



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 20, 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,
Alternates: Vance Severin, Bob Gage
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 4-22-2019 – 5 Min.
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Water Board Grant – Educational Workshop – Thad Walker – 10 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 and Collaborator's Meeting Update – 20 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 Granite Basin OHV Trail Development Project – Comment Period – 10 Min
- 4.04 Applicant for Ag/Timber alternate position– review qualifications and consider recommendation – 10 Min
- 4.05 New Business – Considerations for upcoming meeting agendas: Next meeting is June 24, 2019 - Chico, 5:00 PM
- CA Mechatronics Center FRoomba!! (Nick R.)
 - Access to evacuation routes, traffic studies, in the event of wildfire (CalFire, PW, BCFSC)
 - 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)

04/01/2019 to 06/30/2019

Plumas National Forest

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

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.usda.gov/project/?project=52465</p> <p>Location: 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.</p>					
Mammoth Base Area Land Exchange EIS *UPDATED*	- Land ownership management	Completed	Actual: 01/31/2019	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.usda.gov/project/?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>					

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

R5 - Pacific Southwest Region

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Plumas National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
PG&E Master Special Use Permit and Easement Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 02/15/2019	02/2019	Spencer Bleadorn 603-536-1315 sbleadorn@fs.fed.us
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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53838					
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: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/08/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 01/2020	Expected:02/2020	03/2020	Katherine Carpenter 530-283-7742 katherine.carpenter@usda.gov
Description: Designate over-snow vehicle (OSV) use on National Forest System roads and trails and areas on National Forest System lands as allowed, restricted, or prohibited. Identify trails for snow grooming for OSV use would be conducted.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=47124					
Location: UNIT - Plumas National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. National Forest System lands administered by the Plumas National Forest (forest-wide).					

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Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Aurora Rose Mining Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/19/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 02/2019	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54856					
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.					

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Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Feather River Inn Water System CE	- 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 Forest Health Project CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/05/2018	Expected:01/2019	03/2019	Michael Friend 530-836-7167 mjfriend@fs.fed.us
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=52569				
Mills Peak Trail South CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management	Completed	Actual: 02/06/2019	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.				

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Plumas National Forest Beckwourth Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Thompson Meadow Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/08/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2019	Expected:10/2019	10/2019	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.usda.gov/project/?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.				

Plumas National Forest Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Concow Fire Salvage Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
	Description: Tree mortality is occurring in areas of high and mixed fire severity. We propose to log dead and dying trees that present a safety hazard and risk to forest visitors, neighboring landowners and their homes, employees, and facilities.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55461				
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Nearby the community of Concow, CA. Areas along Concow Road and Rim Road were burned severely in the Camp Fire (November 8-25, 2018). Elevations 2800-3200 feet.					

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Plumas National Forest	Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
FRRD Abandoned Mine Closures - 2018 CE *UPDATED*	- Minerals and Geology	Completed	Actual: 02/05/2019	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.usda.gov/project/?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 Scenic Area and Recreation Trail Repairs CE *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 02/27/2019	02/2019	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.usda.gov/project/?project=54758				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable. In the Feather Falls Scenic Area, the Feather Falls National Recreation 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 Development and Maintenance CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/28/2017	Expected:04/2019	05/2019	James Johnson 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.usda.gov/project/?project=51541				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Hughes Place within the French Creek watershed has been designated as critical Habitat for the California Red-Legged Frog.				

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Plumas National Forest Feather River Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
Magalia Fire Salvage Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/12/2019	Expected:05/2019	06/2019	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
Description: Tree mortality is occurring in areas of high and mixed fire severity. We propose to log dead and dying trees where they present a safety hazard and risk to forest visitors, neighboring landowners and their homes, employees, and facilities.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55459					
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable. East of the community of Magalia, CA. Areas along Coutolenc Road and Lucretia Road and around Paradise Lake area were burned severely in the Camp Fire (November 8-25, 2018). Elevations 1900-2700 feet.					
Mooreville Ridge Insect and Disease Resilience Project CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/20/2018	Expected:08/2019	10/2019	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.usda.gov/project/?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.					
Strawberry Wildfire Resilience Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/29/2019	Expected:12/2019	04/2020	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
Description: Reduce hazardous fuels and reduce the risk of insect and disease-caused tree mortality through mechanical and hand thinning, mastication of brush, grapple and hand piling, targeted grazing, and prescribed and pile burning.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55801					
Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas, Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Located nearby Sly Creek Reservoir on and near the La Porte Quincy Highway, Strawberry Valley, CA, is one of a number of small, rural communities surrounded by the Plumas National Forest (WUI).					

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
El Rico Mina Mining Exploration Project EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 07/25/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 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	- 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
	Description: Improve forest health, wildlife habitat, Baker Cypress habitat and reduce fire risk around seasonal residences in Frank's Valley.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=51526				
Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T26N R11E and R12E. Located along Beardsley Grade north of Genesee Valley and southwest of Antelope Lake.					

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
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.				
Mt Hough OHV and Watershed Restoration CE *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2019	Expected:08/2019	10/2019	Kurt Sable 530-283-7641 ksable@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Mt Hough RD has found a need to close 7.9 mi. of non-system OHV trails that are causing resource damage. 0.6 mi. of new motorized and non-motorized trail will be constructed to provide key access.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Township 24 North, Range 8 East; Section 8, Township 24 North, Range 9 East, Sections 6and 36; Township 24 North, Range 10 East, Section%u2019s 4, 5 , 6: Township 25 North, Range 9, Section 21, Township. This project is located near Quincy CA, on Mt Hough proper, Grizzly Peak, South Park, and Snake Lake areas.				
Plumas Imperial Mining Plan of Operations EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/25/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2019	Expected:08/2019	08/2019	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
	Description: Plan of Operation submitted to mine using heavy equipment, settling ponds, road maintenance.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T24N, R9E, Sec 18. Near Meadow Valley, CA.				
R.E. Dahlens Placer Mining Plan of Operations EA *NEW LISTING*	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress: Scoping Start 01/30/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2019	Expected:07/2019	07/2019	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Placer mining, continuing operation, on North Fork Feather River				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T26N, R8e, Sec 16. west of Seneca, CA.				

