



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 21, 2018—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, Peggy Moak
Alternates: Vance Severin, Jim Shary, Bob Gage, Pete Moak (voting Alt)
Invited Guests: Alan Mendoza (Sierra Club); Russell Nickerson, (District Ranger, Almanor Ranger District, Lassen National Forest), David Brillenz (District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District; Plumas National Forest), Laura Page (Congressman LaMalfa); Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee, Public Works); Dan Taverner (NRCS and Ag/Timber FAC Applicant); Angel Gomez (Butte Environmental Council and Environment/Watershed FAC Applicant)
- 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 4-23-18 – 5 Min.
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Alan Mendoza: Sierra Club Trails (30 Min)
- 4.02 Forest Projects Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for USFS projects affecting Butte County residents' forest management, recreational, environmental, socio-economic interests(Chair)
- Lassen NF Almanor Ranger District- Russell Nickerson (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA, Almanor Ranger District 5-year Plan – 20 Min.
 - Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, David Brillenz (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – 15 Min.
- 4.03 Feather River Ranger District Collaborators' Meeting/FAC Meeting Dates: Discuss June 5 (FAC 6-25), September 18 (FAC 9-24), November 27 (FAC 11-26). Discuss FAC meeting dates, in general – 15 Min.
- FRRD Sub-Committees:
- Wildland-Urban Interface – Fire and Fuels
 - Public Services – Recreation
 - Motorized Travel
 - Wildlife Habitat Improvement
 - Public Concern and Solution Research
- 4.04 Trails Committee Update – Thad Walker – 20 Min
- 4.05 Roads, OHV Grants Update – Dennis Schmidt
- 4.06 Applicants for Ag/Timber and Watershed/Environment – review qualifications and consider recommendation
- 4.07 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is June 25, 2018 - Chico, 5:00 PM
- Law Enforcement OHV Grants and Plans for Patrols (LNF, PNF, BCAA, PCSO) – June Meeting
 - South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
 - Butte County Fire Safe Council
 - Other
- 4.08 Public Comment (THE COMMITTEE IS PROHIBITED BY STATE LAW FROM TAKING ACTION ON ANY ITEM PRESENTED IF IT IS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA.)

Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA)

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Lassen National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)				R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Lassen National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle(OSV) Use Designation EIS	- Road management - Recreation management	In Progress NOI in Federal Register 01/20/2015 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2017	Expected: 08/2018	08/2018	Chris Obrien 530-252-6698 cjobrien@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is evaluating management of OSV use on the Lassen National Forest and is releasing a Revised Draft EIS (RDEIS) for the designation of LNF system roads, trails, and areas where OSV use will be allowed. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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.				
Lassen National Forest PG&E Master Special Use Permit Renewal Project CE	- Special use management	In Progress Scoping Start 03/19/2018	Expected: 09/2018	09/2018	Spencer Bleadorn 858-674-2904 sbleadorn@fs.fed.us
	Description: Approve continued operation, maintenance and use of existing distribution and transmission powerlines and infrastructure for Pacific Gas and Electric located within designated corridors on the Lassen National Forest Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53492				
	Location: UNIT - Lassen National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable Almanor Ranger District, Eagle Lake Ranger District, and Hat Creek Ranger District				

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Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District				R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Jones Meadow Fuels Reduction EA	- Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Comment Period	Expected: 05/2018	07/2018	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).				

