

Butte County Federal/State Land Use Coordinating Committee

March 22, 2021 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM - Via Zoom

Members present: Gosselin, Pack, Moak

March 22, 2021 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Concurrent with Forest Advisory Committee Meeting)

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Meeting Minutes

1) Self-Introductions: Josh Pack, Paula Daneluk, Paul Gosselin, Peggy Moak (committee members)

- Invited guests: Danielle Nuzum (10:00), PGE Representative Dan Blair (at FAC Meeting)
- Public participants: open

2) Approval of Minutes for prior meetings: March 1, 2021 Minutes were approved (M-Gosselin, 2nd Moak, Approved 3-0)

3) Discussion of Forest Service letter requesting feedback or any concerns the County of Butte may have for the consequences of PGE planned removal of transmission lines in the Feather River Canyon. One point mentioned is that the transmission lines dated 1921 have historical significance, and they broadly reference nine cultural resources, for which PGE intends there to be no impact from this project. PG&E provided maps showing the locations of the lines and the helicopter landing sites.

Possible areas of concern as responded to by PGE:

- Timing of project and any road closures affecting travel and/or recreational use during that time
 - Project is tentatively planned for starting in July at the Caribou Power House and removing the conductors down the canyon over the next 2 to 3 months. There will be very few road closures where our equipment will block the roads and when that is necessary we will have the appropriate traffic control measures in place. This work is spread over 30 miles so the project will move quickly and not stay in one place for long. We do not expect Recreational uses like camping to be heavily impacted except in on location off of Caribou Road. PG&E will coordinate with necessary agencies re this impact and do our best to minimize the time of impact. In reference to impact to roads, much of this work will be completed by helicopter and the few roads that will be utilized for this work are currently utilized by Hydro Operations. Coordination will take place as necessary.
- Abandoned PGE Right of Way and access roads – how is that being handled?
 - PG&E does not expect to abandon any right of way as the existing roads will be utilized for remaining Transmission lines or hydro operations.
- Future recreational use of PGE roads in the LNF/PNF –
 - We do not expect to see changes in the PG&E roads as this is a Transmission corridor, has other transmission lines and/or hydro operations use these existing roads. We do not expect to see any change in existing uses based on the removal of the transmission line.
- Future Maintenance of County/Forest Service roads formerly seeing frequent maintenance effort by PGE –

- Do not expect any changes due to this removal of the transmission line.
- Water Quality/Erosion concerns for roads that are not planned to be maintained for recreational use by the USFS
 - PG&E is not building new roads for this use and will utilize helicopters when roads are not available. PG&E will meet all regulatory and permitting requirements for any access roads that will be utilized.
- FAC Meeting Discussion on historical significance of the towers revealed that there are mitigation measures permissible that would meet standards for recognizing or memorializing historical significance of the towers and line that would not require any portion to remain standing.

MOTION: Draft a response letter to the Plumas National Forest Supervisor for consideration and edit by the Chief Administrative Officer. M-Gosselin, 2nd Pack, Approved 3-0

There being no public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM.