



BUTTE COUNTY FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 22, 2020—5:00 P.M. Meeting via ZOOM

ITEM NO.

- 1.00 Call to order – Butte County Public Works Facility, Via ZOOM
- 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, Carolyn Denero, Bob Gage, Holly Jorgensen, Frank Stewart
Invited Guests: Matt Beasley (Plumas County Sheriff's Office Representative); Wolfy Rougle, Butte County RCD); Deb Bumpus (Forest Supervisor, Lassen National Forest); 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); Brett Sanders (Congressman LaMalfa's Representative); Dennis Schmidt, Director of Public Works; Dan Efsaef, Director, Paradise Recreation and Park District,
- 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 2-24-20 and 5-26-20 – 5 Min.
- 4.00 **Agenda**
- 4.01 Matt Beasley, Plumas County Sheriff's Office – updates on plans for Law Enforcement in the High Lakes and other areas
- 4.02 Forest Projects Review – Current Quarter: Discussion & required FAC action for USFS projects affecting Butte County residents' forest management, recreational, environmental, socio-economic interests(Chair)
- Lassen NF Almanor Ranger District- Russell Nickerson (District Ranger): Report and Q & A on prescribed fire plans, pending, proposed and modified projects, SOPA and Non-SOPA – 20 Min
 - Update on LEO planned activity – LNF
 - Plumas NF Feather River Ranger District, David Brillenz, District Ranger or 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.
 - Update on any planned LEO activity - PNF
- 4.03 Wolfy Rougle, Butte County RCD: The Butte County RCD submitted 3 grant proposals to the Wildlife Conservation Board -Forest Conservation Program, funded through Prop 68 for Forest Health, all for forest health projects on the Lassen National forest. ACTION REQUESTED: Support letter for two of the grant proposals
- 4.04 Pacific Forest Trust – request for feedback on pending legislation
- 4.05 New Business—Considerations for upcoming meetings: Next meeting is July 27, 2020 - ZOOM, 5:00 PM
- Access to evacuation routes, traffic studies, in the event of wildfire (CalFire, PW, BCFSC, Nick R.) To include all rural foothill areas
 - South Feather Water & Sewer District - Recreation and Water Projects
 - Fish & Wildlife
- 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.)

Applicant: Butte County Resource Conservation District
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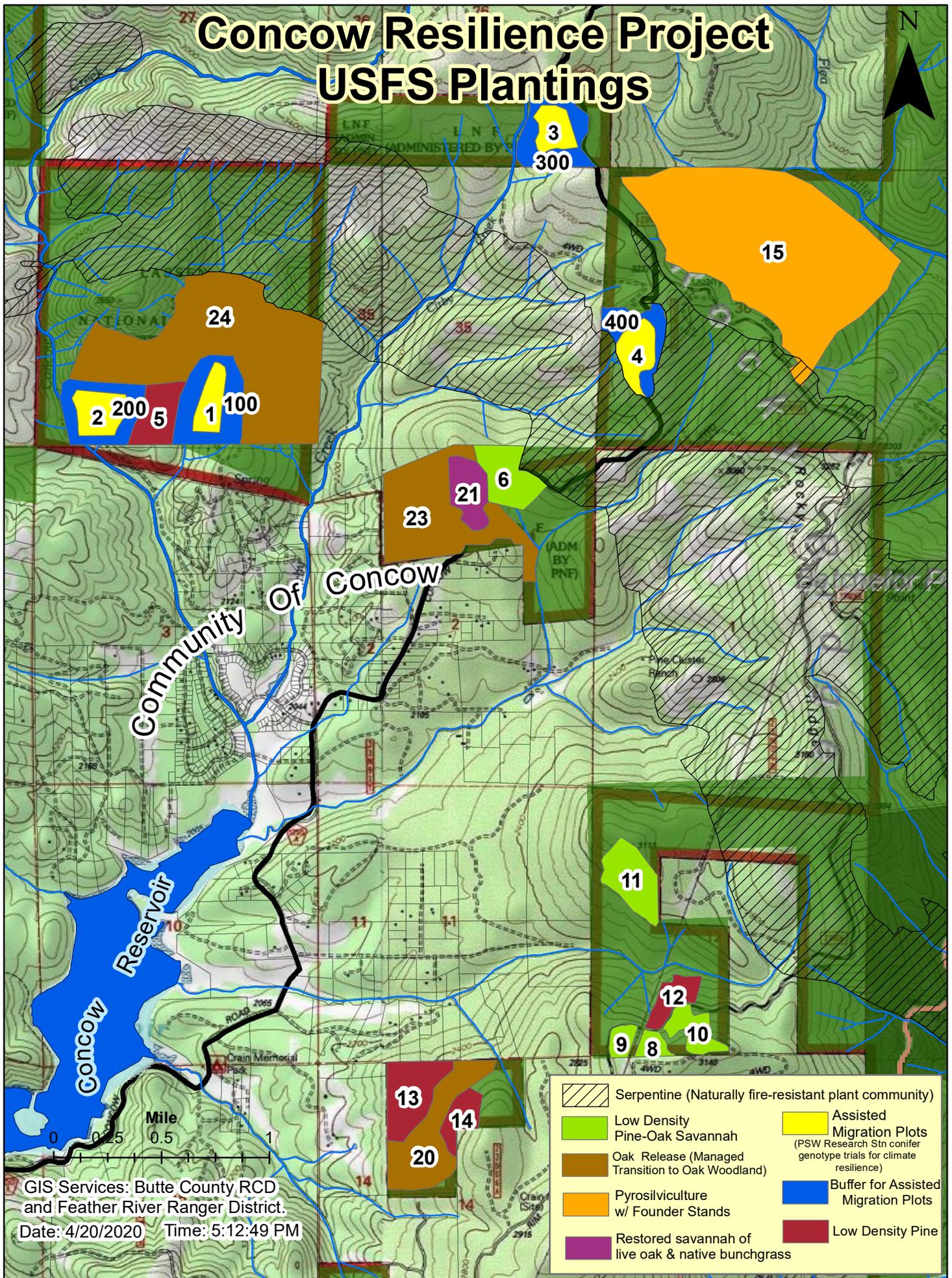
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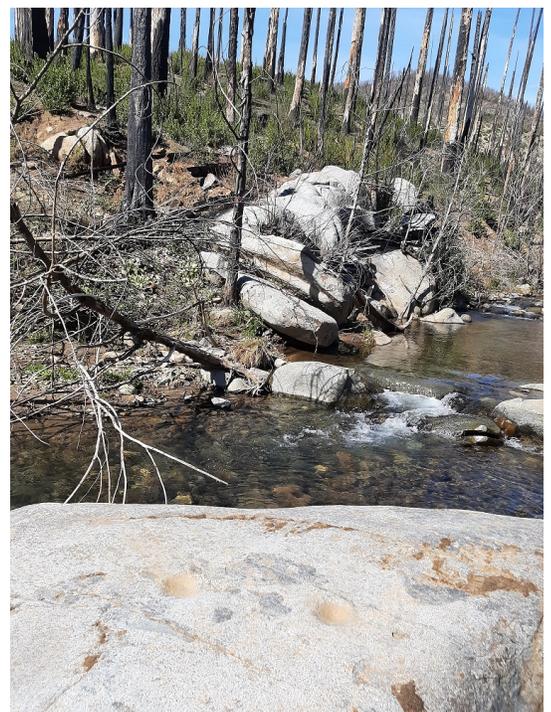


