



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 28, 2019—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 (pending renewal), Peggy Moak (interim)

Alternates: Vance Severin, Bob Gage, Angel Gomez, Pete Moak

Invited Guests: Wolfy Rougle (Butte County RCD), 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.

3.00 **Consent Agenda**

3.01 Review and approve minutes of 12-17-2018 – 5 Min.

4.00 **Agenda**

4.01 Wolfy Rougle: Position Grants Available for Forest Health Watershed Coordinators (15-30 Min)

The California Department of Conservation (DOC) has released guidelines for eight new Forest Health Watershed Coordinator position grants. The principal goal of the Forest Health Watershed Coordinator Program is to improve watershed health by providing support for local, collaborative watershed improvement efforts. The program aims to restore health and resilience to forests at the watershed scale for multiple benefits, including water quality. Local entities have the best understanding of the environmental and social context within which statewide forest management practices can be executed, along with the needs of individual watershed regions. It has been shown that local leadership – such as an on-the-ground coordinator – can help communities plan projects and leverage funds to achieve forest watershed health, especially in critical areas.

4.02 Plumas National Forest OSV DEIS – Uncertainty on comment period – may be extended (30 min)

4.03 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 – 15 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.

4.04 OHV Grant Updates – Thad Walker - 15 Min.

4.05 Forest Advisory Committee positions update – 5 Min.

- Dan Taverner – Agriculture/Timber Management – pending renewal by Board of Supervisors
- Vacancy – Economic/Tourism Alternate
- Ex-Officio – action pending

4.06 Roads and Grant Updates: Public Works – 5 Min.

4.07 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is February 25, 2019 - Chico, 5:00 PM

- South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
- Fish & Wildlife
- Bill Smith – Retired Forester – and panel on forest management

4.08 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)

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

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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 FEIS NOA in Federal Register 03/29/2018	Expected: 10/2019	10/2019	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: 04/2019	06/2019	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, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)				R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Southwest Lassen Watershed Improvement Project CE	- Watershed management	In Progress Scoping Start 06/20/2018	Expected: 06/2019	06/2019	Chris Obrien 530-252-6698 cjobrien@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54111				
Location: 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.					

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Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District				R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Jones Meadow Fuels Reduction EA	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	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).				
Ridge Project CE	- 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
	Description: Begin post-fire restoration in Inventoried Roadless Area to help promote a diversity of habitats that have been lost. Activities include re-establishment of native conifers with reforestation methods. Fuels treatments are no longer proposed.				
	Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T25N,R6E,Sec 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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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 01/2019	Expected: 07/2019	07/2019	Bobette Jones 530-257-4188 bobettejones@fs.fed.us
	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. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52590				
	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.				
Dyer Mountain Communication Site Development CE	- Special use management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2019	Expected: 09/2019	06/2020	Nancy Barrera 530-258-5107 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: Plumas County Sheriff's office propose to construct and develop a communications tower and prefabricated communications vault for the operation and maintenance of emergency radio communication equipment, at the current Dyer Mountain Lookout location.				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - T28N,R08E,Section 36 Eagle Lake Ranger District, Dyer Mountain Communication Site. The exact location on the .96 acre parcel of the project will be determined once the historic evaluation is completed.				
North Eagle Lake, Champs Flat, and Lower Pine Creek Allotments Grazing Mgt.	- Grazing management	In Progress Scoping Start 03/06/2018	Expected: 05/2019	06/2019	Kirsten Pasero 530-252-5854 kpasero@fs.fed.us

Project EA		Est. Comment Period 02/2019			
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.					
Whaleback Fire Salvage EA	- Fuels management - Forest products	In Progress Scoping Start 10/23/2018 Est. Comment Period 02/2019	Expected: 05/2019	06/2019	Chuck Lewis 530-257-4188 ex.5832 calewis@fs.fed.us
Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54808					
Location: 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.					

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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
Citizens Utility Company Aerial Telephone Line project CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	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.					
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	- Road management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management - Fuels management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	In Progress Comment Period 11/13/2018	Expected: 04/2019	05/2019	Greg Mayer 530-336-5521 gmayer@fs.fed.us

	<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47742</p>				
	<p>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.</p>				
Table Mountain Wildfire Protection Project 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
	<p>Description: 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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54088</p>				
	<p>Location: 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</p>				

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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: 06/2019	06/2019	Jeremy Dorsey 707-574-6877 jdorsey02@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 FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/30/2018	Expected: 12/2018	03/2019	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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PG&E Master Special Use Permit and Easement Project CE	- 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
	<p>Description: 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.</p>				
	<p>Location: UNIT - Plumas National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable Across the Plumas National Forest</p>				

Plumas National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress DEIS NOA in Federal Register 12/10/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 06/2019	Expected: 06/2019	07/2019	Katherine Carpenter 530-283-7742 kacarpenter@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=47124</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Plumas National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable National Forest System lands administered by the Plumas National Forest (forest-wide).</p>					

