

ALMANOR & CANYON PLANNING AREAS

FEATHER RIVER MEADOWS

Features that Qualify Feather River Meadows for Scenic Designation:

1. Important scenic qualities which attract tourists:
 - A. The absence of off-premise advertising signs affords unobstructed views of the meadowland and floodplain of Rice Creek.
 - B. The long-standing Feather River Rod & Gun Club facilities at the meadow's edge establish a recreation resort character to the area.
 - C. The open meadow grassland offers habitat and forage for a variety of wildlife, including deer.
 - D. The seasonal contrasts between the meadowland and surrounding conifer covered ridges of Wild Cattle Mountain provide an aesthetic quality attractive to people who live in more densely populated areas.

Standards for Land Development:

1. On-premise signs shall not exceed 6 square feet for residential uses and 100 square feet maximum area for commercial recreational uses. Signs shall not exceed the height of any on-site building roof line.
2. Locate transmission and distribution lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.

Land Use Protection Measures:

1. Maintain resort recreational use.
2. Utilize density transfer to maintain open space characteristics of the Feather River Meadows and locate recreation land use densities away from the natural creekside and meadowland environments.
3. Prohibit off-premise advertising signs.

WARNER VALLEY

Features that qualify Warner Valley for scenic designation:

1. Visual aspects important to the maintenance of rural character:

- A. The absence of off-premise advertising signs affords unobstructed views of the pastoral setting of Warner Valley.
- B. The pasturing and grazing of cattle and horses enclosed by barbed wire and split rail fences.
- C. Views of structures designed for agricultural uses.

2. Important scenic qualities which attract tourists:
 - A. Agricultural practices which include the grazing of pasture animals provide a relaxing visual change of character for people who live in more densely populated areas.

Standards for Land Development:

1. Locate transmission and utility lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.
2. Encourage the nomination of ranch homesites and barns which may qualify for State historic landmark designation or for the National Register of Historical Places.
3. On-premise signs shall not exceed 6 square feet nor exceed the height of any on-site building roof line.

Land Use Protection Measures:

1. Maintain agricultural uses.
2. Prohibit off-premise advertising signs.

SOLDIER MEADOWS

Features that Qualify Soldier Meadows for Scenic Designation:

1. Visual aspects important to the maintenance of rural character:
 - A. Soldier Meadows provides nearly level pastureland, fenced by poles or barbed wire fences for containing large numbers of cattle.
 - B. The existing old structures designed and built for agricultural uses contribute to the rural character of Soldier Meadows, specifically including barns and corrals.

2. Representative samples of historic lifestyles important to Soldier Meadows:

- A. Old Victorian era ranch buildings constructed from local materials are located within the meadow and reflect the self-sufficiency of early Plumas County settlers.
- B. Barns and out buildings representing past agricultural needs and practices still remain within the meadowland area.
- C. Animal-drawn agricultural implements and vehicles are still visible.

3. Important scenic qualities which attract tourists:

- A. The pastoral setting of old residences, barns, and grazing cattle, contrasted by the surrounding snowcapped mountains, provides a lasting visual impression to passersby.
- B. The absence of off-premise advertising signs and commercial uses contributes to the rural historical feeling of Soldier Meadows and provides a relaxing change of character for people who live in more densely populated areas.

Standards for Land Development:

1. Locate transmission and utility lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.
2. Encourage the nomination of ranch homesites and barns which may qualify for State historic landmark designation or for the National Register of Historic Places.
3. On-premise signs shall not exceed 6 square feet nor exceed the height of any on-site building roof line.

Land Use Protection Measures:

1. Maintain agricultural and rural residential uses.
2. Utilize density transfer to maintain existing open space of Soldier Meadows pastureland and to locate rural residential densities away from scenic areas.
3. Prohibit off-premise advertising signs.

HUMBUG VALLEY

Features that Qualify Humbug Valley for Scenic Designation:

1. Visual aspects important to the maintenance of rural character:
 - A. Humbug Valley provides an expanse of pastureland, fenced by split rail or barbed wire fences for containing large numbers of cattle.
 - B. The existing old structures designed and built for agricultural uses contribute to the rural character of Humbug Valley, specifically barns, corrals, and outbuildings.
2. Representative samples of historical life styles important to Humbug Valley.
 - A. Old Victorian houses constructed from local materials are located at the meadow's edge and reflect the self-sufficiency of early Plumas County families as well as the necessity of providing accommodations for the early traveler along Humbug Road (Prattville-Oroville Road).
 - B. Barns and outbuildings representing the agricultural needs and practices still remain within homestead locations.
3. Important scenic qualities which attract tourists:
 - A. The pastoral setting of old residences, barns, and grazing cattle provides a focus on local ranch history and early transportation routes which may be of particular interest to passersby.
 - B. The absence of off-premise advertising signs and commercial uses contributes to the rural historical feeling of Humbug Valley and provides a relaxing change of character for people who live in more densely populated areas.

Standards for Land Development:

1. Locate transmission and utility lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.
2. Encourage the nomination of ranch homesites and barns which may qualify for State historic landmark designation or for the National Register of Historic Places.
3. On-premise signs shall not exceed 6 square feet nor exceed the height of any on-site building roof line.

Land Use Protection Measures:

1. Maintain agricultural, resource production, and rural residential uses.
2. Utilize density transfer to maintain the open space values of Humbug Valley and to locate rural residential densities away from scenic areas.
3. Prohibit off-premise advertising signs.

