plumas national Forest, along Canyon Creek.					
Hughes Wetland Development and Maintenance CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2017	Expected:07/2017	07/2017	Cindy Roberts 530-532-7467 ckroberts@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to protect, maintain and enhance existing habitat conditions and provide additional breeding habitat for the California red-legged frog by constructing ponds, remove invasive species, and other activities in designated critical habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51541				
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hughes Place within the French Creek watershed has been designated as critical Habitat for the California Red-Legged Frog.					
Last Chance Mining Plan of Operations EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/01/2017	Expected:05/2017	05/2017	Donna Duncan 530-532-7461 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Placer mining along Slate Creek. Dredging, panning and sluicing. Use of non-system road and gated access.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=36937				
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas, Sierra. LEGAL - T21N, R9E, Sec 11. Feather River Ranger District, slate creek.					
Little Grass Valley Lakeshore Trail Bridge Replacement CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/29/2016	Expected:04/2017	05/2018	Mary Sullivan 530-532-7460 mcsullivan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace a damaged wooden foot bridge on the non-motorized Little Grass Valley Lakeshore Trail. Bridge is approximately 4 feet wide by 45 feet long. The damaged bridge was previously removed for public safety.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50389				
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T. 22N., R. 9E., section 34. Lakeshore Trail at Little Grass Valley, between Little Beaver Campground and Maidu Boat Ramp crossing unnamed stream.					

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Plumas National Forest	Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Pearson Mine Plan of Operations EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 03/01/2017	Expected:05/2017	05/2017	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Underground exploration in existing mines, using explosives (with proper permit) and rock drills underground, and a skip loader outside the portals as well as to maintain the old access road. No processing on site. Camp trailer for overnight stays.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=44952				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Sierra. LEGAL - T22N, R10E, Sec 32. one mile North of Howland Flat.				
Regular Baptist Camp Waterlines Special Use CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2017	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	Mary Sullivan 530-532-7460 mcsullivan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Authorize holder to operate, maintain, and upgrade existing waterlines across NFS lands to adjoining private camp through issuance of a 20 year Special Use permit.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50386				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Sierra. LEGAL - Portions of T. 22N., R. 10E., section 20. NFS lands north of Delahunty Lake, adjacent to private lands known as Pilot Lake Camp.				

Plumas National Forest	Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Bucks Lake Recreation Residence Cabin Remodel CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/07/2017	05/2017	Kyla Sabo 530-836-7157 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remodel would add 400 square feet of living space on the west side including a loft and 64 sq. feet of deck.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T24N, R7E, Sec 4 MDM.				

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
Butterfly Twain Fuels Reduction and Landscape Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/08/2017	Expected:07/2017	09/2017	David Kinateder 530-283-7673 djkinateder@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reduce hazardous fuels; improve forest health; restore plant and wildlife habitat; improve transportation system and soil and water quality; and reduce invasive plants.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47559				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 4 miles northwest of Quincy, California, between the communities of Butterfly Valley and Twain in Plumas County, California.					
Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Camp Amendment CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/01/2017	02/2017	Kyla Sabo 530-836-7157 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Replace the current frame and tarp pavilion with a 30'x60' pavilion and add a 8'x20' storage shed. The pavilion will be placed on spread footings with type VB construction(wood) with metal standing seam roof.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lower Bucks Lake, T24N, R7E, Sec. 32.				
Claremont Watershed Improvement Project CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Kelby Gardiner 530-283-7686 kgardiner@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remove encroaching conifers from aspen and meadow habitats (hand pile and burn material), unclassified road obliteration, and non-motorized trail construction/reconstruction.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Meadow Valley area southeast to the Claremont area. Sec 4,9,10,13 of T23NR8E; sec 1,6,11,12,17,18 of T23NR9E; sec 6,7,8 of T23NR10E; sec 12,24,25 of T24NR8E; sec 30 of T24R9E; sec 31 of T25NR9E MDBM.				