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Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Soper Wheeler Silver Creek Pipeline Replacement Project EA	- Special use management - Road management	In Progress: Scoping Start 10/11/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 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.usda.gov/project/?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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Lassen National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Lassen National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map Update Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Recreation management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/05/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 05/2019	Expected:12/2019	01/2020	Leslie Ross 530-252-6622 lross@fs.fed.us
Description: This project enhances off-highway motorized recreation opportunity by increasing the mileage of existing roads and connectivity of routes, available to off highway vehicles, while providing for public safety and protecting resources.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55457					
Location: UNIT - Lassen National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Lassen, Plumas, Shasta, Tehama. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Multiple linear features throughout Lassen National Forest.					
Lassen National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle(OSV) Use Designation EIS	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 04/04/2018	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.usda.gov/project/?project=45832					
Location: UNIT - Lassen National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Forest wide existing miles of groomed OSV trails and open cross country areas of the LNF which receive adequate snowfall for OSV use to occur.					
Lassen National Forest PG&E Master Special Use Permit Renewal Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 02/15/2019	03/2019	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.usda.gov/project/?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		
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.usda.gov/project/?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.					

Lassen National Forest	Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)	R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
Jones Meadow Fuels Reduction 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
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 *UPDATED*	- Special area management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Cancelled	N/A	N/A	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 Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Wilson Fire Salvage Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 02/2019	Expected:04/2019	06/2019	Jesse Braley (530) 258-5195 jessedbraley@fs.fed.us
Description: This project will respond to conditions created by the Wilson Fire, which burned 186 acres on Lassen National Forest land. It includes 132 acres of salvage logging, 104 acres of mechanical site prep and planting, and 3 acres of hand thinning.					
Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas, Tehama. LEGAL - Township 29 North, Range 5 East, Sections 22 and 28, Mount Diablo Meridian. Project is located on the Almanor Ranger District on the Lassen National Forest in the footprint of the 2018 Wilson Fire. Main access to the project area is Wilson Lake Road (Tehama County Road TE 769).					

Lassen National Forest Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Acer Vegetation Management Project EA *NEW LISTING*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 01/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Rachel Rundquist 530-257-4188 ext. 887 rmrundquist@fs.fed.us
Description: Project objectives are fuels reduction, forest health improvement and watershed restoration. Activities include:Plantation thinning & windrow redistribution; fuels thinning; prescribed burning; and transportation management.					
Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Lassen National Forest, Eagle Lake Ranger District, Approximately 20 miles northwest of Susanville, Lassen County, California.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Lassen National Forest	Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Confluence Meadow Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/26/2017 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 04/2019	Expected:08/2019	07/2020	Douglas Peters 530-252-6456 dwpeters@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.usda.gov/project/?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. Project EA *UPDATED*	- Grazing management	In Progress: Scoping Start 03/06/2018 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 10/2019	Expected:01/2020	05/2020	Kirsten Pasero 530-252-5854 kpasero@fs.fed.us
	Description: Grazing allotment management plans.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?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.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Lassen National Forest	Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Whaleback Fire Salvage EA *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress: Comment Period Public Notice 02/19/2019	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.usda.gov/project/?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.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Lassen National Forest	Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Black Ranch Flood Plain Enhancement Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management - Road management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2019	Expected:08/2019	09/2019	Shawn Wheelock 530-336-3340 swheelock@fs.fed.us
Description: This project is designed to enhance the historic flood plain, allow natural flows to resume, and address infrastructure damage and tree mortality caused by flooding.					
Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 4 miles northwest of the community of Johnson Park, California, Township 36 north, Range 3 east, Sections 17-19.					
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.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Lassen National Forest Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)		R5 - Pacific Southwest Region			
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 *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 03/19/2019	Expected:05/2019	05/2019	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.usda.gov/project/?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.					
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
	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.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=54088				
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.					

Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
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**Notice of Proposed Action
Opportunity to Provide Scoping Comments**

Granite Basin OHV Trail Development Project

**USDA Forest Service
Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District
Plumas County, California**



Granite Basin, Proposed OHV Area, Photo Credit: Butte County RCD, July 2018

May 2019

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Where is this project in the NEPA process?

NEPA (short for the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969) guides the Forest Service decision making process and provides opportunities for interested parties to give their ideas about resource management. Input during the scoping period (step 3 in the checklist below) is important in helping the Forest Service identify resource needs which will shape the alternatives that are evaluated and lead to the formation of a decision. The Granite Basin OHV Development Project falls under the provisions of the Plumas National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (USDA 1988) as amended by the Sierra Nevada Forest Plan Amendment FSEIS and ROD (USDA 2004a, 2004b). Public notice, comment, and administrative review for this project are governed by 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B, regulations that provide for a pre-decisional objection process for projects documented in a Record of Decision or Decision Notice. The checklist below shows the steps of the NEPA process for this proposed project. The checked line indicates where the attached proposed action is in that process. Checklist items with bold outline are public involvement opportunities offered during the planning process.

Step One - Need for a Project

Step Two - Develop Project Proposal

Step Three - Scoping (public input, 30 days)

Step Four - Develop Issues and Alternatives

Step Five – Environmental Effects Analysis

Step Six – Draft EA for Comment (public input, 30 days)

Step Seven – Response to Comments

Step Eight - Final EA and Draft Decision Notice (objection filing period, 45 days)

Step Nine - Objection Resolution (45 days)

Step Ten – Decision Notice

Project Area:

The project is located within the Granite Basin on National Forest System (NFS) lands on the Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District. It is approximately 25 miles northeast of Oroville, CA and 20 miles west of Quincy, CA.

