



# BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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## October 22, 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, Dan Taverner, Peggy Moak  
**Alternates:** Vance Severin, Jim Shary, Bob Gage, Angel Gomez, Pete Moak  
**Invited Guests:** Russell Nickerson, (District Ranger, Almanor Ranger District, Lassen National Forest), David Brillenz (District Ranger, Feather River Ranger District (FRRD), Plumas National Forest), Clay Davis (NEPA Planner, FRRD) Laura Page (Congressman LaMalfa); Dennis Schmidt (Coordinating Committee, Public Works);
- 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 9-24-18 – 5 Min.
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Calli-Jane De Anda: RAC Grant – County Wide Forest Management Plan and Handbook 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)
- Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, Clay Davis (District Planner): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – 30 Min.
  - Lassen NF Almanor Ranger District- Russell Nickerson (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – 15 Min.
- 4.03 Roads and Grant Updates: Public Works – 5 Min.
- 4.04 Discussion of roads/trails we might like to propose to the PNF for retention – see attached from prior years.
- 4.05 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is November 26, 2018 - Chico, 5:00 PM
- South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
  - Fish & Wildlife
  - Bill Smith – Retired Forester – and panel on forest management
- 4.06 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 Action (SOPA)

10/01/2018 to 12/31/2018

### Plumas National Forest

This report contains the best available information at the time of publication. Questions may be directed to the Project Contact.

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region, Occurring in more than one Forest (excluding Regionwide)</b>					
<b>Beckwourth Peak Recreation Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/04/2017	Expected:06/2019	06/2019	Jeremy Dorsey 707-574-6877 jdorsey02@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52465">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52465</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Sierraville Ranger District, Beckwourth 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.					
<b>Mammoth Base Area Land Exchange</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Land ownership management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 08/30/2018	Expected:12/2018	03/2019	Janelle Walker 760-924-5523 janellewalker@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30428">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=30428</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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

R5 - Pacific Southwest Region

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<b>PG&amp;E Master Special Use Permit and Easement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/18/2018	Expected:09/2018	09/2018	Spencer Bleadorn 603-536-1315 sbleadorn@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Plumas National Forest, proposes to continue authorizing the use and occupancy of NFS land to Pacific Gas & Electric for existing electric system facilities and infrastructure by issuance of special use authorizations.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Plumas National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Across the Plumas National Forest.				
<b>Plumas National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation</b> EIS  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: NOI in Federal Register 09/29/2015 Est. DEIS NOA in Federal Register 10/2018	Expected:06/2019	07/2019	Katherine Carpenter 530-283-7742 kacarpenter@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47124">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47124</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Feather River Inn Water System</b> CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robert Hawkins 916-849-8037 rhhawkins@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Haskell Forest Health Project</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2018	Expected:10/2018	03/2019	Michael Friend 530-836-7167 mjfriend@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Improve forest health and enhance resistance to insect and disease attacks. Proposed activities may include: mechanical thinning, hand thinning, grapple piling, pile burning, underburning, and decommissioning of non-system roads.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52569">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52569</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is located 4 to 6 miles Southeast of Graeagle, CA and 10 miles south of Portola in Plumas and Sierra Counties, California.					
<b>Haskell Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	Michael Friend 530-836-7167 mjfriend@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This is a duplicate project. The correct project is: Haskell Ecosystem Health Project, project #:52569.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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).				