Little Bear Forest Health Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research	In Progress Scoping Start 07/25/2017 Est. Comment Period 04/2018	Expected: 07/2018	08/2018	Laura Corral 530-258-5156 lcorral@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=51477</p>					
<p>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.</p>					
Ridge Project CE	- Special area management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress Scoping Start 10/20/2016	Expected: 06/2018	10/2018	Susan Wilcox 530-257-4188, ext. 808 swilcox@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T25N,R6E,Sec 2-4, 9 and 11; T26N,R6E,Sec 32-35 MDBM East of Saucer Lake on Soda Ridge, in Soda Ridge IRA of Management Area 45, on Almanor Ranger District</p>					

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Lassen National Forest, Eagle Lake Ranger District			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Confluence Meadow Restoration Project EA	- Watershed management	In Progress Scoping Start 12/26/2017 Est. Comment Period 06/2018	Expected: 09/2018	07/2019	Tyanna Blaschak 530-257-4188 tsblaschak@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Restore meadow hydrology and habitat by redirecting flow into historic remnant channels along a reach of Pine Creek while filling the degraded channel and ditch to match the floodplain elevation.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52590</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable Roughly 24 air miles NW of Susanville, Lassen County, CA, in meadow S of Little Harvey mountain and W of Lassen County Rd 105 near the confluence of Pine Creek and Little Harvey Valley tributary.</p>					
Dyer Mountain Communication Site Development CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 11/2018	Expected: 02/2019	03/2019	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p>					
<p>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.</p>					
LMUD Master Permit Issuance	- Special use management	Developing Proposal	Expected: 05/2018	06/2018	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107

CE		Est. Scoping Start 04/2018			nbarrera@fs.fed.us
Description: Consolidating and reissuing LUMD'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	- Grazing management	In Progress Scoping Start 03/06/2018 Est. Comment Period 06/2018	Expected: 09/2018	05/2019	Kirsten Pasero 530-252-5854 kpasero@fs.fed.us
Description: Grazing allotment management plans. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48381					
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.					

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Lassen National Forest, Hat Creek Ranger District			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Bailey Creek Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Project CE	- Road management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2018	Expected: 03/2018	08/2019	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. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=48504					
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	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 08/2017	Expected: 10/2017	10/2017	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.					
Cornaz Lake Boulderling Project CE	- Watershed management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2018	Expected: 03/2018	06/2018	Shawn Wheelock 530-336-3340 swheelock@fs.fed.us
Description: The Cornaz Lake Boulderling Project is being proposed to protect a wet meadow system, allow					

	riparian vegetation to become re-established, and protect resources as directed in the 2010 Lassen National Forest Travel Management Record of Decision. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53496				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable Township 34N, Range 4E, Section 21, adjacent to NFS Road 34N77C at Cornaz Lake.				
Hat Creek Debris Removal and Stream Bank Stabilization Project CE	- Watershed management - Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2018	Expected: 03/2018	05/2018	Shawn Wheelock 530-336-3340 swheelock@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Hat Creek Debris Removal and Stream Bank Stabilization Project is proposed to stabilize the channel and minimize further sedimentation, protect state and federal infrastructure, and improve visitor safety. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53523				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable Hat Creek channel between Cave Campground and Bridge Campground, Township 33N, Range 5E, Sections 8,9,16,21,and 28.				
Hat Creek Rim Hang Glider & Paraglider Project CE	- Special area management	In Progress Scoping Start 05/02/2017	Expected: 07/2017	07/2017	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.				
Lake Britton Trail Bridges Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress Scoping Start 10/01/2017	Expected: 09/2018	09/2018	Greg Mayer 530-336-5521 gmayer@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is intended to restore two trail bridges along the Great Shasta Rail Trail at Lake Britton to provide continuous public access for non-motorized trail purposes across the lake and State Route 89.				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable Township 36N, Range 3E, section 3 and Township 37N, Range 3E, section 28, MDM in the Hat Creek Ranger District, Lassen National Forest, west of Dusty Campground at Lake Britton.				
Plum Restoration Project EA	- Forest products - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Fuels management - Road management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2017	Expected: 12/2018	04/2019	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. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47742				
	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	- Special use management	Developing Proposal	Expected: 09/2017	09/2017	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107