Granite Basin is located on the southern slope of a broad and prominent northeast-southwest trending ridge that lies between the North Fork and Middle Forks of the Feather River. The Granite Basin Landscape is the Little North Fork of the Middle Fork Feather River and is drained by Marble, Buckhorn, Frazier, Axford, Coquette, Coldwater, and Mountain House Creeks as well as Bear Gulch. The landscape contains several major ridges, including Toland, Rock Island, Sky High, and Glazier.

The project area is within portions of Township (T) 23 North (N), Range (R) 6 East (E), Sections 11-15, 21-22, 24-28, 34-36; T23N, R7E Sections 10-11, 15, 18-20, 22, 27-33; T22N, R7E section 5 of the Mount Diablo Base Meridian (See Figure 1).

The project area ranges from 4,800 to 5,840 feet in elevation (See Figure 2). The project area is ~2 miles southwest of the Bucks Lake Recreation Area. The terrain in the project area is moderately sloped, with steeper slopes in the creek canyons. The landscape is composed of granitic and metamorphic rock formed during the Mesozoic age.

Purpose and Need:

Butte County Public Works and the PNF have partnered to evaluate the Granite Basin trail system for development of better trail connectivity and additional riding opportunities for the Granite Basin recreation area.

The Granite Basin area is a popular destination for Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) use in the Plumas National Forest (PNF). It includes a wide variety of OHV roads and trails for 4x4 vehicles greater than 50-inches width, less than 50-inches width, and motorcycles. OHV recreation is a major element of the PNF recreation program and contributes to the economic sustainability of Butte, Plumas, Sierra, Yuba, and Lassen Counties. The PNF is a short drive from Reno, NV, Yuba City, Marysville, Chico, and Susanville, CA. It is a one-hour drive to the forest from Sacramento and about 2 ½ hours from the San Francisco Bay area.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation, Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program (Grants Program) provides for well managed off-highway vehicle recreation in the State of California by providing financial assistance to cities, counties, districts, federal agencies, state agencies, educational institutions, federally recognized Native American Tribes, and nonprofit entities. The Grants Program supports the planning, acquisition, development, maintenance, administration, operation, enforcement, restoration, and conservation of trails, trailheads, areas, and other facilities associated with the use of off-highway motor vehicles, and programs involving off-highway motor vehicle safety or education. Butte County Public Works received a multi-year OHMVR grant for this project.

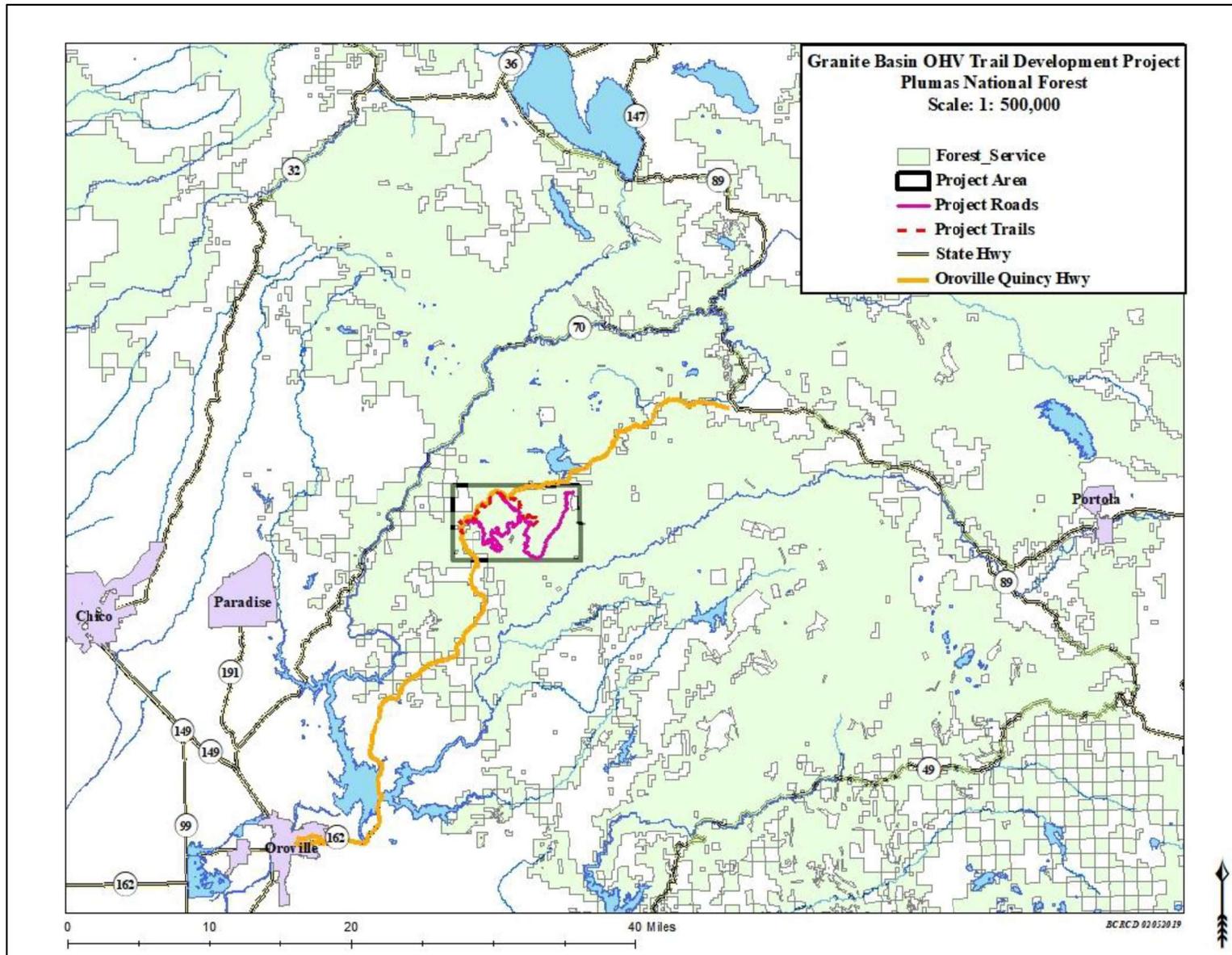


Figure 1: Vicinity map showing project location.