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R5 - Pacific Southwest Region					
Feather River Aquatic Organism Passage Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/09/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2017	Expected:08/2017	08/2017	Tina Hopkins 530-283-7819 thopkins@fs.fed.us
	Description: USFS in partnership with CA Department of Transportation is proposing to replace 5 culverts along Highway 70 in order to improve passage for aquatic species (fish, amphibians, and reptiles) so they can access previously blocked tributaries.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50615				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Highway 70 at post miles(PM) 42.06 (Mill Creek), 42.21 (unnamed tributary), 46.44 (Bear Ranch Creek), 23.67 (Rush Creek) and 31.82 (Soda Creek).					
Four Corners OHV Play Area Rehab Project CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2017	Expected:05/2017	05/2017	Dani Swantic 530-836-7142 dswantic@fs.fed.us
	Description: Rehabilitate the Four Corners OHV Play Area				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T 24N, R 10 E, Section 4. Four Corners OHV Play Area is located approximately 5 miles from Quincy off of County Rd. 403, also known as Mt. Hough Rd.				
Franks Valley Forest Health Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2017	Expected:12/2017	08/2018	Kristin Winford 530 283-7683 klwinford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve forest health, wildlife habitat, Baker Cypress habitat and reduce fire risk around seasonal residences in Frank's Valley.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51526				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T26N R11E and R12E. Located along Beardsley Grade north of Genesee Valley and southwest of Antelope Lake.					

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Golden Potato Placer Mining Exploration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/06/2017	Expected:05/2017	05/2017	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Excavation of several test pits using a Kubota BX 25D mini-backhoe. Material from the test pits would be processed through a highbanker using water pumped from Greenhorn Creek. Intermittent camping in a self-contained recreational vehicle.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The proposed project is located along Greenhorn Creek, 5 miles east of Quincy, California, in Plumas County. Legal location is T24N, R10E, Section 26, MDBM.				
Gopher Gold Mineral Exploration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/19/2016	Expected:06/2017	06/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Excavation of several test pits to explore for mineral content. Construction of .2 miles of new road to access the site. Processing would be completed using a trommel with water pumped from a nearby pond.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is approximately 5 miles west of Quincy, near the closed Gopher Hill Landfill. Legal location is T24N, R8E, Section 12, MDBM.				
Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch Outfitting and Guiding Permit reissue CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/26/2012	Expected:06/2017	07/2017	Elizabeth Sousa 530-283-7622 esousa@fs.fed.us
	Description: Reissue a 10 year O&G Permit for horseback rides and an assigned campsite on Nat Forest Sys land. This is the same operation as the past 10 years, with approximately 39 miles of trail and the majority of the rides with 8 miles of the Ranch				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T24 R10,R11 T23R10 R11 T24 R12. Mt. Hough Ranger District and Little Summit Lake on Beckwourth Ranger District.				
Haycock's Gold Mining Exploration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/19/2016	Expected:06/2017	05/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Excavation of 5 trenches to extract material for processing to discover mineral potential at the site. Material will be processed through a highbanker using water from a nearby pond.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located just east of the Gopher Hill landfill, west of Quincy, California. legal location is T24N, R8E, SW 1/4 of Section 7.				

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)					R5 - Pacific Southwest Region
Haycock's Reserve Mineral Exploration Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/24/2016	Expected:06/2017	06/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Excavation of 1 test trench to obtain mineral material. Material would be processed through a trommel using water from a nearby pond. .2 miles of road will be constructed to access the processing area. Settling ponds will be used for water discharge.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located approximately 6 miles from Quincy, CA. Access is through the closed Gopher Hill landfill. Legal location is T24N, R8E, SE 1/4 of Section 12, MDBM.				
Indian Creek Watershed Road Maintenance and Smith Creek Stream Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/05/2017	Expected:07/2017	08/2017	Christine Handler 559-920-2188 cahandler@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project includes road maintenance, non-system road obliteration, and stream channel restoration in areas affected by the Moonlight Fire and post-fire flooding.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50687				
Indian Rocks Improvement Association Waterline Permit Amendment CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/07/2017	05/2017	Kyla Sabo 530-836-7157 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Request is to amend the existing Indian Rocks waterline permit to include cabin #36 in the Bucks Lake Recreation Residence Tract. Approximately 30 feet of new pipe needs to be installed from the valve box to cabin #36.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bucks Lake Tract. T24N, R7E, Sec. 4.				
Kris #8 and #9 Lode Exploration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 01/31/2017	04/2017	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Conduct exploration drilling from four sites located in the Clear Creek open pit mine. It is proposed to drill 2-3 holes from drill site #1 and one hole each from drill sites 2, 3 and 4. Holes will be @ 500 feet deep.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is located just approximately 2 air miles southeast of Canyon Dam, CA. Work is proposed in the old Clear Creek mining pit. Legal location is T27N, R8E, Section 35.				