CE		Est. Scoping Start 07/2017		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)					
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Beckwourth Peak Recreation Project CE	- Recreation management	In Progress Scoping Start 10/04/2017	Expected: 03/2018	05/2018	Francisco Castillo 530-836-7123 franciscojcastillo@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: Objectives are to provide access to Beckwourth Peak area and to provide alternative recreation activities to relieve congestion in heavily-used areas. Propose construction of approximately 20 miles of non-motorized trails around Beckwourth Peak.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52465</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District, Sierraville Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Township 22 North, Range 13 East, Sections 13, 14, and 22-24; Township 22 North, Range 14 East, Sections 5-9, 17, and 18; and Township 23 North, Range 14 East, Section 31, MDBM. The project area is located immediately south and east of Portola in Plumas County, California.</p>				
Mammoth Base Area Land Exchange EIS	- Land ownership management	In Progress DEIS NOA in Federal Register 07/07/2017 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2018	Expected: 11/2018	12/2018	Janelle Walker 760-924-5523 janellewalker@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: Exchange of approximately 35.6 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 1296.7 acres of private land in California</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=30428</p>				
	<p>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 11 non Federal parcels in Inyo, Mono, Plumas and Tuolumne Counties.</p>				

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Plumas National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
PG&E Master Special Use Permit and Easement Project CE	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2018	Expected: 05/2018	05/2018	Timothy Cardoza 530-478-6210 tcardoza@fs.fed.us
	<p>*NEW LISTING* Description: Plumas National Forest, proposes to continue authorizing the use and occupancy of NFS land to</p>				

	Pacific Gas & Electric for existing electric system facilities and infrastructure by issuance of special use authorizations.				
	Location: UNIT - Plumas National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable Across the Plumas National Forest				
Plumas National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation EIS *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	In Progress NOI in Federal Register 09/29/2015 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/2018	Expected: 09/2019	11/2019	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.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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).				

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Plumas National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Outfitter Guide Shuttle Permits CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Special use management	Analysis Completed	Expected: 05/2018 Actual: 05/04/2018	05/2018	Kyla Sabo 530-836-7157 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Plumas National Forest received three outfitter guide proposals for shuttling and/or guiding mountain bike riders on Mt. Hough and Beckwourth Ranger Districts. Two are proposing to shuttle and guide riders. The third is for a shuttle only.				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District, Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Mt. Hough Trail and Mills Peak North Trail.				

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Plumas National Forest, Beckwourth Ranger District				R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Feather River Inn Water System CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.				
Haskell Project EA	- Road management - Fuels management - Recreation management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2018	Expected: 02/2019	06/2019	Michael Friend 530-836-7167 mjfriend@fs.fed.us