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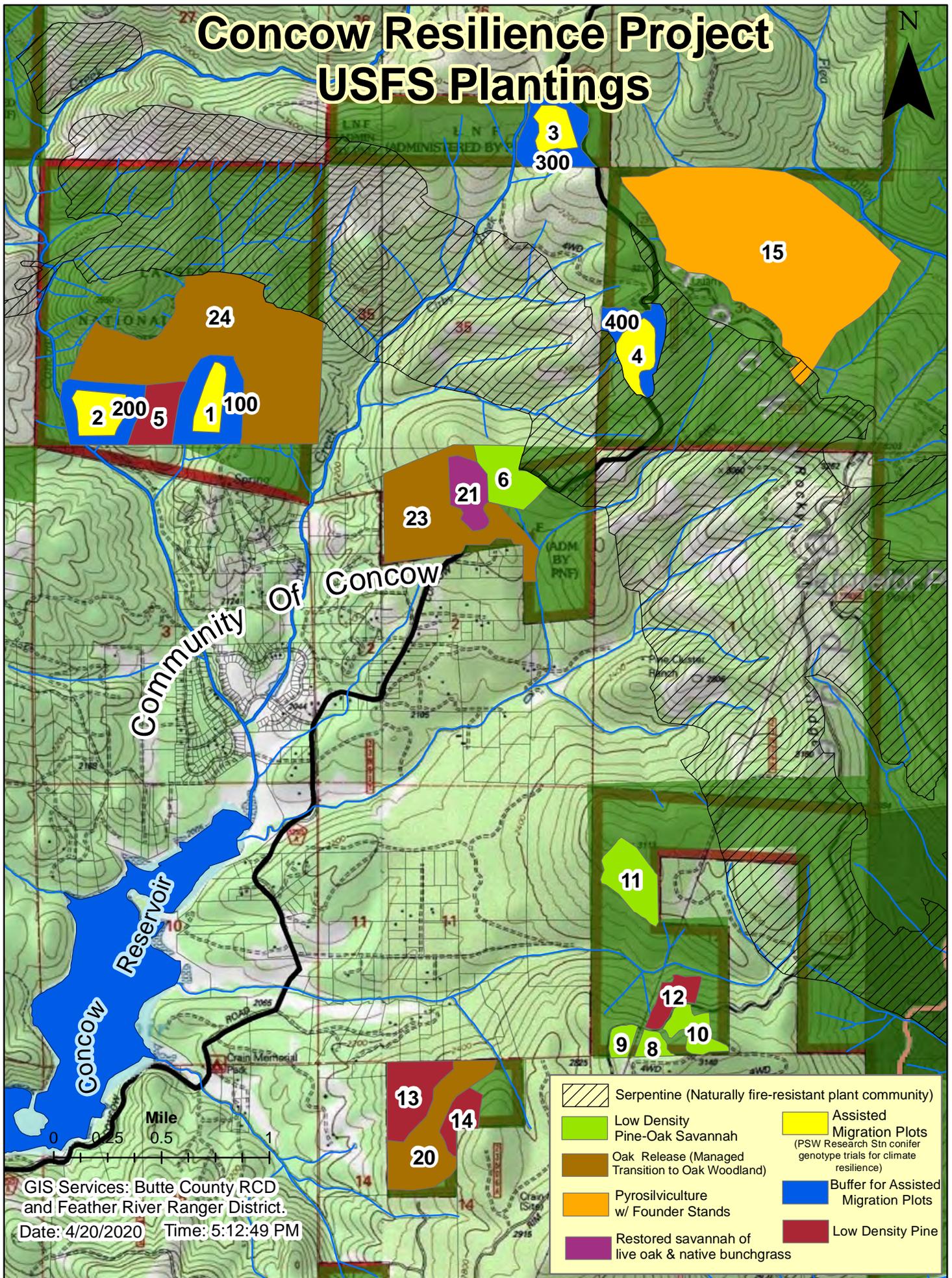
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Habitat Type: Sierran mixed conifer; lodgepole pine forest; Douglas fir forest; montane meadow complex; aspens; fens