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<b>Lakes Basin Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> <li>- Forest products</li> <li>- Vegetation management (other than forest products)</li> <li>- Fuels management</li> <li>- Road management</li> </ul>	Completed	Actual: 09/27/2018	10/2018	Gretchen Jehle 530-283-7689 gjehle@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Improve forest health and reduce hazards around recreation sites. Activities include mechanical thinning, grapple piling, mastication, hand thinning and underburning.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40964">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=40964</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas, Sierra. LEGAL - All or portions of T22N, R11E, Sec. 36, T22N, R12E, Sec. 21-22, 27-29, 31-34, T21N, R11E, Sec. 1, 12-13, 24, T21N, R12E, Sec. 3-6, 7-10, 15-18, 19-22, 30, Mount Diablo Base Meridian. Lakes Basin recreation area.					
<b>Mills Peak Trail South</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recreation management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/27/2016	Expected:10/2018	06/2019	Jeremy Dorsey 707-574-6877 jdorsey02@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Trail system would connect the Mills Peak Trail to the Round Lake Trailhead.					
<b>Thompson Meadow Restoration Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants</li> <li>- Grazing management</li> <li>- Watershed management</li> </ul>	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/08/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2018	Expected:05/2019	07/2019	Joseph Hoffman 530-283-2050 jahoffman@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52760">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52760</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Plumas National Forest</b>	<b>Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>	
<b>Two Rivers Soccer Camp Permit Re-issue</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2015	Expected:01/2019	01/2019	Jeremy Dorsey 909 382-2837 jdorsey02@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

<b>Plumas National Forest</b>	<b>Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>	
<b>2018 Emergency Road Repairs</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 07/11/2018	07/2018	Herman Wendell 530-532-7466 hwendell@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> These Emergency Relief for Federally Owned Roads (ERFO)funded projects would replace failed culverts with larger pipe and other water control improvements before repairing damaged roadbed with the existing travel ways to reestablish access.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54024">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54024</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. China Gulch, FSR 23N60, MP 8.95; Four Trees Sites 1 and 2, FSR 23N28, MP 14.5 and 15.3; Milsap Bar, FRS 23N60, MP 6.8; Ponderosa Way Sites 1 and 2, FSR 20N24, MP 2.85 and MP 2.87.				
<b>Big Pan Mining Plan of Operations</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 08/02/2018	08/2018	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Continued placer mining operation, using gold pans and sluice box. Long term occupancy. Non-system road with gate.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53004">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53004</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T22N, R11E, Sec 7. eight miles west of the Beckwourth ranger station.				

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<b>Bullards Bar Invasive Plant Treatments Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Completed	Actual: 07/31/2018	10/2018	Lawrence Janeway 530-532-7417 ljaneway@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52835">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52835</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Challenge Stand Maintenance and Wildlife Habitat Improvement Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/09/2016	Expected:10/2018	11/2018	Jason Vermillion 530-532-7434 jvermillion@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> To authorize new entry and reentry into stands within the WUI, including experimental forest and spotted owl habitat to perform forest health improvement activities such as mechanical and hand-thinning, mastication, targeted grazing, prescribed fire.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54023">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54023</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In and around the communities of Challenge and Woodleaf, California.				
<b>Devils Gap Forest Health Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 09/27/2018	09/2018	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The project proposes to reduce the risk of insect and disease-caused tree mortality through mechanical thinning. Fuels reduction and maintenance could be accomplished with mastication and/or biomass removal and prescribed burning.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54028">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54028</a>				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Along the National Forest System Road 21N51 from American House to Devils Gap.				



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<b>Plumas National Forest</b>	<b>Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>	
<b>FRRD Abandoned Mine Closures - 2018</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/18/2018	Expected:10/2018	05/2019	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> These abandoned mines currently pose a safety and health risk to the public. There are five open adits. Underground, unstable rock, rotting timbers, rusting metal, bad air, low oxygen levels, deep water, and other unknown hazards may exist.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54025">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54025</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - MDM, T19N, R6E, Sections 3-5 & 8. South and East of South Fork Feather River entering Lake Oroville.					
<b>Feather Falls National Scenic Trail Repairs</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Recreation management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/24/2018	Expected:10/2018	01/2019	Michelle Ahearn 530.532.7447 mahearn02@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Project proposes to repair the trail, overlook, parking lot, and access road as well as replacing restroom, improve campground, and replace water system at adjacent trailhead and campground.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located in the Feather Falls Scenic Area, the Feather Falls National Scenic Trail is a 9 miles loop and return to the 640-foot Feather Falls waterfall on the Falls River, 27 miles drive from Oroville.					
<b>Hughes Wetland Development and Maintenance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2017	Expected:10/2018	05/2019	James Johnson 530-283-7827 jamesmjohnson@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51541">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51541</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					