	Description: Vegetation management to promote late seral forests, reduce fuels and fire danger, improve roads and trails, and improve watershed conditions.				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable T21N, R12E, Sec. 1 - 3, 10 -15; T21N, R13E, Sec. 6 %u2013 8, 13 %u2013 23, 27, 28, Mount Diablo Base Meridian (MDBM)				
Lakes Basin Project EA	- Recreation management - Road management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress Comment Period 02/28/2018	Expected: 07/2018	08/2018	Don Fregulia 530-836-7176 dfregulia@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.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=40964				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas, Sierra. LEGAL - Not Applicable Lakes Basin recreation area				
Mills Peak Trail South CE	- Recreation management	In Progress Scoping Start 09/27/2016	Expected: 04/2018	05/2018	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.				
Plumas-Eureka Forest Health Project CE	- Road management - Forest products - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress Scoping Start 09/06/2017	Expected: 03/2018	03/2018	Russell Nickerson 530-836-7115 rnickerson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Goals are to improve resistance to bark beetle attacks and promote resistance to drought and wildfire. Proposed activities include: mechanical thinning, hand thinning, pile burning, underburning, and decommissioning of non-system roads. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52402				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T22N, R11E, Sections 1 and 12; T22N, R12E, Sections 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 18 and 19; and T23N, R12E, Sections 30, 31 and 32 The project is located near Plumas-Eureka State Park approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Graeagle, California on the Beckwourth Ranger District of the Plumas National Forest in Plumas County, California				
Ramelli Ranch Well EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress Comment Period 11/01/2017	Expected: 07/2018	07/2018	Lynee Crawford 530-836-7119 lyneecrawford@fs.fed.us
	Description: Installation of a well on the Ramelli Ranch allotment to modify dispersal of animals. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=51658				
	Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Township 23N, Range 14E, Sections 33 & 34, MDBM Upper Ross Meadow on the Ramelli Ranch allotment, which is approximately 1 mile south of the rest stop that is 3 miles east of Portola, California.				
Thompson Meadow Restoration Project EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Watershed management	In Progress Scoping Start 11/08/2017 Est. Comment Period	Expected: 10/2018	11/2018	Joseph Hoffman 530-283-2050 jahoffman@fs.fed.us
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	<p>Description: To restore historic floodplain function and the historic meadow water table elevation along a 0.6 mile reach of Thompson Creek, a tributary to McReynolds Creek, which flows to Red Clover Creek.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52760</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Township 25N, Range 13E, Sections 25 and 36 Approximately 11 air miles north of Portola, CA in Plumas County, California.</p>				
Two Rivers Soccer Camp Permit Re-issue CE	- Special use management	In Progress Scoping Start 05/01/2015	Expected: 08/2018	09/2018	Debra Fryberger-Eby 530-836-7120 dfrybergereby@fs.fed.us
	<p>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.</p>				
	<p>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.</p>				

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Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Big Pan Mining Plan of Operations EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Comment Period 03/28/2018	Expected: 05/2018	05/2018	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: Continued placer mining operation, using gold pans and sluice box. Long term occupancy. Non-system road with gate.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53004</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T22N, R11E, Sec 7 eight miles west of the Beckwourth ranger station</p>				
Bullards Bar Invasive Plant Treatments Project EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress Scoping Start 11/23/2017 Est. Comment Period 04/2018	Expected: 10/2018	11/2018	Lawrence Janeway 530-532-7417 ljaneway@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: To eradicate or control six species of non-native invasive plants: rush skeletonweed, yellow star-thistle, Scotch broom, barbed goatgrass, Italian thistle, and Medusa head using a combination of chemical (herbicide) and manual treatments.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52835</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable Within one (the western) of two quarry sites along Marysville Road in the vicinity of the New Bullards Bar Dam.</p>				
Challenge - Community Protection Fuel Reduction (CPFR) EA	- Fuels management	In Progress Scoping Start 08/09/2016 Est. Comment Period 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.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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>				

Hughes Wetland Development and Maintenance CE	- Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress Scoping Start 03/28/2017	Expected: 09/2018	10/2018	James Johnson 530-283-7827 jamesjohnson@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=51541</p>					
<p>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.</p>					
Regular Baptist Camp Waterlines Special Use CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2018	Expected: 05/2019	05/2019	Mary Sullivan 530-532-7460 mcsullivan@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=50386</p>					
<p>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.</p>					

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Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough Ranger District			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Caribou 26N67 Salvage Project CE *UPDATED*	- Fuels management - Forest products	Analysis Completed	Expected: 02/2018 Actual: 03/29/2018	07/2018	Kristin Winford 530 283-7683 klwinford@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Pacific Gas and Electric felled hazardous trees within the Caribou transmission line. Proposed actions include removing the felled trees within the transmission line as well as removing trees in an adjacent area that blew down from a weather event.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53256</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T25N R8E Sections 4, 5, 9, 10, and 15 and T26N R8E Sec 31 The project is located on the Mt. Hough Ranger District three miles northwest of Twain, in Plumas County, CA.</p>					
Four Corners OHV Play Area Rehab Project CE	- Recreation management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2018	Expected: 04/2018	06/2018	Erika Brenzovich 530-283-7622 ebrenzovich@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Rehabilitate the Four Corners OHV Play Area</p>					
<p>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.</p>					
Franks Valley Forest Health Project CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress Scoping Start 05/15/2017	Expected: 08/2018	09/2018	Kristin Winford 530 283-7683 klwinford@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Improve forest health, wildlife habitat, Baker Cypress habitat and reduce fire risk around seasonal residences in Frank's Valley.</p>					

