

Butte County Federal/State Land Use Coordinating Committee

January 21, 2021 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM

[Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting Minutes

1) Self-Introductions: Josh Pack, Paula Daneluk, Paul Gosselin, Peggy Moak (committee members)
Participants/guests: Calli-Jane DeAnda and Taylor Nilsson (Butte County Fire Safe Council); Wolfy Rougle (BCRCD); Holly Jorgensen (Sac River Watershed); John Messina (Butte County Fire); Brian Ring (BC Administration); Cindi Dunsmoor (BC Emergency Services Officer); Jennifer Macarthy (BC DCAO Economic Development, Thad Walker, BCRCD, Dave Brillenz and Barbara Drake (Plumas National Forest), Nick Ofstrovsky and Elaine McSpadden (Butte County Environmental Health), Tracy Schrorer (UC Davis Cooperative Extension

2) Approval of Minutes for 2020 meetings: November 12, 2020

Motion to approve: Gosselin, 2nd Daneluk Approved 3-1 (Pack abstaining)

3) BCRCD Letter of Support Request – Colby Mountain Project. Thad Walker discussed 2 year process for this project which enhances year-round recreational opportunities in the Colby Mountain/Butte Meadows area with the development of a non-motorized trail linking existing trail systems in the Sierras. Walker highlighted the collaboration between County, BCRCD, Forest Service and Sierra Trails Group in developing and bringing the project forward.

Motion: issue draft letter of support as presented (Moak), 2nd Gosselin Approved 4-0

4) Consider Letter of Support for current budget cycle State Appropriations for wildfire mitigation projects

Discussion resulted in tabling the item for additional research and consultation with Administration

5) Storrie Meadows project- Lassen National Forest Request for letter of support (Categorical Exclusion Project). The project description provided by the LNF Almanor Ranger District was read. Thad Walker shared that the Jonesville cabin owners were notified and had a Board meeting Wednesday night to discuss, so they will also be providing feedback.

Motion: Draft letter of support contingent upon results of Forest Advisory Committee review of the project and vote to support (Moak) Paula – 2nd, Approved 4-0

TASK FORCE Agenda:

- 1) Developing a plan to protect unburned WUI Communities in Butte County
- 2) Calli-Jane and Task Force Discussion



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COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

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Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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Re: Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Grant Application #1279-RT

To the Grant Review Committee:

I am writing on behalf of the Butte County Federal/State Land Use Coordinating Committee in support of the Butte County Resource Conservation District's grant application for the Colby Mountain Recreation Area. There is a critical need for additional high-quality recreational trails in our region, and the surge of outdoor activity during the COVID-19 pandemic has underscored that we are not only enjoying many of our existing trail systems, we are "loving them to death." Developing improved trailhead infrastructure and over 40 miles of multi-use trails in the beautiful alpine landscape of the Lassen National Forest will give residents of Butte, Tehama, and Plumas Counties an accessible destination for experiencing wild nature and engaging in healthy outdoor activities. From long-distance adventure trekkers to day-users, the Colby Mountain trail system—and its linkage to the 300-mile "Lost Sierra Route" stretching across the Northern Sierras as part of the Connected Communities regional plan—will also draw tourism back to the region impacted by the 2018 Camp Fire. This sustainable revenue source could be crucial to helping local businesses reopen, giving fire survivors a reason to stay, and encouraging new talent to move here for the entrepreneurial opportunities and the quality of life.

As a Board of Supervisors' Appointed Committee responsible for soliciting and aggregating public input on public lands management issues, we strongly support this application to the Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Program for grant funding. We see this project as a grassroots effort to not only rebuild the local economy, but also engender a sense of identity and pride for residents of Jonesville and surrounding communities. We envision Butte County residents and visitors using the proposed Outdoor Classroom, Nature Trail, Singletrack Trail Network and the Lost Sierra Trails route to learn about the natural history of the Northern Sierras, indulge in adventurous mountain biking and beautiful hikes, and enjoy many years of family outings. Given the Colby Mountain Recreation Area's focus on supporting the ecological health of this forested watershed, as well as promoting environmental education and sustainable outdoor recreation, we really can't imagine a more compelling or worthy project for the Vibrant Recreation and Tourism project to fund this year. Please help our region to rediscover a sense of place—and adventure—in Jonesville, Butte County, California.

Sincerely,



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Butte County Resource Conservation District
Butte County Forest Advisory Committee