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<b>Plumas National Forest Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>			
<b>Mooreville Ridge Insect and Disease Resilience Project</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 09/2018	Expected:12/2018	01/2019	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Reduce the risk of insect and disease-caused tree mortality through mechanical thinning. Fuels deduction and maintenance would be accomplished with mastication and prescribed burning. Residual stands will be more open, increasing resources for trees.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54027">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54027</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is located ~2 miles west and southwest of La Porte, CA at elevations ranging between 3,700 and 5,900 feet. Stands are Region 5 Forest Health Protection priority areas for treatment.					
<b>Regular Baptist Camp Waterlines Special Use</b> 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
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50386">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50386</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

<b>Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>			
<b>Brown Deck Addition BL #119</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/16/2018	Expected:08/2018	08/2018	Colleen Heard 530-283-7622 cheard@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Addition to the deck at Lot #119 (Brown Family Trust) in the Bucks Lake Tract. The addition will add 84 sq. ft. of deck to the existing 172 sq. ft. for a total of 256 sq. ft., and require an amendment to the special use permit.					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T23N, R7E, Sec 4 MDBM. Lot #119 Bucks Lake Recreation Residence Tract, Bucks Lake, CA.					

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<b>El Rico Mina Mining Exploration Project</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/25/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 12/2018	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The project would entail construction of .4 miles of road to access a ridgetop area. Once the road is completed, core drilling samples would be taken along the road using a drill rig, which may lead to construction of a shaft and tunnel.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. T26N, R9E, Section 4, MDBM.				
<b>Franks Valley Forest Health Project</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/15/2017	Expected:08/2018	09/2018	Kristin Winford 530-283-7683 klwinford@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Improve forest health, wildlife habitat, Baker Cypress habitat and reduce fire risk around seasonal residences in Frank's Valley.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51526">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51526</a>				
<b>Golden Willow Placer Mining Exploration</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2018	Expected:08/2018	09/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch Outfitting and Guiding Permit reissue</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/26/2012	Expected:10/2018	10/2018	Elizabeth Sousa 530-283-7622 esousa@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Lucky Bar Placer Mining Exploration</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 07/23/2018	07/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Ohio Creek Placer Mining PoO</b> CE	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 05/02/2018	05/2018	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Small scale minerals exploration, road improvements, water source development, use of backhoe, on-site occupancy				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T26N, R8E, Sec 5. Near Seneca, along Ohio Creek.				
<b>Partner Mining Exploration Project</b> EA	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 04/17/2018 04/17/2018	06/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50765">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=50765</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Plumas National Forest</b>	<b>Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>	
<b>Ridge Placer Mining Exploration</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 12/11/2017	08/2018	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Excavation of mineral deposits from two test pits using a front loader. Material would be processed through a trommel and sluice. The water source is the Grizzly Mine adit, piped to a 7000 gallon tank. Water is discharged to a rock percolation area.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51060">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51060</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project is near the North Fork Feather River in Seneca, CA. Legal location T26N, R8E, Se 1/4 of Section 16, MDBM.					
<b>Royal Rush Placer</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 08/29/2018	05/2019	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52584">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52584</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Sierra Bible Camp Amendment</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 04/20/2018	06/2018	Kyla Sabo 530-836-7157 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Snake Lake and Greenville Shooting Range - Lead Remediation Project</b> CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 12/11/2017	12/2017	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7620 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Grading and re-contouring of the shooting ranges at Snake Lake and Greenville to direct water away from stream channels. Treatment with lime to reduce impacts to water quality. Closure of the shotgun range (GV) and unofficial range area (SL).				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53021">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53021</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Greenville Range is north of Greenville, CA, along NFS Road 27N89, T27N, R9E, Section 34 MDBM. The Snake Lake Range is west of Quincy, CA, along County Road 435, in T24N, R8E, Section 12 MDBM.					
<b>Soper Wheeler Silver Creek Pipeline Replacement Project</b> EA *NEW LISTING*	- Special use management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2018	Expected:01/2019	02/2019	Erika Brenzovich 530-283-7620 ebrenzovich@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The proposed project includes the replacement of the existing plastic and metal pipe with new high-density polyethylene (HDPE) 14-20 diameter pipe for a total length of 5,405 feet				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54827">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54827</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T 24 N, R 8 E, Sec 15 & 16. The project is located near Meadow Valley, CA adjacent to Silver Creek.					