Project Summary:

Summary: Butte Creek supports the largest self-sustaining, naturally spawning, wild population of spring-run Chinook salmon in the Central Valley, but its headwater forests and meadows are at risk of catastrophic wildfire. A catastrophic fire here could devastate the area’s spotted owl PACs, northern goshawk PACs, great grey owl habitat, rare fens, and downstream salmon habitat. Furthermore, salmon habitat is already being impacted by nonpoint-source pollution from hydrologically connected roads. The Upper Butte Creek Forest Health Project will improve wildfire resilience on 15,180 acres of federal lands surrounding the disadvantaged community of Jonesville; repair miles of natural-surface roads and recreational infrastructure that currently deliver sediment to Butte Creek; enhance aspen stands; and protect critical habitat from catastrophic fire, including spotted owl and northern goshawk PACs, numerous unique fens, and the southernmost refugium of the Cascades frog. This planning project would deliver 15,180 acres of NEPA so this work can proceed. Partners who have helped develop this project include: Butte County Resource Conservation District (BCRCD), Butte Meadows Hillsliders, the Lassen National Forest-Almanor Ranger District, the Jonesville Cabin Owners Association, the CSU-Chico Center for Economic Development, Chico Velo, Butte County Public Works, and others. The project has been submitted for inclusion in the Butte County CWPP. The entire project area is in a disadvantaged community (DWR DAC map). The Upper Butte Creek watershed is rated as “poor” for forest health and “fair” for roads and trails (USFS Watershed Condition Assessment). Deliverables: The project will analyze a 15,180-acre area to plan thousands of acres of scientifically targeted forest health treatments that will protect wildlife and water resources from catastrophic wildfire. The project will deliver a NEPA document to support: •reducing fuels on thousands of acres of federal lands to reduce risk of catastrophic wildfire to the disadvantaged community of Jonesville and to the outstanding wildlife values in the project area; •upgrading numerous road-miles and stream crossings to reduce sediment delivery to creeks; •repairing the aged Jonesville trailhead parking lot, removing impacts to the meadow complex while improving access for recreation and emergency/wildfire response; •enhancing aspen stands and identifying opportunities for new stands; •reversing unhealthy meadow encroachment by conifers •protecting the tribal cultural and historical values in the area •further enhancing community access through forest health interpretive features •Concurrent CEQA completion with BCRCD as lead agency. BCRCD, which has done similar work on the Plumas NF, will serve as NEPA project manager. Advancing WCB objectives: The project contributes to restoration of degraded streams, improving water quality. Through thinning and other treatments, the project will also improve water supply, improve forest health, reduce wildfire danger, and help protect riparian resources from excessive post-fire sedimentation. The project’s repairs to roads will also improve safe access for fire suppression (and prescribed fire) resources. Other work in the vicinity: By restoring the headwaters forest that surrounds Colby Meadows, the project enhances the effectiveness of the focused meadow restoration work already underway (2020-21) by Point Blue Conservation Science. By developing prescriptions for additional miles of road rehabilitation, the project leverages road and stream GIS analyses conducted by Lassen NF in 2016-2020, as well as a 2020 Sierra Institute initiative to ground-truth this GIS data. Benefits will not stop on federal lands. Using NRCS and American Forest Foundation funding, BCRCD will provide forestry assistance on lands managed by the Jonesville Cabin Owners Association to reduce the wildfire threat directly within their community.

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Property Restrictions/Protections:

Upper Butte Creek Forest Health Initiative

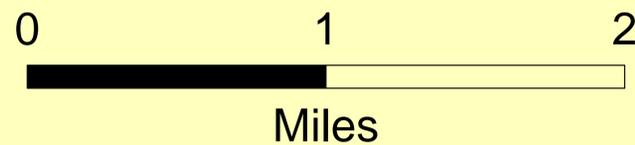
A 2020 WCB Forest Conservation Grant application
from
Butte County Resource Conservation District
In Partnership with Almanor Ranger District of Lassen NF

Colby
Mtn
Lookout

Community of
Jonesville (DAC)

Butte Creek

15,180-Acre Project Area.
Deliverable: Comprehensive
15K ac forest health plan (EA
or EIS) including: thinning,
Rx fire, protecting PACs from
catastrophic wildfire, aspen
enhancement, roads repair/
decommissioning to protect
meadows & creeks, etc





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File Code: 1500
Date: May 6, 2020

Wildlife Conservation Board
Re: Forest Conservation Grants 2020
c/o CDFW
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Dear Wildlife Conservation Board,

The Almanor Ranger District of the Lassen National Forest supports the Butte County Resource Conservation District's proposal, "Upper Butte Creek Forest Health Initiative" to the Wildlife Conservation Board Forest Conservation Grant Program. The Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District is committed to a continued partnership with the Butte County Resource Conservation District to accelerate implementation of landscape-scale projects that improve ecological health, reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire, and contribute to the socioeconomic well-being of rural communities. These actions are necessary to build resilience in one of the state's most critical watersheds.