	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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.				
Genesee Valley Watershed Improvement Project CE	- Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress Scoping Start 11/11/2017	Expected: 05/2018	07/2018	Maurice Huynh 530-836-2575 mhuynh@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: Reduce fuels by hand thinning or broadcast burning approx. 839 acres on NFS lands that are adjacent to private land.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=53924				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T25N, R11E Sect 2-3, 5-8, 11-12, T 26N, R 11E, Sect 34-35 Project is located between 4 and 11 miles east of Taylorsville, CA and divided into three area: Genesee Woods, Heart K Northwest, and Hear K Southeast.				
Golden Willow Placer Mining Exploration CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 02/05/2018	Expected: 05/2018	06/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Excavation of up to 11 test trenches with hand tools such as shovels, picks and pry bars. Material will be removed from stream banks and terraces and processed through a sluice or highbanker. The operators will stay in a RV at the site while mining.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Project is located at the confluence of Willow and Indian Creek, northwest of Antelope Lake along Fruit Growers Boulevard. Legal location is T27N, R12E, Section 9, MDBM.				
Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch Outfitting and Guiding Permit reissue CE	- Recreation management	In Progress Scoping Start 12/26/2012	Expected: 01/2018	01/2018	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				
Lucky Bar Placer Mining Exploration CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 03/27/2018	Expected: 06/2018	07/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING	Description: Excavation of test pits with a small Toro tractor. Material would be shoveled into a highbanker, and processed using water pumped from Indian Creek. Waste water would discharge back to the sand and rocks to percolate into the soil.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable The Lucky Bar placer mining project is located along Indian Creek, south of Taylorsville, CA. Access is along County Road 112, then north on the Mill Race levee road.				
Moonlight Fire Area Restoration Project EA	- Watershed management - Road management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Recreation management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress Comment Period 10/25/2017	Expected: 05/2018	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.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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				
Mud Lake Trail Realignment CE	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress Scoping Start 02/28/2018	Expected: 06/2018	07/2018	Kurt Sable 530-283-7641 ksable@fs.fed.us
	Description: Realign 800 ft of trail out of wet area that is possible habitat for T&E frog.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - 24N Range 7E, section 12-13 Along the Granite Gap Trail about 1 mile south of the trailhead at Silver Lake (Fig 1.) Site is located in the Bucks Lake Wilderness.				
Ohio Creek Placer Mining PoO CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 10/12/2017	Expected: 05/2018	05/2018	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Small scale minerals exploration, road improvements, water source development, use of backhoe, on-site occupancy				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T26N, R8E, Sec 5 Near Seneca, along Ohio Creek				
Partner Mining Exploration Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Comment Period 02/28/2018	Expected: 06/2018	06/2018	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=50765				
	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.				
Quarry Road - Road Maintenance CE	- Road management	In Progress Scoping Start 11/01/2017	Expected: 04/2018	06/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7620 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Pull back 10-12 boulders that currently line the lower edge of FS road 24N33C to prevent them from falling on the road below. A 200 foot section of road between the quarry and homeowner cabins would be re-routed to prevent additional sloughing.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Quarry Road (24N33C) is located in the Bucks Lake Residence Tract off NFS Road 24N33 in the Bucks Lake area, Mt. Hough Ranger District (T24N, R7E, Section 33, MDBM).				
Royal Rush Placer EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 08/10/2017 Est. Comment Period 04/2018	Expected: 06/2018	07/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Panning and sluicing within Rush Creek. Clearing, repair and maintenance of one mile of Forest Service system road to access the claim and camp area. Camping at the claim while mining.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Rush Creek near Providence Hill, north of Twain, CA. Legal location T25N, R8E, Section 2.				