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Lucky Chance and B&P Mining Exploration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/08/2017	Expected:05/2017	05/2017	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Plan would authorize excavation of material from an existing pit with a rubber tired backhoe and/or excavator to remove mineral material for processing. Processing to recover ore deposits would occur on site using a trommel.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50338				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. South of County Road 306 in Seneca, CA along the north side of the North Fork Feather River.					
Moonlight Aquatic Organism Passage Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/21/2016	Expected:07/2017	08/2017	Christine Handler 559-920-2188 cahandler@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project proposes to replace five existing culverts with stream crossings that are aquatic organism passages in the Moonlight Fire area.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50253				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Sections 16 and 17 of T26N R12E and sections 24, 25, and 35 of T27N, R11E Mount Diablo Base Meridian (MDBM). Located within the Moonlight Fire area in the northwest corner of the Mt. Hough Ranger District, on national forest system roads 29N43 (also known as Antelope Road), 27N09, 27N47, and 27N45A.					

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/10/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2017	Expected:12/2017	05/2018	Christine Handler 559-920-2188 cahandler@fs.fed.us
	Description: The project would restore the 2007 Moonlight Fire burned area by: reducing the post-fire effects to vegetation, watersheds, and recreation and enhancing resiliency to future fires, droughts, insect and disease infestations, and climate change.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49421				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Portions of T26N, R10E; T26N, R11E; T26N, R12E; T27N, R10E; T27N, R11E; T27N, R12E; T27N, R13E; T28N, R10E; T28N, R11E; and T28N, R12E, Mount Diablo Base Meridian. National forest system lands on the Plumas National Forest, Mount Hough Ranger District, approximately five to 15 miles north and east of Taylorville, California and 20 to 30 miles northeast of Quincy.					
Moonlight Off-Channel Water Sources CE *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/08/2016	Expected:05/2017	06/2017	Lisa Whitcomb 414-332-0871 lwhitcomb@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of up to eight off-channel water sources to reduce impacts to stream channels while providing water for road maintenance and fire suppression activities				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47995				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Within the Moonlight Fire area in the northwest corner of the Mt. Hough District on Forest Roads 27N09, 27N51, 27N10, 27N45, 29N43, 27N30, and 28N03.					

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R5 - Pacific Southwest Region					
Partner Mining Exploration Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/15/2016 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2017	Expected:09/2017	10/2017	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Excavation of 20' x 20' pit within the river channel. Processing of material through a power sluice. Larger boulders would be moved out of the river with a derrick and choker system. Duration of the plan would be 3 years.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T26N, R7E, Section 24, MDBM. North Fork of the Feather River, southwest of Seneca and northeast of Belden, CA. Legal location T26N, R7E, SE 1/4 of Section 24, MDBM.				
Ridge Placer Mining Exploration EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/02/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 03/2017	Expected:07/2017	07/2017	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Excavation of mineral material from 2 test trenches using a front end loader. Material to be processed through a trommel and sluice. Water is piped to a 7000 gallon tank for use in processing, and is discharged to a rock area for percolation.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project location is along the North Fork Feather River in Seneca, CA. Legal location T26N, R8E, SE 1/4 of Section 16, MDBM.				
Snake Lake Bridge Replacement CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 01/04/2017	02/2017	Kyla Sabo 530-836-7157 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Plumas County is proposing to replace Snake Lake Bridge at Spanish Creek. The new bridge will be constructed in the same alignment as the existing bridge. A temporary bridge will be installed to the west of the current one.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Snake Lake Road Bridge over Spanish Creek .05 miles north of Bucks Lake Road.				
Spanish Crest Mining Exploration CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/28/2016	Expected:04/2017	04/2017	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Excavation of two test pits with a Bobcat track loader. Material will be stockpiled next to the holes, then processed through a sluice. Water will be pumped from an existing pond.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Four miles northwest of Meadow Valley, CA, near Mulligan Slide.				