Working with partners such as the Butte County Resource Conservation District is integral to the Lassen National Forest's goal of accelerating critical forest and watershed restoration activities. The extra capacity partners bring to project planning and implementation allows us to increase the pace and scale of important restoration work that would otherwise remain in the planning phase. Butte Creek is one of best spring-run Chinook salmon-bearing stream in the state, making the forests that feed its headwater meadows some of the most ecologically important forestlands on our Ranger District and in California. Potential impacts to this watershed include sediment discharge from roads that is impacting the creeks; insects, disease and overcrowding in our forested stands; and meadow encroachment from conifers. All of these potential impacts put these headwaters forest at risk of catastrophic wildfire. A high-severity wildfire would affect the area's spotted owl and northern goshawk PACs, spring-run Chinook salmon and the southernmost refugium of the Cascades frog, as well as the disadvantaged community of Jonesville, CA and Butte Meadows, CA.

To address these threats, we envision a comprehensive forest health program. It would include significant thinning, aspen enhancement, enhancement of habitats that have the potential to support more productive PACs, along with upgrades and/or improvements of our recreational/travel infrastructure to reduce potentially sediment concerns. It would also include coordination with private forest landowners in the disadvantaged community of Jonesville and Butte Meadows. Since 2018, I and my team have been discussing options for developing this project and building a collaborative program with Butte County Resource Conservation District. Also present at the table has been a lively coalition of



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those who care about the area, ranging from trail user groups like Chico Velo and the Butte Meadows Hillsliders to the local Jonesville Cabin Owners' Association to Butte County Public Works.

The proposed project consists of pre-planning on the entire 15,180 acre area to determine the most strategic areas for treatment and the type of treatment to be implemented, followed by delivery of a completed NEPA document.

This planning grant, if awarded, would leverage hundreds of thousands of dollars already invested in meadow health planning and implementation by Point Blue Conservation Science and partners in Colby and Willow Creek drainages. We anticipate using Butte RCD and/or other contractors to conduct most surveys and NEPA document development. Since Butte County RCD has experience conducting this kind of NEPA work with Plumas National Forest, we have already begun developing a master challenge cost-share agreement with them to accelerate forest health improvement in the Upper Butte Creek headwaters area. We expect to contribute in-kind to the project through our specialist time for contract and project development, NEPA document review and project decision.

Please fund this important headwaters forest health planning project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russell Nickerson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

RUSSELL NICKERSON
District Ranger



These pictures show the encroached condition of Colby Meadow (elev. about 5200') and the extremely dense condition of the lodgepole forest beyond. According to CAL FIRE data, no fire has been recorded anywhere in the entire Colby Creek watershed in over 100 years. This is true for about 60% of the Upper Butte Creek Forest Health Initiative project area. These watersheds are still beautiful and still manage to perform the functions of carbon storage, water filtration, and rare wildlife habitat. However, all these ecosystem functions are at risk from catastrophic wildfire.



From: [Moak, Peggy](#)
To: [Bob Gage](#); [Carolyn Denero](#); [Daniel Taverner](#); [Frank Stewart](#); [Gosselin, Paul](#); [Hatcher, Casey](#); [Holly Jorgensen](#); [McCracken, Shari](#); [Nick Repanich](#); [Patricia Puterbaugh](#); [Paula Daneluk](#); [Peggy Moak](#); [Schmidt, Dennis](#); [Teri Faulkner](#); [Thad Walker](#); [Vance Severin](#)
Subject: Follow Up to May Meeting - AB 2693 sponsored by the Pacific Forest Trust
Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020 10:20:14 AM
Attachments: [AB2693 Bill History.pdf](#)
[AB2693 Bill Text.pdf](#)
[AB2693 Assembly Water, Parks And Wildlife .pdf](#)
[AB 2693 PLT Ltr. to Gov NewsomGov Newsom F.pdf](#)

At May's meeting, I indicated I would follow up on the request of Jill Harris of the Pacific Land Trust (PLT) for support of AB 2693. At this time, Jill has communicated that, since the bill is currently being held, she would most appreciate feedback on the language of the bill and any concerns, whether from the FAC as a whole, or from individuals or organizations who are interested in commenting.

I wanted to give you adequate time to review the bill and the associated information, so sending it in advance of the meeting and agenda for June. I have attached the bill text, which shows additions in italics and deletions lined out. The history shows that it was passed the Natural Resources committee in May and was referred to the Appropriations committee, where it is being held under submission. I attached the analysis of the bill, which also shows who is supporting and who is opposing the bill. In general water districts oppose it and environmental groups support it. Areas of concern expressed are redundancy with existing regulations and programs; grant funding being used without legislative oversight, and non-inclusion of DWR and the US Bureau of Reclamation.

Generally, this piggybacks on existing law to include a mandate for a 15 year implementation plan, and creates a decision making body of five, 2 non-voting from environmental agencies, and an advisory board of representatives of diverse interests. All positions are non-compensated, but it will take some organizing to get it formed and moving ahead. None of the specific recommendations of the PLT that were highlighted at February's FAC meeting are included in the bill's language, except for mandated appropriations and the 15 year implementation requirement.

Below is a recent email from Jill Harris, with a copy of the letter she references attached.

Economic Recovery Letter

REPLY REPLY ALL FORWARD



Jill Harris <jharris@pacificforest.org>

Fri 5/1/2020 2:54 PM

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To: Moak, Peggy;

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I hope this email finds you well during this crazy time. As our counties deal with all aspects of this crisis, we know our natural resource organizations are working harder than ever to prepare for a long, hot summer. I wish you and your partners in Butte County the very best in your efforts.