Sierra Bible Camp Amendment CE *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 04/2018	Expected: 04/2018	06/2018	Kyla Sabo 530-836-7157 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
Description: Sierra Bible Camp is an organizational camp on Plumas National Forest. Usage of the camp is increasing and additional space is needed for camp staff and families. They are requesting to add two new buildings; a new bunkhouse, and storage building.					
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T27N, R8E, NE 1/4 Sec 27 MDBM Camp is between Canyon Dam and Lake Almanor off of the road to Seneca.					
Silverado Placer Mining Exploration CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Analysis Completed	Expected: 04/2018 Actual: 04/11/2018	06/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
Description: Excavation of up to 18 test pits along the stream terraces of Silver Creek. A backhoe and mini excavator would be used to remove material for processing through a trommel. Water from Silver Creek would be used to wash material.					
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Project is located north and west of Meadow Valley, along Silver Creek. Access is from Silver Creek Road to NFS Road 24N56. Legal location is T24N, R8E, Sections 16, 21 and 22.					

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Date: May 14, 2018

Planning Participant

It is my intent to use a collaborative process for strategic and tactical project planning that includes multiple interested parties and persons representing the interests of the many stakeholders in our National Forest. The Feather River Ranger District and Plumas National Forest already work with our local Tribal Governments, county and local Fire Safe Councils, Butte and Plumas County Resource Advisory Councils (RAC), Butte County Forest Advisory Council (BCFAC), and other interested parties. Many are open groups, with a varied and active membership, that promote inclusiveness and transparency, which is our ongoing goal.

I am inviting you to an organizational meeting to initiate a Feather River Ranger District Collaborative to provide a venue and opportunity for any interested citizen or stakeholder to be involved in the active and adaptive management of our public lands administered by the Feather River Ranger District of USDA Forest Service, Plumas National Forest. My staff and I will host an open house at the District Offices at 875 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 5, 2018.

All interested groups and individuals are invited and encouraged to participate in this Collaborative and its various sub-committees, groups, and activities. Members must commit to active involvement in meetings, correspondence, and communication. Our NEPA process will still include public scoping and public comment periods.

I envision working groups evolving organically, based upon shareholder interest, but some focus areas for the Ranger District include wildfire and fuels, insects and disease, recreation, and motor vehicle access. The organizational meeting may result in the formation of one or several standing sub-committees.

If you have any questions or wish to confirm your attendance please call the District Offices Front Desk at 530-534-6500, or the District Planner at 530-532-8940, or you may send email to clayrdavis@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

DAVID B. BRILLENZ
District Ranger

Enclosure



Collaboration Process for the Feather River Ranger District

For the Feather River Ranger District, the responsible official has opted to use a collaborative process for strategic and tactical project planning that includes multiple interested persons representing diverse interests and is transparent and non-exclusive, as required by the Healthy Forest Restoration Act, Section 603(b)(1)(C)(i) and (ii)(I).

The following information demonstrates how the responsible official and the planning team: identifies and involves relevant stakeholders early in the process; develops a strategy to conduct a non-exclusive and transparent collaboration process; and plans for development and implementation of the project as part of the collaborative effort.