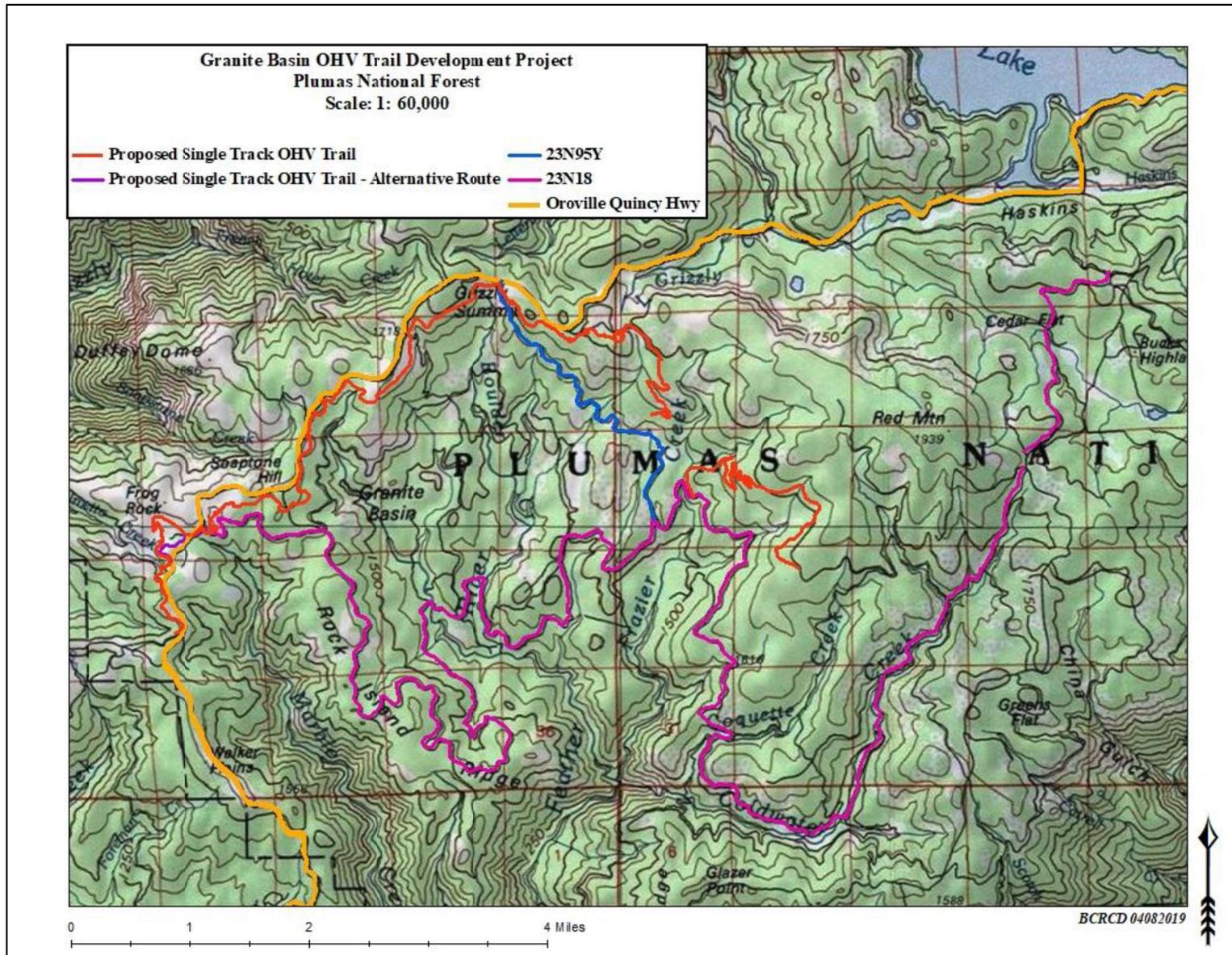


Figure 2: Project Area Map

Proposed Action

The Forest Service is proposing to meet the need for additional OHV trails in the Granite Basin area. This proposal has two components, each of which has additional alternatives that will be further analyzed during the development of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for this project:

1. **OHV Routes:** Construction and/or reconstruction of approximately 14.8 miles of new, existing non-system, and existing system OHV routes for single lane motorcycle use, and, in certain locations, for all-terrain vehicles (ATV). The trails are designed to match the character of the existing system trails, while keeping trail and construction impacts low and increasing recreational value by providing connectivity and all-day riding options.
 - a. Alternative #1: Original PNF trail design, considered but eliminated from detailed analysis due to resource concerns and economic constraints.
 - b. Alternative #2: 14.8 miles of proposed OHV trail including constructing a new alternative route to avoid utilizing existing non-system route on the historic Swain Railroad Grade.
 - c. Alternative #3: 14.8 miles of proposed OHV trails including utilizing existing non-system route on the historic Swain Railroad Grade

2. **Road Reclassification:** Evaluation of Maintenance Level 3 (ML3) roads for potential to reclassify as Maintenance Level 2 (ML2) or mixed use to increase OHV recreational value by providing connectivity and all-day riding. Three existing alternatives are being evaluated. All three alternatives would reclassify road 23N95Y (3.2 miles) from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use. The difference in the three alternatives involves how much of road 23N18 could safely be changed from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use, based on the results of an engineering analysis and discretion of the Regional Forester.
 - a. Alternative #1: Reclassify all 23.8 miles of 23N18 from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use. Reclassify 23N95Y from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use (3.2 miles).
 - b. Alternative #2: Reclassify 6.9 miles of 23N18 from the end of the chipped sealed road to eastern end of new proposed OHV routes. Reclassify 23N95Y from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use (3.2 miles).
 - c. Alternative #3 Reclassify 5.2 miles of 23N18 that includes the most critical sections needed to provide additional connectivity. Reclassify 23N95Y from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use (3.2 miles).