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Storrie Fire Fuels Reduction in Spotted Owl and Goshawk Habitat Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 03/09/2017	04/2017	Colin Dillingham 530-283-7687 cdillingham@fs.fed.us
	Description: Hand thinning of small trees, hand piling, burning of piles, and underburning to reduce hazardous fuels in wildlife habitat; obliteration of non-system roads to reduce detrimental impacts in wildlife habitat.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48562				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - All or portions of Township 25N, Range 8E, sections 31, 32, and 35; Township 24N, Range 8E, sections 2-6, 8-11, 15-17, 20-22, Mount Diablo Base Meridian. The project area is approximately 5 to 10 air miles west of Quincy. The proposed units are east of the Bucks Lake Wilderness and north and west of Meadow Valley, California.					
Storrie Fire Restoration: Storrie Fire Access Improvement Project (HYDS72) CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2016	Expected:04/2017	05/2017	Kurt Sable 530-283-7641 ksable@fs.fed.us
	Description: Remove hazard trees along 5.8 miles of NFS 26N26 and the first 1.2 miles of 26N26A, conduct general road maintenance, replace culverts and construct an off site water source along Mosquito Creek.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48770				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Township 25N, Range 7E, sections 6,7, 8, 17, 18, 19, Township 26N Range 7E, section 31 and for water site Township 26N Range 7E, section 15 (MDBM). Township 26N Range 8E, sections 5 and 6, and Townshi. Hazard tree removal and road work would occur on the entire 26N26 system (9.6 miles). The water drafting site is located where NFS 26N33D crosses the Middle Branch of Mosquito Creek.					

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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE— 2017–2018 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 907

Introduced by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia

February 16, 2017

~~An act to add Section 5010.8 to the Public Resources Code, relating to state parks.~~ *An act to add Article 6.1 (commencing with Section 12098.50) to Chapter 1.6 of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, relating to outdoor recreation.*

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 907, as amended, Eduardo Garcia. ~~State parks: fees.~~ *Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement.*

Existing law establishes the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development in state government. Existing law requires that the office serve the Governor as the lead entity for economic strategy and the marketing of California on issues relating to business development, private sector investment, and economic growth.

This bill would establish the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development for specified purposes, including promoting active healthy lifestyles and improving the quality of life for all Californians, and would require the director of the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to administer the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement. The bill would require the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement to create an advisory group to offer advice, expertise, support, and service to it, without compensation.

~~Existing law gives control of the state park system to the Department of Parks and Recreation, and requires the Director of Parks and Recreation to promote and regulate the use of the state park system in a manner that conserves the scenery, natural and historic resources, and wildlife for the enjoyment of future generations.~~

~~Existing law authorizes the department to collect fees, rents, and other returns for the use of any state park system area, with the amounts of those charges to be determined by the department.~~

~~This bill would require the department to report to the Legislature, by April 15, 2018, its recommendations for a statutory fee policy that would specify the share of state park operational costs that should be borne by park users and the share that should be borne by the General Fund or any alternative funding source.~~

~~The bill would require the State Park and Recreation Commission, by an unspecified date, to develop, and subsequently update, fee guidelines to be implemented by state park districts in order to provide greater consistency in state park fee structures throughout the state. The bill would also require the commission to adopt a fee-setting process that is consistent on a statewide basis and that provides substantial opportunity for public input.~~

Vote: majority Appropriation: no Fiscal Committee: yes Local Program: no

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. *The Legislature finds and declares the following:*

(a) As California's population continues to grow and diversify, there is an opportunity to actively engage the outdoor recreation industry, take the lead on stewardship of natural resource issues, and connect people of color to the outdoors.

(b) Of the various economic sectors, consumer spending on outdoor recreation outpaces all other economic sectors with the exceptions of outpatient health care services and financial and insurance services.

(c) Outdoor recreation should be included in policy discussions related to tourism and natural resource management statewide.

(d) The Western Governors' Association, of which Governor Brown is a member, has repeatedly recognized the irreplaceable contributions the outdoor recreation economy makes to state and local tax revenues and job creation throughout the western United States.

(e) On a per capita spending basis, California lags behind the western states of Oregon, Colorado, Washington, and Utah in consumer spending on outdoor recreation.

(f) Understanding the benefits of the outdoors, not just from an economic standpoint, but also from public, environmental health, and intrinsic perspectives, all of those states, save Oregon, which has legislation pending, have established offices or executive positions within their state governments dedicated to promoting outdoor recreation.