Identify and Involve Relevant Stakeholders Early in the Process

1) What agencies/organizations/individuals are being invited to participate early in the process to ensure diverse interests are represented?

a) Federal, state, and local government agencies: Congressman Doug LaMalfa, Congressman John Garamendi, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Oroville, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Yuba City, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Quincy, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Fire (CalFire), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), Butte County, Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC), Yuba County, Butte County, Yuba County, Sierra County, Plumas County

b) Tribal governments: Estom Yumeka Tribe of Enterprise Rancheria, Tyme Maidu Tribe of Berry Creek Rancheria, Concow Maidu Tribe of Mooretown Rancheria, Mechoopda Indian Tribe of Chico Rancheria

c) National, regional, and local stakeholders; non-governmental organizations: Sierra Forest Legacy (SFL), Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), John Muir Project (JMP), Plumas Forest Health (PFH), Lassen Forest Preservation Group (LFPG), Butte County Forest Advisory Committee (BCFAC), Feather River Land Trust, Sierra Institute for Community and Environment, Camptonville Community Partnership, Bear Yuba Land Trust

d) Communities: City of Oroville, Town of Paradise, Forest Ranch Community Association, Mountain House Community Services District

e) Interested groups or individuals, including resource advisory committees, fire safe councils, resource conservation districts, and watershed councils: Butte County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), Plumas County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC), Butte County Fire Safe Council (BCFSC), Yuba County Fire Safe Council (YCFSC), Plumas County Fire Safe Council, Feather River Ranger District Collaborative (FRRDC), Berry Creek FSC, Concow/Yankee Hill FSC, Feather Falls FSC, Forbestown Ridge FSC, Paradise Ridge FSC, Dobbins/Oregon House Fire Protection District, Yuba County Water Agency, Butte County Water Commission, Butte County Resource Conservation District (BCRCD), Butte County Tree Mortality Task Force, Butte College, Feather River College, California State University Chico, University of California Cooperative Extension, Dick Artley

f) Business and industry representatives: American Forest Resource Council (AFRC), Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI), Soper-Wheeler Company, Siller Brothers, Inc., J.W. Bamford, Inc., Trinity River Lumber Company, Apex Enterprises, Inc., Kubich Forest Products, Mike Corliss, Pacific Gas and Electric Co. (PG&E), South Feather Water and Power

2) How are these entities contacted? The District posts its proposed projects on the Forest's Schedule of Proposed Actions (SOPA), as well as displaying its' strategic 10 year program of work publicly and on its

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website. Collaboratives and partnerships are notified in writing ahead of the proposed projects and ahead of implementation if and when reasonable and possible. As well, email is used to engage potential/appropriate stakeholders in the project or program area. Some projects are posted and publicized with a public field trip and/or public meeting. Projects may be discussed in conjunction with a field trip or in a walk-through format.

Strategy to Conduct Non-exclusive and Transparent Collaboration

1) What method is used for facilitating the collaborative process and how does this method promote inclusiveness and transparency? The Forest works with the Tribal Governments, Butte County RAC, the BCFAC and the FRRDC. The Butte County RAC, BCFAC, and FRRDC are open groups which promote inclusiveness and transparency and currently has a very diverse active membership.

2) Demonstrate how the responsible official establishes clear objectives, roles and responsibilities for all participants at the beginning of the collaborative process.

a. What are the objectives of the collaborative process for the District? The objectives of the collaborative process are to improve Forest resiliency to resist or preclude damage to the Forest from insect and disease outbreaks, reduce potential for catastrophic fire outbreak that could have detrimental and serious consequences for the Wildland Urban Interface and for our threatened, endangered, and sensitive wildlife and plant species. The process intends to involve subject matter experts as well as taking into account concerns and needs of stakeholders. Additionally, it is a goal to have a collaborative process that continues through implementation so that more resources are available for effects monitoring.

b. What are the roles and responsibilities for the Collaboratives and District Team?

i. Participants: Share ideas and priorities with the Responsible Official relative to how projects are designed to best meet objectives. Additionally, work together to help create a plan on how the collaborative can complement work Forest Service and explore opportunities through Partnerships to work collaboratively in the implementation phase.

ii. Inter-Disciplinary Team (IDT): Share ideas and priorities with the Responsible Official, collect needed data, review best available science, and provide analysis as directed by the Responsible Official.

iii. Responsible Official: Give guidance to the Inter-Disciplinary Team and the participants. Listen to all involved in the collaborative process. Stay engaged and informed throughout the process.