Proposed OHV Routes:

As discussed above, three alternatives have been investigated to provide additional OHV routes in the Granite Basin.

Alternative #1: PNF original conceptual design

Alternative #1 is the original conceptual trail design in development by PNF before Travel Management (See Figure 3). Preliminary investigation determined that these proposed routes had conflicts with

hydrologic and cultural resources that would be difficult and costly to mitigate and in some cases could result in significant impacts. As a result, this alternative was eliminated from detailed analysis.

Alternative #2: Proposed OHV Routes including constructing a new alternative route to avoid utilizing existing non-system route on the historic Swain Railroad Grade.

This action implements elements of the original conceptual trail design developed by PNF (Alternative #1) while maximizing avoidance of potentially sensitive resources (*See* Figure 4 and Figure 5).

The project design consists of 14.8 miles of new, existing non-system, and existing system OHV routes for single lane motorcycle use and, in certain locations, for all terrain vehicle use (ATV). A goal of the project is to match the character of the existing system trails while keeping trail and construction impacts low. The project is primarily designed for use by motorcycles, but includes a location for ATV use. The section for ATV use connects Forest Service Road 23N60X to the existing OHV route 6M34. It would be designated for ATVs that are 50 inches or less in width, but would also allow for motorcycle use.

The project includes the construction of one approximately 25 foot long Multiple Log Stringer Trail Bridge or Prefabricated Bridge to accommodate motorcycle passage over a drainage. The proposed bridge has been incorporated into the project design to avoid sensitive resources. Design authority for the proposed Multiple Log Stringer Bridge falls under the responsibility of the Forest Engineer, who reviews specifications for the 25 feet long bridge and its abutments.

The placement of the project creates OHV legal access with the Plumas National Forest Four Trees OHV Recreation Staging Area, located near the west end of the project at Four Trees. The staging area includes facilities and parking for recreational OHV use. The proposed project crosses the Oroville Quincy Highway in one location without construction changes. One proposed OHV route at the eastern end of the project is not connected to the other new routes, but provides connectivity to other loop opportunities associated with other system trails and roads.

Certain existing routes that are non-system would become system trails and added to the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM). The trails would fall under the specifications and maintenance of Class 2 trails, and be signed accordingly. These trails would be reviewed by the contractor and possible drainage features added to increase trail resiliency and reduce natural resource impacts.

Construction of new trail and the incorporation of non-system trail would be under Forest Service Class 2 specifications for single lane motorcycle trails (8-24 inches wide) and, in sections, for ATV (48-60 inches wide). Trails built by machine would have a maximum 4 feet wide construction corridor to accommodate for the machine passage. Tree removal deemed essential to the construction and function of the trail, or trees that pose a potential hazard to trail users, would be removed by chainsaw. The new proposed routes would be a combination of hand and machine built trail. The construction method would be based on terrain and soil conditions as determined by the contractor. The recommended equipment to be used by the contractor would be a mini-skid steer with a 6-way blade and/or a mini excavator (<4' width). Sections of trail that are dense rock would likely be hand-built. The section of trail north of Forest Service Road 23N85Y would be hand-built.

Resource protection and avoidance measures will be incorporated into the project to the extent possible. The project intends to incorporate resource protection measures including, but not limited to:

- Cultural resource surveys and avoidance of identified resources;
- Botanical resource surveys and avoidance of identified resources;
- Wildlife surveys and avoidance of sensitive habitat and seasons as necessary;
- Wetland and riparian habitat avoided where trail construction and reconstruction would prevent restoration or maintenance of ecological health of watersheds and aquatic systems (Aquatic Conservation Strategy (ACS) objectives);
- Analysis of impacts to hydrologic resources and impact reduction measures implemented in trail location and design;
- Soil erosion best management practices incorporated in project design and maintenance;
- Weed reduction measures will include cleaning of equipment using an appropriate method for the current conditions to reduce introduction and spread of invasive plant species and use of weed-free mulch;
- On-site borrowing of materials for trail tread is encouraged wherever appropriate.

As additional resource needs are identified through project scoping and with the direction of the Forest Service Interdisciplinary Team additional integrated design features will be incorporated into the project to minimize resource impacts.

OHV Routes Alternative #3

Proposed OHV Route Alternative #3 is the same as alternative #2 except that a portion of the historic Swain Railroad grade, which is currently being used and user-maintained as a non-system trail, would become system trail. This would avoid the need to develop the new route identified in alternative #2 (*See* Figure 5). This will require the Forest Service to conduct an evaluation regarding the cultural significance of the Swain Railroad grade and consult with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to determine whether it is a culturally significant site. If it is determined to be significant, then this alternative will be removed from consideration to avoid impacts to the resource.

Road Reclassification:

As discussed previously, there are three alternatives that are being evaluated with regard to the proposed action to reclassify roads 23N18 and 23N95Y from ML3 to either ML2 or mixed use in order to increase OHV recreational value by providing connectivity and all-day riding. All three alternatives involve reclassifying 23N95Y (3.2 miles) from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use.

Road Reclassification Alternative #1: This alternative involves reclassifying the entire 28N18 (23.8 miles) from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use (*See* Figure 4). A portion of this road is paved, and reducing the status to ML2 will limit access to the backcountry to 4 wheel drive vehicles because it will no longer be maintained for passenger vehicles.