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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
Aurora Rose Mining Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 09/19/2018 Est. Comment Period 02/2019	Expected: 04/2019	05/2019	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: Excavation of mineralized rock vein using hand tools such as shovels, picks, hand operated drills. Road repairs to .3 miles of 4WD access road including filling in holes and brushing with loppers. Long term camping at the claim while mining.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54856</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable The legal location of the project is T26N, R12E, Section 36, MDBM. The project area is southeast of Babcock Peak, off NFS Road 26N53.</p>					
Feather River Inn Water System CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Robert Hawkins 916-849-8037 rhhawkins@fs.fed.us
<p>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.</p>					
<p>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.</p>					
Haskell Forest Health Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management - Forest products	In Progress Scoping Start 09/05/2018	Expected: 01/2019	03/2019	Michael Friend 530-836-7167 mjfriend@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: 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.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52569</p>					
<p>Location: 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.</p>					

Mills Peak Trail South CE	- Recreation management	In Progress Scoping Start 09/27/2016	Expected: 12/2018	06/2019	Jeremy Dorsey 707-574-6877 jdorsey02@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.					
Thompson Meadow Restoration Project EA	- Grazing management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress Scoping Start 11/08/2017 Est. Comment Period 01/2019	Expected: 05/2019	07/2019	Joseph Hoffman 530-283-2050 jahoffman@fs.fed.us
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. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=52760					
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.					
Two Rivers Soccer Camp Permit Re-issue CE	- Special use management	In Progress Scoping Start 05/01/2015	Expected: 01/2019	01/2019	Jeremy Dorsey 909 382-2837 jdorsey02@fs.fed.us
Description: Re-issue a 20 year permit to Two Rivers Soccer Camp for the following uses: bridge, road, parking area, portion of a soccer field, water transmission lines, storage tank and spring boxes.					
Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Sections 30, 31, 32, T. 22 N., R. 12E., Mt. Diablo Meridian Two Rivers Soccer Camp is located near Blairsden, California.					

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Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
FRRD Abandoned Mine Closures - 2018 CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 05/18/2018	Expected: 01/2019	05/2019	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
Description: These abandoned mines currently pose a safety and health risk to the public. There are five open adits. Underground, unstable rock, rotting timbers, rusting metal, bad air, low oxygen levels, deep water, and other unknown hazards may exist. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54025					
Location: 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.					
Feather Falls National Scenic Trail Repairs CE	- Watershed management - Recreation management	In Progress Scoping Start 09/24/2018	Expected: 01/2019	01/2019	Michelle Ahearn 530.532.7447 mahearn02@fs.fed.us
Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54758					
Location: 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.					
Hughes Wetland	- Watershed management	In Progress	Expected:	05/2019	James Johnson

Development and Maintenance CE	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	Scoping Start 03/28/2017	01/2019		530-283-7827 jamesmjohnson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Propose to protect, maintain and enhance existing habitat conditions and provide additional breeding habitat for the California red-legged frog by constructing ponds, remove invasive species, and other activities in designated critical habitat. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=51541				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable Hughes Place within the French Creek watershed has been designated as critical Habitat for the California Red-Legged Frog.				
Mooreville Ridge Insect and Disease Resilience Project CE	- Fuels management - Watershed management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Road management	In Progress Scoping Start 09/20/2018	Expected: 04/2019	05/2019	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54027				
	Location: 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.				

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Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough Ranger District			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
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El Rico Mina Mining Exploration Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 07/25/2018 Est. Comment Period 04/2019	Expected: 06/2019	06/2019	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable T26N, R9E, Section 4, MDBM				
Four Kings Mining Exploration Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 11/26/2018	Expected: 03/2019	04/2019	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Operators will excavate an area along the stream bench using a backhoe to dig three test trenches. Trenches are expected to be 30' x 3' x 2'. Material will be processed through a trommel using water pumped from West Branch Lights Creek.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Legal location is T28N, R11E, Section 31, MDBM. The claim is located along the West Branch of Lights Creek, northeast of Greenville, CA.				
Franks Valley Forest Health Project CE	- Forest products - Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress Scoping Start 05/15/2017	Expected: 08/2018	09/2018	Kristin Winford 530 283-7683 klwinford@fs.fed.us

	Description: Improve forest health, wildlife habitat, Baker Cypress habitat and reduce fire risk around seasonal residences in Frank's Valley. Web Link: http://www.fs.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.				
Greenhorn Creek Guest Ranch Outfitting and Guiding Permit reissue CE	- Recreation management	In Progress Scoping Start 12/26/2012	Expected: 10/2018	10/2018	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				
Soper Wheeler Silver Creek Pipeline Replacement Project EA	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress Scoping Start 10/11/2018 Est. Comment Period 12/2018	Expected: 01/2019	02/2019	Erika Brenzovich 530-283-7620 ebrenzovich@fs.fed.us
	Description: 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 Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=54827				
	Location: 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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