3) Demonstrate how the responsible official clearly defines the decision space from the beginning and creates incentives for a variety of interested individuals and organizations to participate.

a. How will the responsible official identify for the collaborators the laws/regulations/policies and Forest Plan standards that guide and/or constrain the decision space and how will these be presented?

The Responsible Official or a representative will make project briefs available for public and collaborative review, appropriate members of the IDT will discuss these items during field trips and at collaborative meetings. Additionally, project documents will be shared when appropriate and available. This information will be shared and discussed early in the process and throughout as new information is gained.

b. How will the responsible official work to set realistic expectations, while encouraging participants to think creatively, optimistically, and pragmatically throughout the process? The Responsible Official or a representative will be engaged at collaborative meetings as to have a good understanding of the capacity and skill sets of participants. The Responsible Official or a representative will be positive but realistic relative to timelines and what the collaborative effort can accomplish. The Responsible Official or a representative will be engaged and involved to help participants in the collaborative process better understand their role by clearly defining the decision space.

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4) Demonstrate how the responsible official clearly explains the project principles, sharing of ideas and asking for input from collaborators.

a. Based on initial data collection and project area visits, how does the responsible official outline some of the opportunities that exist? The Responsible Official or a representative will summarize what is known about the project and provide updated information at regular intervals as necessary through the process. Information will be presented and discussed so that it can be understood by most of those involved. The Responsible Official or a representative will frame information relative to the sideboards of what will be allowable from such things as laws/regulations/policies and Forest Plan standards.

b. Based on decision space and initial opportunities identified, how does the responsible official outline some of the options (proposed treatment areas, possible types of treatment, mitigation measures/design features etc.) that exist and will he/she disclose the perceived pros/cons associated with these options? The Responsible Official or a representative will give as accurate as possible proposed action site maps and narratives, show proposed treatment areas, possible types of treatment, mitigation measures, and design features in a format that is simple and can be updated as new information becomes available. This document and other appropriate information (such as maps, etc.) will guide discussions at collaborative meetings.

c. Upon identifying these initial opportunities and options, how does the responsible official allow for feedback and input from the participants? The Responsible Official allows feedback through multiple methods such as verbally, in writing, by email, or during collaborative meetings. The preferable methods being in writing or email, so they are easily summarized and can be put into the project record as appropriate.

d. How does the responsible official intend to use this feedback? The Responsible Official will take into account all feedback from participants, the Interdisciplinary Team, public scoping, collaborative groups, and from project proponents to frame proposed actions, conduct review and analysis, and make decisions that best meets the objectives of the project and the needs of the stakeholders.

Plan for Development and Implementation as Part of the Collaborative Effort

1) How does the responsible official share information widely and continuously (i.e. routine updates on the project webpage, email, etc.)? The Responsible Official or a representative will be engaged in collaborative meetings which allow for continuous dialogue, keep the Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) and the District Strategic Plans updated, and provide evolving briefing papers when appropriate that provide basic project information as well as current project status.

2) How does the collaborative process utilize local knowledge in conjunction with scientific research? Engaging the local knowledge of the diverse membership of the collaborative as well as using the best available science from the Forest Service and partners enable dialogue that takes into account both local knowledge and resource specialty expertise from the government and academia.

3) What commitments does the responsible official make to the collaborative group, and how will he/she ensure these are honored and consistent with existing laws and regulations? The Responsible Official will be engaged and communicate clearly when commitments are being made. The Responsible Official is committed to listening and having meaningful dialogue. The Responsible Official will us reviews by Forest Service specialists to ensure consistency with existing laws and regulations.

4) How will collaborative participants engage during implementation and will they remain involved in monitoring after project completion? Through the collaborative process the groups will explore partnerships for implementation and monitoring through agreements and other authorized mechanisms to be able to continue monitoring from the planning through the decision and implementation stages of project development and review.