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### Lassen National Forest

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Lassen National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
<b>Lassen National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle(OSV) Use Designation</b>  EIS	- Recreation management - Road 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
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45832">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=45832</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Lassen National Forest PG&amp;E Master Special Use Permit Renewal Project</b>  CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/19/2018	Expected:12/2018	12/2018	Spencer Bleadorn 858-674-2904 sbleadorn@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53492">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53492</a>					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

Lassen National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)	R5 - Pacific Southwest Region
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<b>Lassen National Forest, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Southwest Lassen Watershed Improvement Project</b> CE	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/20/2018	Expected:11/2018	05/2019	Chris Obrien 530-252-6698 cjobrien@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The LNF proposes a limited set of activities that could be implemented to address the purpose and need. The activities can be categorized into two different types: activities at road-stream intersections and rehabilitation of non-NFS routes.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54111">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54111</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Almanor Ranger District, Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Shasta, Tehama. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The project area includes Lassen NF lands within Old Cow, Battle, Antelope, Mill, Deer, Big Chico, Butte and upper Feather River watersheds.					

Lassen National Forest	Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
<b>Jones Meadow Fuels Reduction</b> EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2018	Expected:05/2018	07/2018	Jennifer Erickson 530-258-5141 jlerickson@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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).				
<b>Little Bear Forest Health Restoration Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Research and Development	Completed	Actual: 08/06/2018	08/2018	Laura Corral 530-258-5156 lcorral@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51477">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51477</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					



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<b>Lassen National Forest Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>			
<b>Middle Ridge Danger Trees</b> CE <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Completed	Actual: 09/18/2018	10/2018	Jennifer Erickson 530-258-5141 jlerickson@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> Falling and piling of danger trees along Ponderosa Way. Approximately 15 acres.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54760">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54760</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Tehama. LEGAL - Township 28 North, Range 2 East, Sections 19 and 20, Mount Diablo Meridian. Project is located on Middle Ridge, along Ponderosa Way, in Tehama county.					
<b>Ridge Project</b> CE <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special area management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/20/2016	Expected:12/2019	06/2020	Susan Wilcox 530-257-4188, ext. 808 swilcox@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> 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.					
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Lassen National Forest Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>		<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>			
<b>BNSF Railway Road Easement</b> CE <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 09/20/2018	06/2019	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
<b>Description:</b> BNSF is requesting a road easement allowing access to portion of the railroad where a siding (extra track for passing trains) will be constructed and maintained within the existing BNSF Right-of-way.					
<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54220">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54220</a>					
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The easement is located on the Eagle Lake Ranger District consisting of 0.682 acres being a 40 foot wide strip of land. SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec 7 and NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec18, T28N,R9E MDBM.					