I wanted to share with you a letter PFT is sending to Governor Newsom and key members of his Economic Recovery Team. I've shared with you in the past our efforts for the Healthy Watersheds California initiative. [AB 2963 \(Bloom\)](#) would establish the mechanism for moving this initiative forward. We believe in light of the current COVID 19 crisis, this presents an immediate opportunity to create economic benefit and improve forest conditions for fire reduction, wildlife habitat, and recreation values. We estimate this work would support 6,000 jobs throughout the region – good paying, natural resource sector jobs with a significant multiplier effect in our rural communities.

If, after reviewing the letter you are in support of this proposed legislation, we ask that you reach out to your state elected officials and encourage them to support the bill.

For a review of Healthy Watersheds CA, click the link in my signature below. If you have any questions or suggestions for how we might gain

additional support, please let me know.

Best,
Jill

Jill Harris
Project Manager
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Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA)

04/01/2020 to 06/30/2020

Lassen National Forest

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

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Projects Occurring Nationwide

Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A EIS <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*NEW LISTING*</p>	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress: DEIS NOA in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected:12/2021	12/2021	Nancy Rusho 202-731-9196 nancy.rusho@usda.gov
Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57214					
Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable. These regulations will be applicable to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the United States Mining Law.					

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

R5 - Pacific Southwest Region

Lassen NF Communication Uses Permit Reissuance Project CE <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">*UPDATED*</p>	- Special use management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/27/2019	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Nancy Barrera 530-257-2151 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
Description: Lassen National Forest proposes to issue new special use authorizations for existing communication uses on the Forest, to replace existing or expired authorization terms.					
Location: UNIT - Lassen National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Antelope Lookout, Keddie Ridge, Turner Mtn., Table Mtn., Hamilton Mtn., West Prospect, Hat Creek, and Morgan Summit.					

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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	- 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 *UPDATED*	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress: Objection Period Legal Notice 04/04/2018	Expected:07/2020	07/2020	Chris Obrien 530-252-6698 cjobrien@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Forest Service is evaluating management of over snow vehicle (OSV) use on the Lassen National Forest 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, Occurring in more than one District (excluding Forestwide)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
Hat Creek-Westwood Hazard Reduction Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress: Scoping Start 08/22/2019	Expected:06/2020	07/2020	Andrew Orlemann 530.252.6693 andrew.orlemann@usda.gov
	Description: The project involves timber stand improvements designed to reduce hazards associated with PG&E's Hat Creek to Westwood transmission line.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56660				
Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District, Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen, Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Township (T) 35 North (N), Range (R) 40 East (E); T35N, R50E; T34N, R50E; T34N, R60E; T33N, R60E; T33N, R70E; T32N, R70E; T32N, R80E; T31N, R80E; T30N, R90E;and T29N, R90E of the Mount Diablo Meridian.					

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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 *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/20/2018	Expected:05/2020	05/2020	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 CE *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 07/2020	Expected:03/2021	06/2021	Jennifer Erickson 530-258-5141 jlerickson@fs.fed.us
	Description: Project proposes to improve defensibility of the Jones Meadow Community by removing surface fuels & snags to reduce potential fire behavior, reduce hazards to fire fighters, improve stand health & reduce the threat of wildfire in the project area.				
	Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - T25N, R5E, Section 32. Mount Diablo Meridian. Jones Meadow is 18 mi NE of the town of Paradise and roughly 3 mi from the edge of the 2000 Storrie Fire perimeter. The project is located within the Mt Hope Management Area (47).				

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Lassen National Forest Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District) R5 - Pacific Southwest Region					
Robbers Creek Watershed EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 06/14/2019	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	Coye Burnett 530-258-5197 coye.burnett@usda.gov
	Description: The Robbers Creek Watershed EA project objective is to restore watershed health by implementing treatments that improve the ecological resilience of aspen, meadow, stream and forest habitats.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56356				
Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen, Plumas. LEGAL - T29N R8E sec. 1, 2, 12, 13; T29N R9E sec. 6, 7, 18, 19 and 20; T30N R8 sec. 7, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 26, 27, 34 and 35; MDM. Located within the Swain Management Area, on the Almanor Ranger District. The southern extent of the project boundary is located 2.5 miles North of Westwood, CA on Hwy A-21 and north to Barnes Flat.					
West Shore Community Wildfire Protection Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recreation management - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 05/01/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Matthew Cerney 530-258-5191 matthew.cerney@usda.gov
	Description: Mixed-conifer forest veg mgt project designed to 1)reduce haz fuels within WUI;2)increase forest health and veg diversity;3)provide an economic benefit to the local community;4)Protect ecosystems and wildlife habitat;5)Improve forest health in RCAs				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56312				
Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T. 27N, R. 8E, Sections 18, 19, 20, and 30; T27N, R7E, Sec. 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, and 24; Mount Diablo Meridian. In Plumas County, CA on the Lassen National Forest adjacent to Lake Almanor's west shore, surrounding the communities of Lake Almanor West and Prattville & the Rocky Point Campground.					

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Lassen National Forest	Almanor Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Yellow Creek Watershed Restoration EA *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 05/2020	Expected:10/2020	10/2020	Coye Burnett 530-258-5197 coye.burnett@usda.gov
Description: Project aims to recover the ecological potential of meadows, aspen, riparian and forested vegetation in the project area by restoring their form and function to a self-sustaining state that is resilient to a range of future conditions and wildfire.					
Location: UNIT - Almanor Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - The project area falls within Township 27 North, Range 6 East, Sections 27, 34, and 35 Mount Diablo Base Meridian (MDBM). The Yellow Creek Project is located on the Lassen National Forest on the Almanor Ranger District (Figure 1). The project encompasses approximately 4 miles of Yellow Creek within the Upper Feather River Watershed in Plumas County, CA.					