Road Reclassification Alternative #2: This alternative involves reclassifying 6.9 miles of 23N18 from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use. This differs from Alternative #1 in that two sections of 23N18 are removed from consideration: the western, paved, section of 23N18 from Oroville Quincy Hwy in the west to the

bridge over Toland Creek, and the eastern section of 23N18 from 7M04 to the road's eastern terminus at 23N36. The remaining middle section of road provides critical circulation for OHV trails. Road width and sight distances appear to provide adequate safety for mixed use.

Road Reclassification Alternative #3: This alternative involves reclassifying 5.25 miles of 23N18 from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use. The 5.25 miles would not be continuous, but would be split in 2 sections. This differs from Alternative #2 in that 23N18 would remain ML3 between its western and eastern intersections with the 23N59X loop (ML2). The west segment of 23N18 that would be reclassified to ML2 or mixed use is 1.14 miles, and the east segment is 4.11 miles.

Next Steps

Responsible Official

Jerry Bird, Acting Forest Supervisor, Plumas National Forest is the Responsible Official.

Anticipated Timeline

We will use your scoping comments to develop issues or alternatives for analysis in an Environmental Assessment. Following review of public comments on the Environmental Assessment, we would draft a decision for the project-level predecisional administrative review process as set out in 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

Comments Welcome

We are dedicated to responsible conservation, collaboration and applying the best available science along with local knowledge. Your feedback will influence how we develop and implement projects, so please know your input is important to us. We read every email and letter sent to us.

Comments on this proposed action will be most helpful if received by June 11, 2019. A legal notice of this project scoping period will be published in the Feather River Bulletin, the paper of record of the Plumas National Forest. Computation for the 30 day scoping period is 30 calendar days following the publication date of the legal notice.

In an effort to reduce paper use, the Forest Service will emphasize electronic correspondence throughout this project. Email comments to: comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas@fs.fed.us

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Comments attachments submitted electronically must be in plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), portable document format (.pdf), or Word (.doc or .docx).

If you have questions or need additional information about this proposal or the comment procedures, please contact Tim Keeseey at tim@bcrcd.org or (530) 534-0112 ext 122 or contact Clay Davis at clay.davis@usda.gov or (530) 532-8940.

Figure 3: Alternative #1: PNF original conceptual design (considered but eliminated from detailed analysis). “ML# Roads” in the legend refers to the road segments that were going to be evaluated for reclassification.

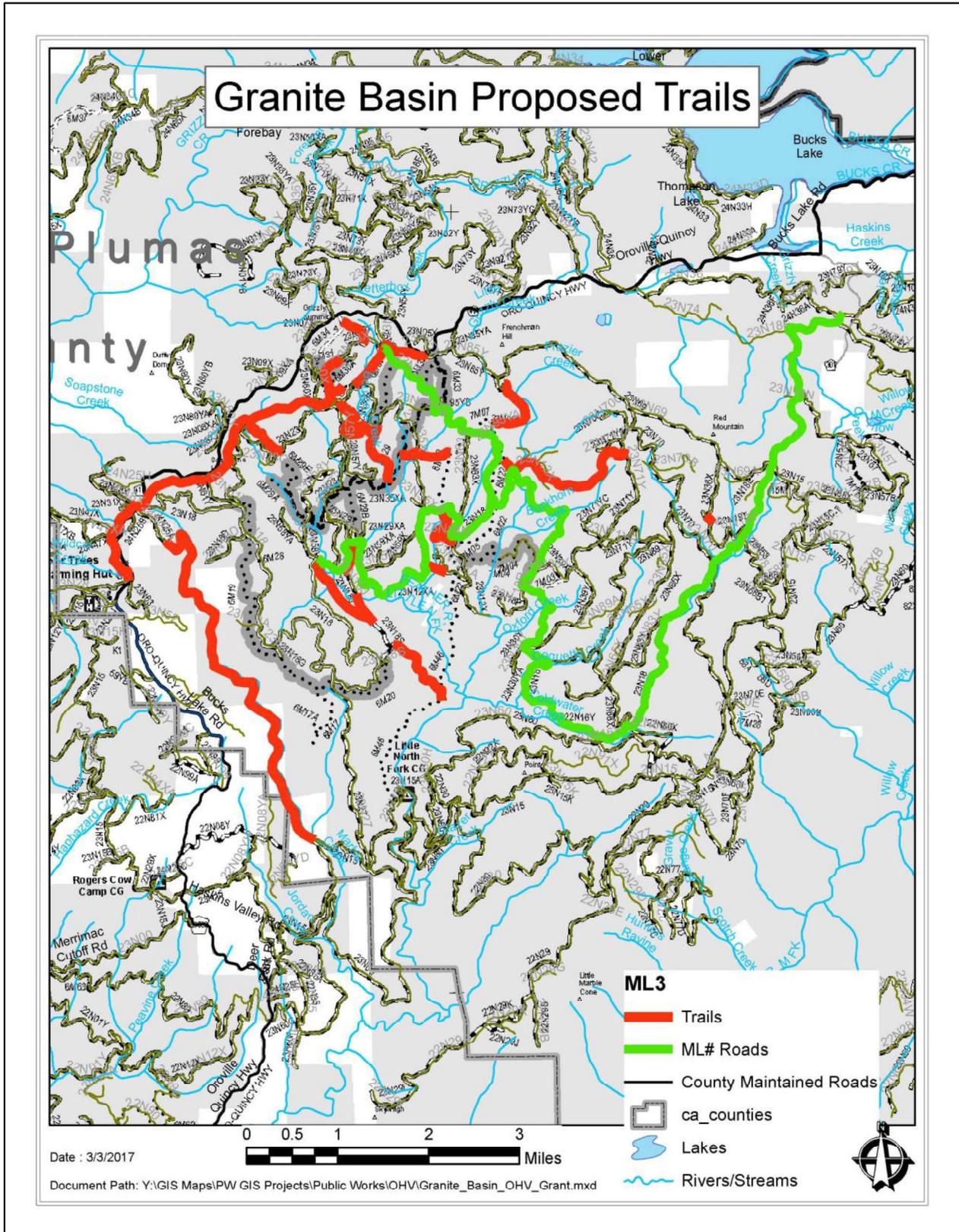


Figure 4: Proposed Single Track OHV Routes with alternatives #2 and #3 and location of Road reclassification alternatives (#1-3).