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<b>Lassen National Forest Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Brockman Flat Fire Salvage</b> CE  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Forest products - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2018	Expected:11/2018	11/2018	Chuck Lewis 530-257-4188 ex.5832 calewis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project focuses on priority areas in the vicinity of Spalding, and residential and recreational lake access roads. The primary goal for this project is to promptly reduce safety hazards and meet fuels and reforestation objectives economically.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is located approximately 18 miles northwest of Susanville CA, east and south of Spalding Community, primarily along County Road 518 and Forest Service road 32N27Y.				
<b>Confluence Meadow Restoration Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/26/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Tyanna Blaschak 530-257-4188 tsblaschak@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52590">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52590</a>				
<b>Dyer Mountain Communication Site Development</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2019	Expected:09/2019	06/2020	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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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<b>Lassen National Forest Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>LMUD Master Permit Issuance</b> CE  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 07/06/2018	11/2018	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>North Eagle Lake, Champs Flat, and Lower Pine Creek Allotments Grazing Mgt. Project</b> EA  <b>*UPDATED*</b>	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/06/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 11/2018	Expected:03/2019	05/2019	Kirsten Pasero 530-252-5854 kpasero@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Grazing allotment management plans.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48381">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48381</a>				
<b>Whaleback Fire Salvage</b> EA  <b>*NEW LISTING*</b>	- Forest products - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2018	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	Chuck Lewis 530-257-4188 ex.5832 calewis@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Project focus: Treating priority areas in Whaleback Fire footprint by reducing safety hazards along roads, fuel breaks & treatment areas; recover economic value of burned trees; reduce fuel loads; accelerate reforestation; & treating Aspen stands.				
	<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project is approximately 20 miles NW of Susanville, CA; 5 miles W of the community of Spalding. Majority of project is on Whaleback Mountain. Small portion in Brockman Flat along County Road A1.				

<b>Lassen National Forest Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>	<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>
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<b>Lassen National Forest Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Bailey Creek Aquatic Organism Passage (AOP) Project</b> CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2018	Expected:03/2018	08/2019	Shawn Wheelock 530-336-3340 swheelock@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48504">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=48504</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Citizens Utility Company Aerial Telephone Line project</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Cornaz Lake Bouldering Project</b> CE	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2018	Expected:03/2018	06/2018	Shawn Wheelock 530-336-3340 swheelock@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> The Cornaz Lake Bouldering 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53496">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53496</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					

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<b>Lassen National Forest Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)</b>			<b>R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>		
<b>Hat Creek Debris Removal and Stream Bank Stabilization Project</b> CE	- Recreation management - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2018	Expected:03/2018	05/2018	Shawn Wheelock 530-336-3340 swheelock@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53523">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53523</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Hat Creek Rim Hang Glider &amp; Paraglider Project</b> 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
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Lake Britton Trail Bridges Project</b> CE	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/01/2017	Expected:09/2018	09/2018	Greg Mayer 530-336-5521 gmayer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				

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<b>Lassen National Forest Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R5 - Pacific Southwest Region</b>					
<b>Plum Restoration Project</b> EA	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 04/24/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2018	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Greg Mayer 530-336-5521 gmayer@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> 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.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47742">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47742</a>				
<b>Location:</b> 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.					
<b>Soldier Mountain Lookout Permit Issuance</b> CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2017	Expected:09/2017	09/2017	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> Special use permit issuance for the operation of a fire detection lookout and communication uses.				
	<b>Location:</b> 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.				
<b>Table Mountain Wildfire Protection Project</b> CE	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/06/2018	Expected:10/2018	10/2018	Crystal Danheiser 530-258-5183 cdanheiser@fs.fed.us
	<b>Description:</b> This project would reduce vegetation density on 70 acres surrounding the Table Mountain Communications Site in order to reduce the risk of wildfire and minimize signal interference to the microwave path that supports critical infrastructure.				
	<b>Web Link:</b> <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54088">http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54088</a>				
<b>Location:</b> UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Location: Table Mountain approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the junction of Highways 44 and 89, immediately north of the Lassen Volcanic National Park. Sections 6 and 7 T31N, R4E,MDM.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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August 4, 2016

Daniel Lovato, Forest Supervisor  
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Re: Plumas National Forest Travel Analysis Report

Dear Supervisor Lovato:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the February 2016 draft of the Plumas National Forest Travel Analysis Report (TAR). The Butte County Federal/State Land Use Coordinating Committee (the Committee) understands that Travel Analysis Report review is a complex and detailed task, and that the report is the product of a tremendous amount of staff effort. We also understand that budgets have been constrained and that funding for road maintenance in the Plumas National Forest (Plumas NF) has become a matter of scarce resources stretched very thinly.