(g) Assembly Bill 2444 of the 2015–16 Regular Session would have provided, and Assembly Bill 18 of the 2017–18 Regular Session and Senate Bill 5 of the 2017–18 Regular Session provide, opportunities for an infusion of moneys to promote and enhance outdoor recreation infrastructure and public land stewardship within California.

(h) Californians who live in socioeconomically disadvantaged areas of the state have limited access to structured outdoor recreation pursuits and fewer opportunities to interact with nature, leading to alarming rates of obesity and diabetes.

(i) Outdoor recreation, to a large degree, is a "pay to play" proposition as California's youth in the more challenged areas of the state have little access to structured outdoor recreation pursuits or to informal opportunities to interact with nature.

(j) California's working, natural, and recreational public and private lands represent the largest single carbon sink in the state, promoting a multitude of natural benefits relating to greenhouse gases.

(k) Owing to the uncertainties of policies emanating from the new federal administration, Californians must remain vigilant in their role as trustees of our public lands and must ensure that the state's investments in preserving and stewarding working landscapes and promoting outdoor recreation continue to provide sustainable value over time.

SEC. 2. *Article 6.1 (commencing with Section 12098.50) is added to Chapter 1.6 of Part 2 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, to read:*

Article 6.1. Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement

12098.50. *There is hereby established in the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement.*

12098.51. *For purposes of this division, "outdoor recreation" means a pursuit that occurs in a natural environment or physical landscape, including various active and passive sports and activities, including, but not limited to, all of the following:*

- (a) Snow-dependent sports and activities, including skiing, sledding, and snowmobiling.*
- (b) Water-dependent sports and activities, including kayaking, water skiing, swimming, fishing, and rafting.*
- (c) Park- and athletic-field-dependent sports and activities, including soccer, football, rugby, baseball, and lacrosse.*
- (d) Trail-dependent sports and activities, including hiking, recreational cycling, mountain biking, and recreational equestrianism.*
- (e) Natural landscape-dependent sports and activities, including wildlife viewing, mountain and rock climbing, and spelunking.*

12098.55. *The director shall administer the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement.*

12098.60. *The Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement shall do all of the following:*

- (a) Promote opportunities for both economic and job development within the outdoor recreation sector of the state's economy.*
- (b) Monitor, analyze, develop, and coordinate sustainable outdoor recreation policies at the federal, state, and local levels.*
- (c) Foster connections and communication between government agencies that manage natural resources for outdoor recreation and promote the sustainable use and enhanced stewardship of those resources.*
- (d) Collaborate with Visit California, a 501(c)(6) nonprofit corporation, to promote the "California State of Mind" brand and to enhance the outdoor active, outdoor passive, entertainment, and culture "experience pillars" of Visit California's marketing strategy.*
- (e) Serve as a central point of contact for the national outdoor recreation industry in California.*
- (f) Promote active healthy lifestyles and improve the quality of life for all Californians by stewarding public lands and minimizing barriers to outdoor recreation opportunities, including for people of color and women.*
- (g) Work collaboratively with, and create incentives for, private landowners, including land trusts, to explore opportunities to improve private land capabilities to promote a balance of enhanced recreation, public access, and wildlife values.*

12098.65. *(a) The Office of Outdoor Recreation and Public Lands Enhancement shall, consistent with the purposes of this article, create an advisory group to offer advice, expertise, support, and service to the office, without compensation.*

(b) The advisory group may be comprised of representatives from environmental justice communities, outdoor industries, recreation communities, open-space communities, federal entities engaged in public lands management, local, regional, and state parks, and other groups that promote the outdoors and the best available public land management practices, and seek to improve access to outdoor activities, consistent with the purposes of this article.

~~SECTION 1. Section 5010.8 is added to the Public Resources Code, to read:~~

~~5010.8.(a) On or before April 15, 2018, the department shall report to the Legislature its recommendations for a statutory fee policy that would specify the share of state park operational costs that should be borne by park users and the share that should be borne by the General Fund or any alternative funding source. The report shall be submitted pursuant to Section 9795 of the Government Code.~~

~~(b) The State Park and Recreation Commission shall, on or before _____, develop, and subsequently update on a regular basis, fee guidelines to be implemented by state park districts in order to provide greater consistency in state park fee structures throughout the state. The commission shall adopt a fee-setting process that is consistent on a statewide basis and that provides substantial opportunity for public input.~~