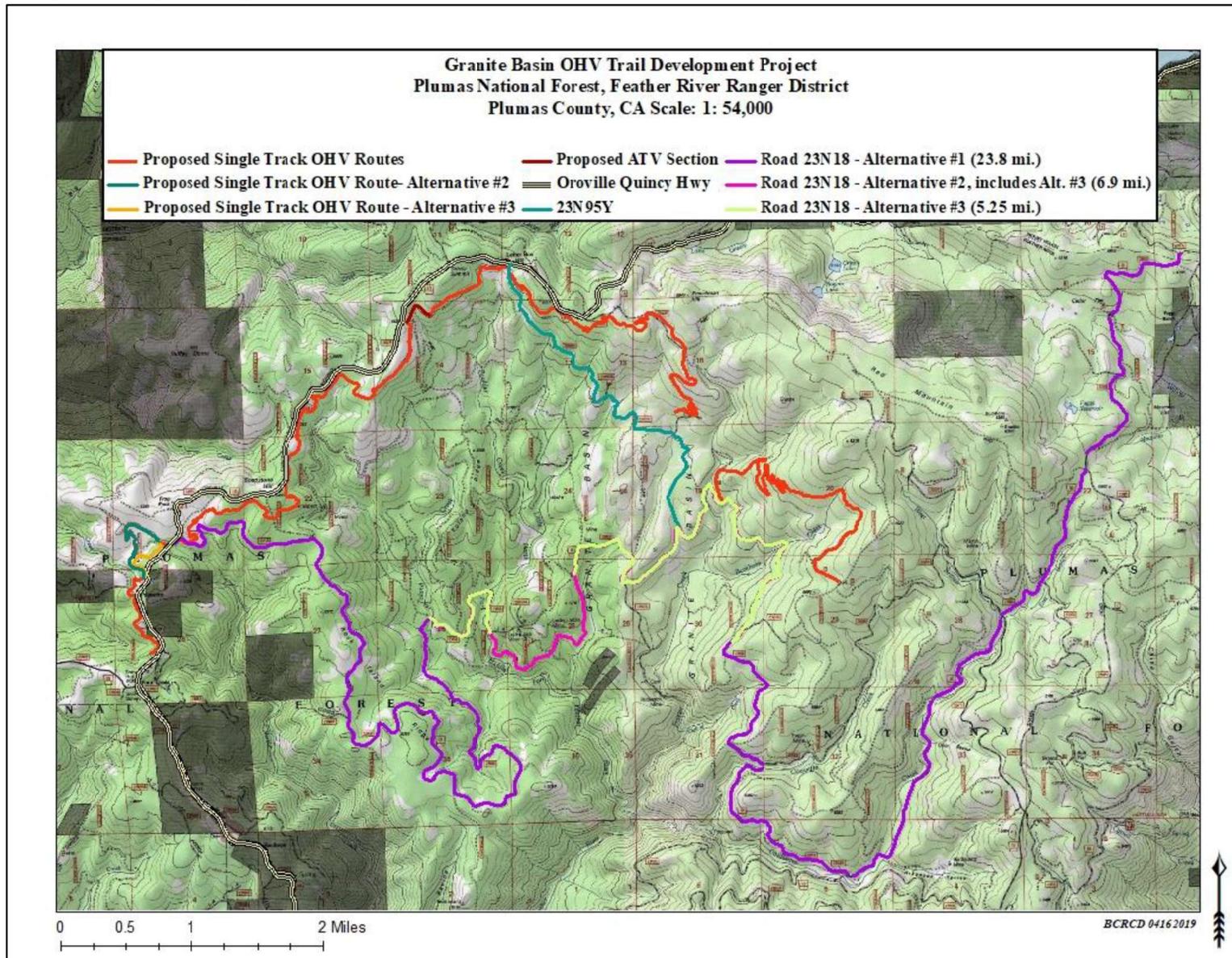
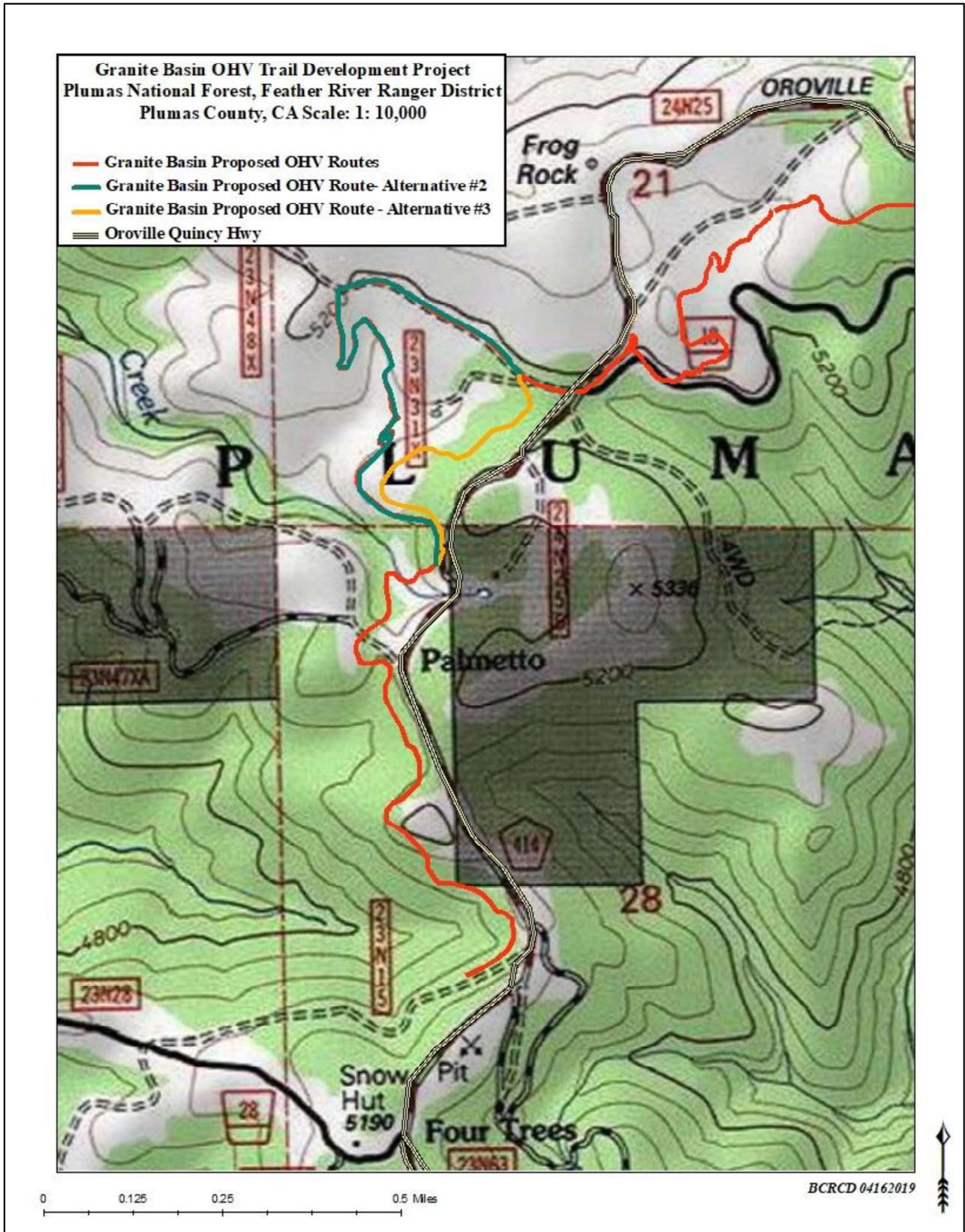