After a thorough review, the Committee believes the draft TAR needs substantial review and refinement. We are concerned that Table 3 "Questions to guide development of more site specific evaluation criteria" is overwhelmingly negative to vehicle and OHV access - it focuses almost completely on perceived or potential negative impacts of access. We have serious concerns with the basis for conclusions and recommendations in the report related to the Maintenance Level 1 and 2 roads. For instance, how is the rating scale weighted? Should there not be a balance between recreation and resource management? Social values, i.e. public access by Maintenance Level 2 roads, appear to have been assigned low or lowest priority in the TAR. The Committee would like to see a list of the criteria, including weighting, to ensure that the criteria and subsequent analysis is balanced, in terms of site specific benefits, current usage, negative impacts of closure, user perspectives and mitigation possibilities.

Considering the Plumas TAR core mission to "enhance opportunities for motorized recreation experiences on NFS lands", how does the designation for road 24N04 fit in? As a side note, this road is largely located within Lassen National Forest (Lassen NF). The Plumas NF is the manager of this portion of the Lassen NF; however, there is no reference to any consensus with the Lassen NF regarding the classification of the 24N04, or any road in the Lassen NF that is managed by the Plumas NF. The 24N04 connects Concow Road, Ramsey Bar and High Lakes Trails to the Tobin Ridge area and down to the Feather River Canyon. Although the 24N04 is a major access corridor to established recreation areas, including dry campgrounds and the

High Lakes area, and provides opportunity for loop access, it is deemed "Likely Not Needed." The Committee believe this designation is a mistake; that the 24N04 is greatly needed for public access, is utilized regularly and must be kept open.


It is the Committee's understanding that a goal of Subpart B, PNF Travel Management Plan is to facilitate loop travel, and that dead end trails are less desirable. The TAR states that existing roads 22N72X, 22N84B, 23N30X are "Likely Not Needed," however, closure of these roads would isolate contiguous inventoried trails (5M12, 5M01 and 5M02, 5M13 and 5M17) from adjacent roads and trails, thereby restricting the potential for loop travel. These roads are needed and should be kept open or converted to trails. The examples cited above are by no means comprehensive; additional input is needed from trail users, and such feedback should be incorporated into the recommendations. If old data is being used, as stated in the TAR, and no NEPA has been performed for the subject roads, how is it that the analysis/decision process incorporates "science-based transportation analysis"? The Committee respectfully requests specific justifications for deeming the 24N04, 22N72X, 22N84B and 23N30X "Likely Not Needed".

The TAR should consider, and maintain access to, the Table II trails included in Subpart B of the PNF Travel Management Plan. These trails are currently the subject of a grant funded assessment project, managed by Butte County, to evaluate the condition of each trail and to determine necessary mitigations to allow them to be reopened. Volunteer user groups are assisting in this analysis as part of the County match (please note that Page 18 of the TAR erroneously refers to one volunteer group as the "Paradise Ridge Diggers"; it should read "Paradise Ridge Riders").

The "Opportunities and Priorities" section of the report cites several options for roads determined to be "Likely Not Needed", including: change jurisdiction of the road, change the road's maintenance level, convert the road to another use, such as a motorized or hiking trail, and/or adjust season of use. Future projects' site-specific analysis should prioritize maintenance of public access, and utilize these and similar alternatives to road closure when possible.

The Committee understands that the draft TAR is not a decisioning document; however, it provides a guideline for future endeavors, and therefore deserves careful consideration before recommendations are finalized. We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the draft TAR, and encourage the Plumas NF to further coordinate with user groups, local governments and adjacent National Forests' land managers to ensure to ensure well rounded analysis is undertaken as a key to a reasonable and well-supported plan of action.

Yours truly,



Mike Crump, Director of Public Works

Butte County Federal/State Land Use Coordinating Committee

cc: Butte County Board of Supervisors  
Butte County Forest Advisory Committee  
Plumas County Board of Supervisors  
Paul Hahn, Butte County CAO

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Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the draft TAR.