Lassen National Forest	Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Acer Vegetation Management Project EA *UPDATED*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Watershed management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 11/25/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 06/2020	Expected:10/2020	11/2020	Andrew Orlemann 530-252-6693 andrew.orlemann@usda.gov
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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55762					
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	Completed	Actual: 03/30/2020	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 08/2021	Expected:10/2021	05/2022	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.				
Janesville Road Access Project CE *UPDATED*	- Special use management	Completed	Actual: 03/10/2020	04/2020	Nancy Barrera 530-257-2151 nbarrera@fs.fed.us
	Description: The Lassen National Forest proposes to issue a new special use authorization to New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC, for the use of road 28N05, to replace existing expired authorization terms.				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Elysian Valley Area, Janesville. T28N,R12E,Sec1. Road 28N05.				
McKenzie Meadow Restoration Project CE *UPDATED*	- Watershed management	In Progress: Scoping Start 09/17/2019	Expected:04/2020	06/2020	Bobette Jones 530-257-4188 bobettejones@fs.fed.us
	Description: The goal of this project is to enhance meadow habitat by re-connecting the stream to a multiple channel system and increasing stream base elevation.				
	Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56722				
	Location: UNIT - Eagle Lake Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Project area is approximately 26 miles NW of Susanville, CA. It encompasses 61 miles, between McKenzie Cow Camp and Highway 44, where lowest downstream perennial portion of Pine Creek flows.				

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Lassen National Forest Eagle Lake Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
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 04/2020	Expected:07/2020	08/2020	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.				

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Lassen National Forest Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region		
17 Road Crossings Project, Phase II CE *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 03/2020	Expected:11/2020	07/2021	Shawn Wheelock 530-336-3340 swheelock@fs.fed.us
	Description: This project is intended to restore a degraded section of North Digger Creek Channel, reduce the sediment entering the Battle Creek watershed, provide effective aquatic organism passage, protect NFS infrastructure, and enhance aspen stands. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56425				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately three miles west of Lassen Volcanic National Park in Township 30 North, Range 3 East, sections 22 and 27, Mount Diablo Meridian.				
2014 Hat Creek Fire Restoration Project EA *UPDATED*	- Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress: Scoping Start 12/17/2019 Est. Comment Period Public Notice 07/2020	Expected:12/2020	01/2021	Tamera Taylor 530-336-5521 tataylor@usda.gov
	Description: The purpose of this project is to successfully reforest suitable portions of the landscape deforested by the 2014 Bald and Eiler Fires and to reduce the spread of known and new invasive plant infestations within the fire areas. Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57170				
	Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Lassen, Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Bald and Eiler Fire areas: various sections within T33N:R3E and R4E; T34N:R3E,R4E,R5E,R6E, and R7E; T35N:R4E,R5E,R6E,and R7E; and T36N;R5E and R6E, Mount Diablo Meridian, Lassen and Shasta Counties.				

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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 *UPDATED*	- Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Watershed management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 03/12/2020	03/2020	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.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55470					
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.					
Crossroads Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management - Road management	Completed	Actual: 01/31/2020	01/2020	Greg Mayer 530-336-5521 gmayer@fs.fed.us
Description: The Crossroads Project is designed to improve resilience of stands to future disturbance events, decrease fuel loads, enhance oak woodlands, improve ingress and egress, and refine the transportation system for safe public access and travel.					
Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=55825					
Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. Approximately 2 miles northeast of Burney, CA, within the Shasta-Trinity NF administered by the Lassen NF. T36N, R3E, Sec. 3-6,8-9,17,19,21,22,26-28,30,31,34,35 and T37N, R3E, Sec. 17-19 and 30.					

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Lassen National Forest	Hat Creek Ranger District (excluding Projects occurring in more than one District)			R5 - Pacific Southwest Region	
Hat Creek Wells Project CE *NEW LISTING*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Grazing management - Fuels management - Road management 	In Progress: Scoping Start 02/05/2020	Expected:04/2020	05/2020	Greg Mayer 530-336-5521 gmayer@fs.fed.us
<p>Description: The Hat Creek Ranger District is proposing the Grayback and Procter Creek Wells Project to provide two non-potable water sources on NFS lands to be used for fire, forest management activities, road maintenance, and wildlife and livestock watering.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=57503</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Hat Creek Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Shasta. LEGAL - Not Applicable. The Grayback site would be located near Big Lake on the west side of the District in T32N, R3E, sec. 10. The Procter Creek site would be located on the Hat Creek Rim within T35N, R5E, sec. 2-3, 34-35.</p>					

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Projects Occurring Nationwide					
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Locatable Mining Rule - 36 CFR 228, subpart A. EIS *UPDATED*	- Regulations, Directives, Orders	In Progress NOI in Federal Register 09/13/2018 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 11/2021	Expected: 12/2021	12/2021	Nancy Rusho 202-731-9196 nancy.rusho@usda.gov
<p>Description: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes revisions to its regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A governing locatable minerals operations on National Forest System lands. A draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020 Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=57214</p> <p>Location: UNIT - All Districts-level Units. STATE - All States. COUNTY - All Counties. LEGAL - Not Applicable These regulations apply to all NFS lands open to mineral entry under the US mining laws. More Information is available at: https://www.fs.usda.gov/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals/current-revisions</p>					

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Plumas National Forest, Forestwide (excluding Projects occurring in more than one Forest) R5 - Pacific Southwest Region					
Project Name	Project Purpose	Planning Status	Decision	Expected Implementation	Project Contact
Plumas National Forest Over-Snow Vehicle (OSV) Use Designation EIS	- Recreation management	In Progress DEIS NOA in Federal Register 02/08/2019 Est. FEIS NOA in Federal Register 08/2020	Expected: 10/2020	11/2020	Katherine Carpenter 530-283-7742 katherine.carpenter@usda.gov
<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. 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>					