Figure 5: Close up of Proposed OHV Route Alternative 2 and Alternative 3



Maintenance Level 3 (ML3): ML3 is defined in the FSH 7709.58, 10, 12.3. It is assigned to roads open and maintained for travel by prudent drivers in a standard passenger car. User comfort and convenience are low priorities. Roads in this maintenance level are typically low speed, single lane with turnouts, and spot surfacing. Some roads may be fully surfaced with either native or processed material.

These roads have the following attributes:

- Subject to the requirements of Highway Safety Act and MUTCD.
- Roads have low- to moderate-traffic volume.
- Typically connect to arterial and collectors roads.
- A combination of dips and culverts provide drainage.
- May include some dispersed recreation roads.
- Potholing or washboarding may occur.

Maintenance Level 2 (ML2): ML2 roads are defined in the FSH 7709.58, 10, 12.3 and are assigned to roads open for use by high-clearance vehicles. Passenger car traffic is not a consideration. Traffic is normally minor, usually consisting of one or a combination of administrative, permitted, dispersed recreation, or other specialized uses. Log haul may occur at this level.

These roads have the following attributes:

- Roads have low traffic volume and low speed.
- Typically local roads.
- Typically connect collectors or other local roads.
- Dips are the preferred drainage treatment.
- Not subject to the requirements of the Highway Safety Act.
- Surface smoothness is not a consideration.
- Not suitable for passenger cars.

Mixed Use: For the purposes of this document, motorized mixed use is defined as the designation of a Forest Service road for use by both highway legal and non-highway legal motor vehicles. Designating Forest Service roads for mixed use involves safety and engineering considerations. Forest Service guidelines state that reclassification to ML 2 must be considered before mixed use ML3 is considered. Approval of mixed use is granted by the Regional Forester based on adequate analysis provided by a qualified engineer.

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NAME: Stewart Frank T.
(Last) (First) (Middle/Initial)
 ADDRESS: 18 Premier Ct. Chico CA 95928
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OCCUPATION: Retired Forester

EDUCATION:

Check appropriate box: High School Diploma GED/ CA High School Proficiency Certificate College

Name of College/University	Course of Study/Major	Degree Awarded
Humboldt State University	Forest Management	BS Forestry

Please provide any additional college/university/schools/training completed on a separate page.

EXPERIENCE: Other County Boards, Committees or Commissions on which you have served:

Butte County Forest Advisory Committee (Agriculture and Timber Mngt) and had to resign 2 years ago due to family health issues.
 Plumas and Sierra County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)

EXPERIENCE continued:

Additional applicable community experience and affiliations:

California Fire Safe Council, Board of Director's representing northeastern California
California Forest Center
California Licensed Foresters Association
Quincy Library Group

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board of Supervisors in making this appointment:

REFERENCES:

Please provide three (3) references with telephone numbers

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| 1. <u>Tom Downing (Sierra Pacific Industries)</u> | <u>530-283-2820</u> |
| 2. <u>Jerry Davies (Pres. Calif Fire Safe Council)</u> | <u>805-559-0082</u> |
| 3. <u>Tom McClain (neighbor)</u> | <u>530-892-8084</u> |

**Members of boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: 1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and 2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.*

**Members may be required to take the following training: 1) The Brown Act, 2) The Better Government Ordinance, and 3) Ethics Training.*

**You may submit a résumé, letter of interest, and/or additional materials with this application.*

**If you have any questions concerning the application process, a letter of interest or a specific appointment, you may contact the Clerk of the Board at 530-552-3300.*

Submit the completed application to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, Oroville CA 95965, or via e-mail at clerkoftheboard@buttecounty.net.