Opportunity to Comment on the Feather River Aquatic Organism Passage Project and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

The Forest Service (USFS), Plumas National Forest, Mt. Hough Ranger District, and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) has prepared an Initial Study/Environmental Assessment (IS/EA) for the Feather River Aquatic Organism Passage Project (Feather River AOP Project), which examines the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project located on State Route (SR) 70 in Butte and Plumas Counties, California. This project is a joint agency project, and would be completed using state and federal funds. USFS is the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Caltrans is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). USFS and Caltrans have studied the environmental effects of the proposed AOP project and have determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment. A general discussion of the environmental considerations can be found in the IS/EA in the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and draft Finding of No Significant Impact prepared for this project.

This project proposes to improve AOP for five tributaries to the North Fork Feather River along SR 70 in Butte and Plumas Counties. Work would consist of constructing fish ladders in order to augment existing culverts for fish passage, and replacement of existing bridges/culverts with natural channel bottom structures that provide AOP for all species specific life stages. The project is located along SR 70 at five North Fork Feather River tributaries (Mill Creek, unnamed intermittent channel, Bear Creek, Rush Creek and Soda Creek) occurring from the communities of Pulga, CA (Butte County) to Paxton, CA (Plumas County) on USFS and private land. The proposed action description and other information are available for review at the Mt. Hough Ranger District. Additional information regarding this action can be obtained from: Elaine Vercruysse, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971, (530) 283-7744, evercruysse@fs.fed.us.

How to Comment and Timeframe

Individuals and organizations wishing to be eligible to object must meet the information requirements of 36 CFR 218 Subparts A and B.

It is the responsibility of persons providing comments to submit them by the close of the comment period. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection under §218.

Written, facsimile, hand-delivered, and electronic comments concerning this action will be accepted for 30 calendar days following the publication of this notice in the Feather River Bulletin. The publication date in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the comment period for this analysis. Those wishing to comment should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source. The regulations prohibit extending the length of the comment period.

Written comments must be submitted to: Kyla Sabo, District NEPA Planner, Mt. Hough Ranger District, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA, 95971, delivered to Mt. Hough Ranger District during business hours (M-F-8:00am to 4:30 pm); or submitted by FAX (530)283-1821. Electronic comments, in common (.doc, .pdf, .rtf, .txt) formats, may be submitted to comments-pacificsouthwest-plumas-mthough@fs.fed.us with Subject: Feather River AOP Project. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to a comment, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification.

For objection eligibility each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request.

For individuals with sensory disabilities, this document is available in braille, large print, on audiocassette, or computer disk. To obtain a copy in one of these alternate formats, please call or write to Caltrans, Attn: Wes Stroud, North Region Environmental Management, 1657 Riverside Drive, Redding, CA 96001; (530) 225-2928 Voice, or use the California Relay Service TTY number, 711 or 1-800-735-2929.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING APPLICATION FOR MUSIC FESTIVAL At BELDEN TOWN RESORT & LODGE 14785 BELDEN TOWN RD. BELDEN, CA 95915

The Plumas County Board of Supervisors will be holding public hearing on the following matter on Tuesday, June 6th, 2017 at 10:15 a.m. in the Board of Supervisor Room 308, Courthouse, Quincy, California.

Outdoor Music Festival applications have been received for the following events to occur at the Belden Town Resort and Lodge:

Stilldream Music Festival – July 27th through July 31st, 2017

The Board will take public input and comments concerning these events, and may impose additional conditions appropriate for these permits.

For further information on these festivals and the above hearing please contact: Jim Graham, Plumas County Public Works at (530) 283-6169.

Written comments should be mailed to: Jim Graham, Plumas County Public Works Department, 1834 East Main Street, Quincy, California 95971.

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