Walker Fire Rehabilitation Project CE	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Grazing management	In Progress Scoping Start 04/03/2020	Expected: 06/2020	07/2020	Katherine Carpenter 530-283-7742 kacarpenter@fs.fed.us
NEW LISTING					
<p>Description: This project includes removing and/or rearranging fire-killed and fire-injured trees and replacement of twenty-six miles of range fencing, four water systems, three cattle guard wings, and eleven wildlife guzzlers.</p> <p>Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=58032</p>					
<p>Location: UNIT - Plumas National Forest All Units. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T25N, R11E Sections 1, 11-13; T25N R12E Sections 1-18, 20-24; T25N R13E Sections 3-10, 15-18; T26N R11E Section 36; T26N R12E Sections 1-5, 7-36; more in "other project information" The Walker Fire perimeter is located on the Mt. Hough and Beckwourth Ranger Districts of the Plumas National Forest.</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
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 Project CE	- Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Forest products - Road management	In Progress Scoping Start 09/05/2018	Expected: 04/2020	06/2020	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>					
Ramelli Ranch Erosion Improvement, Pipeline and Corral Maintenance Project CE	- Grazing management - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Watershed management	In Progress Scoping Start 12/17/2019	Expected: 05/2020	10/2020	Martha Roberts 530-836-7166 martha.roberts@usda.gov
<p>Description: The project proposes to authorize maintenance of buried irrigation pipeline, address erosion concerns near the river corridor, and authorize reconstruction of an existing corral.</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Beckwourth Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T23N, R14E, Sections 27 and 28. The Ramelli Ranch Allotment is located approximately 2 miles west of Beckwourth and south of State Highway 70 on National Forest Systems Lands in Plumas County, California.</p>					
				09/2020	

Thompson Meadow Restoration Project EA	- Watershed management - Grazing management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants	In Progress Comment Period 01/08/2020	Expected: 04/2020		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: 01/2020	01/2020	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
Concow Resilience Project CE	- Fuels management - Watershed management - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	In Progress Scoping Start 12/11/2019	Expected: 09/2020	10/2020	Clay Davis 907-747-4225 clayrdavis@fs.fed.us
	Description: Proposes to undertake a series of reforestation, revegetation, and brush control activities following high-severity fire in and around the Concow Basin. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=57311				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable Lands of the Lassen National Forest administered by the Plumas National Forest in the Concow Basin, east of Paradise, California off CA Highway 70.				
FRRD Abandoned Mine Closures 2019 CE	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 08/12/2019	Expected: 04/2020	05/2020	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Abandoned mine closures and site reclamation Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=56831				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas, Sierra. LEGAL - Not Applicable Four sites on the Feather River Ranger District				
French Creek I Hazardous Fuels Reduction CE	- Forest products - Fuels management	In Progress Scoping Start 09/11/2019	Expected: 08/2020	09/2020	Jason Vermillion 530-532-7434 jvermillion@fs.fed.us

	<p>Description: The French Creek I project proposes to reduce hazardous fuels and stand density through commercial and pre-commercial thinning, mastication of brush and prescribed burning using GTR-220 and 237 methods. The project will treat no more than 3,000 acres Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=56798</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable Located ~ 10 miles north of Berry Creek, at elevations ranging between 2,300 and 4,500 feet. Annual precipitation ranges between 55 and 70 inches. The Camp Fire burned through the majority of the area</p>				
Granite Basin OHV Trail Development Project EA	- Recreation management - Road management	In Progress Scoping Start 05/15/2019 Est. Comment Period 05/2020	Expected: 08/2020	09/2020	Clay Davis 530-532-8940 clay.davis@usda.gov
	<p>Description: The Forest Service is proposing to meet the need for additional OHV riding opportunities for the Granite Basin recreation area. This proposal has two components: construction/reconstruction of OHV trail and road reclassification to authorize OHV use. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=55986</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Granite Basin</p>				
Lower Four Trees Road Fire Salvage Project CE *NEW LISTING*	- Fuels management - Road management - Forest products	In Progress Scoping Start 05/12/2020	Expected: 05/2020	06/2020	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: Areas along Four Trees Road (23N00) were burned severely in the Camp Fire (November 8-25, 2018). Tree mortality has occurred in areas of high and mixed fire severity. We propose to log the trees that have died, are dying, and will die. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=58166</p> <p>Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte. LEGAL - Not Applicable Four Trees Road (NFS Road 23N00) above CA Highway 70 and West of NFS Road 23N28 in the French Creek area.</p>				
Mooreville Ridge Insect and Disease Resilience Project CE *UPDATED*	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products)	Analysis Completed	Expected: 04/2020 Actual: 05/06/2020	05/2020	Eric Murphy 530-532-8922 ejmurphy@fs.fed.us
	<p>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</p> <p>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.</p>				
PG&E Underground Electric Powerline Special Use Request CE	- Special use management	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Erika Brenzovich 530-283-7622 ebrenzovich@fs.fed.us
	<p>Description: PG&E is proposing to install a new underground electric power line within the Highway 70 corridor that will replace approximately 10 miles of the Bucks Creek 1101 12kV pole line that was damaged during the Camp Fire. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=56962</p>				

	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Butte, Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Approximately 10 miles within the Highway 70 corridor between Pulga Road and Cresta Dam.				
Strawberry Wildfire Resilience Project CE	- Forest products - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Fuels management	In Progress Scoping Start 03/29/2019	Expected: 05/2020	08/2020	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.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?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).				
YWA - Cottage Creek Dam Modification Special Use CE	- Special use management	In Progress Scoping Start 03/31/2020	Expected: 05/2020	06/2020	Clay Davis 907-747-4225 clayrdavis@fs.fed.us
	Description: Yuba Water Agency has requested authorization to modify a 1960 earthen dam partially occupying NFS lands. The dam is not within the FERC boundary and is not currently authorized through a special use. We propose to authorize modification and operation Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=57979				
	Location: UNIT - Feather River Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Yuba. LEGAL - Not Applicable Cottage Creek Dam is located in northeastern Yuba County, approximately 30 miles northeast of Yuba City, at an approximate elevation of 2,000 feet, on Plumas National Forest and YWA-owned land that is directly adjacent to the Tahoe National Forest.				

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Bud Lee Placer Mining Plan of Operations EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 02/11/2020 Est. Comment Period 04/2020	Expected: 06/2020	06/2020	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 donna.duncan@usda.gov
	Description: Continued mining using heavy equipment to excavate materials from existing pit, and process with a trommel wash plant 7 sluice box. Occupancy of the site during operations will include tents and a portable toilet. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=57744				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T25N, R7E, Sec 27 The Bud Lee claim is near Richbar, in the Feather River Canyon				
China Bar Placer Mining Plan of Operations EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 04/01/2019 Est. Comment	Expected: 06/2020	06/2020	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us

		Period 05/2020			
	Description: Placer mining bench gravels in the North Fork Feather River Drainage. Use of a small backhoe and a trommel. Settling ponds will prevent discharge into river.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T26N, R8E, Sec 19 Seneca, CA, China Bar				
Golden Willow Placer Mining 2020 CE	- Minerals and Geology	Analysis Completed	Expected: 04/2020 Actual: 04/13/2020	05/2020	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 donna.duncan@usda.gov
UPDATED	Description: Placer mining along creek banks, long term occupancy				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T27N, R12E, Sec 9, MDBM The Golden Willow Placer claim is located along Indian Creek, north of Antelope Lake. Access is along Fruit Growers Boulevard (NFS Road 28N03).				
Long Valley Forest Health Project CE	- Fuels management - Wildlife, Fish, Rare plants - Vegetation management (other than forest products) - Forest products	Developing Proposal Est. Scoping Start 10/2019	Expected: 02/2020	09/2020	Kyla Sabo 530-283-7652 kylasabo@fs.fed.us
	Description: Improve forest health and fire resiliency within the project area as well as reduce meadow and aspen encroachment by lodgepole pine. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=56891				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T26N R8E Sections 11-13, 24, T26N, R9E Sections 7, 18, 19, 30 The project area is South of Round Valley Reservoir.				
Moonlight-Superior Drill Project CE	- Minerals and Geology	On Hold	N/A	N/A	Donna Duncan 530-283-7614 dmduncan@fs.fed.us
	Description: Exploratory drilling, drill pad construction, sump pit excavation, water for drilling, improve some roads, some cross country travel.				
	Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - T27N, R10E, Sec 1,12, T27N, R11E, Sec 6 Moonlight Valley, north of Taylorsville, CA				
Plumas Imperial Mining Plan of Operations EA	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Comment Period 03/18/2020	Expected: 05/2020	05/2020	Leslie Edlund 530-283-7650 ledlund@fs.fed.us
UPDATED	Description: Plan of Operation submitted to mine using heavy equipment to excavate material, processing through a trommel and use of settling ponds. .5 miles of non-system road was constructed under a previous plan. This road will be maintained. Web Link: http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=55636				
	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	- Minerals and Geology	In Progress Scoping Start 01/30/2019 Est. Comment Period 04/2020	Expected: 05/2020	05/2020	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

Soper Wheeler	- Road management	In	Expected:	04/2020	Erika Brenzovich
Silver Creek	- Special use	Progress	12/2019		530-283-7620
Pipeline	management	Scoping			ebrenzovich@fs.fed.us
Replacement		Start			
Project		10/11/2018			
EA		Est.			
		Comment			
		Period			
		09/2019			

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

Toilet Removal -	- Recreation	In	Expected:	06/2020	Leslie Edlund
Snake Lake and	management	Progress	04/2020		530-283-7620
Greenville		Scoping			ledlund@fs.fed.us
Campground		Start			
CE		12/09/2019			

NEW LISTING **Description:** Removal of two vault toilet buildings: one at Snake Lake Campground and one at Greenville Campground. The Snake Lake toilet is old and has been replaced with a CXT. The Greenville toilet has a suspected cracked vault.

Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Snake Lake Campground - T24N, R9E, Section 6. Greenville Campground - T27N, R9E, Section 34

Union Pacific	- Special use	In	Expected:	06/2020	Leslie Edlund
Railroad Debris	management	Progress	05/2020		530-283-7620
Straining Grizzlies		Scoping			ledlund@fs.fed.us
CE		Start			
		08/06/2019			

NEW LISTING **Description:** UPRR proposes to maintain two debris-straining structures, referred to as grizzlies, located in the Plumas National Forest. The project involves two grizzly structures, the north grizzly and the south grizzly, located above the RR tracks, Fern Creek.

Location: UNIT - Mt. Hough Ranger District. STATE - California. COUNTY - Plumas. LEGAL - Not Applicable Fern Canyon, a tributary to the Feather River. North grizzly - latitude 40.003532 ,longitude -121.244470. South grizzly - latitude 40.003366, longitude -121.244678.

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