KEEFER RANCH MEADOWS**Features that Qualify Keefer Ranch Meadows for Scenic Designation:**

1. Visual aspects important to the maintenance of rural character:
 - A. Keefer Ranch Meadows provides an expanse of pastureland, fenced by split rail or barbed wire fences for containing large numbers of cattle.
 - B. The existing old structures designed and built for agricultural uses contribute to the rural character of Keefer Ranch Meadows, specifically barns, corrals, and outbuildings.
2. Representative samples of historical lifestyles important to Keefer Ranch Meadows:
 - A. Old Victorian houses constructed from local materials are located at the meadow's edge and reflect the self-sufficiency of early Plumas County families.
 - B. Barns and out-buildings representing the agricultural needs and practices still remain within homestead locations.
3. Important scenic qualities which attract tourists:
 - A. The pastoral setting of old residences, barns, and grazing cattle provides a focus on local ranch history and early transportation routes which may be of particular interest to passersby.
 - B. The absence of off-premise advertising signs and commercial uses contributes to the rural historical feeling of Keefer Ranch Meadows and provides a relaxing change of character for people who live in more densely populated areas.

Standards for Land Development:

1. Locate transmission and utility lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.
2. Encourage the nomination of ranch homesites and barns which may qualify for State historic landmark designation or for the National Register of Historic Places.
3. On-premise signs shall not exceed 6 square feet nor exceed the height of any on-site building roof line.

Land Use Protection Measures:

1. Maintain agricultural, resource production, and rural residential uses.
2. Utilize density transfer to maintain the open space values of Keefer Ranch Meadows and to locate rural residential densities away from scenic areas.
3. Prohibit off-premise advertising signs.

LAKE ALMANOR**Features that Qualify Lake Almanor for Scenic Designation:**

1. Important scenic qualities which attract tourists:
 - A. The absence of off-premise advertising signs serves to enhance the near and distant views of Lake Almanor.
 - B. Lake Almanor provides unlimited combinations of contrasting colors, textures, sky reflections, and distant views of Mt. Lassen.
 - C. Absence of prominent encroachments into the lakeside environment promotes a natural shoreline appearance.

Standards for Land Development:

1. Locate transmission and distribution lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.
2. Control the amount and number of landfill projects within the lakeshore area, to specifically include boat ramps and breakwaters.
3. On-premise signs shall not exceed 6 square feet maximum for residential uses and 100 square feet maximum area for commercial uses.

Land Use Protection Measures:

1. Maintain recreation and residential uses.
2. Prohibit off-premise advertising signs.
3. Utilize density transfer where possible to enhance natural shoreline appearance.

JOHNSON FIELDS-NORTH CAUSEWAY**Features that Qualify Johnson Fields and the North Causeway Areas for Scenic Designation:**

1. Important scenic qualities which attract tourists:
 - A. The highway elevation of the causeway provides unique near and distant views of horses and cattle grazing on lush, green meadowland with a background of forested mountain slopes.
 - B. Existing old structures, such as the barn located in Johnson Fields, contribute to the attractive rural character near the townsite of Chester.
 - C. The floodplain and meadowland provide a habitat for a variety of waterfowl, particularly Canada Geese.
 - D. The absence of off-premise advertising signs and commercial uses contributes to the rural pastoral setting around Chester and provides a relaxing change of character for people who live in more densely populated areas.
2. Visual aspects important to the maintenance of rural character:
 - A. Johnson Fields and the North Causeway area presents a pastoral setting of old weathered barns, corrals, fencing, grazing cattle, and horses.
 - B. The absence of commercial activities and off-premise advertising signs contributes to the rural character and open space feeling near the townsite of Chester.

Standards for Land Development:

1. Locate transmission and distribution lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.
2. On-premise signs shall not exceed 6 square feet nor exceed the height of any on-site building roof line.

Land Use Protection Measures:

1. Maintain agricultural uses.
2. Encourage the nomination of barns which may qualify for State historic landmark designation or for the National Register of Historic Places.
3. Utilize density transfer to maintain existing pastureland open space.
4. Prohibit off-premise advertising signs.

FEATHER RIVER CANYON**Features that qualify Feather River Canyon for scenic designation:**

1. Important scenic qualities which attract tourists:
 - A. Reduced canyon highway speeds and highway elevation enhance the visual dominance of the Feather River and its surrounding steep rocky scarps.
 - B. The flow of the river varies from pools and eddies to rapids and falls. Views of turbulent flows are common.
 - C. Riverside vegetation consisting of oak, conifer, grasses, dogwood, willows, and colorful wildflowers contrast with the rocks, slides, and peaks of the canyon.
 - D. Rural residential uses consisting of woodframe houses, sheds, small farm animals, and old apple orchards are scattered along the old floodplains and alluvial fans of the canyon.
 - E. Old resorts which once thrived upon the passenger railroad business still remain and offer an interesting historical insight to the tourist.

Standards for Land Development:

1. Locate transmission and distribution lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.
2. On-premise signs shall not exceed 6 square feet nor exceed the height of any on-site building roof line.

Land Use Protection Measures:

1. Maintain resource, rural residential, and recreational uses.
2. Utilize density transfer to maintain open space characteristics of the Feather River Canyon.
3. Prohibit off-premise advertising signs.
4. Encourage the nomination of resorts and homesites which may qualify for State historic landmark designation or for the National Registration of Historic Places.

SCENIC ROADS

The following County road segments provide important access to views of near or distant scenic areas:

302 Storrie Road: From Butte County to end

307 Humbug Road: From Butte County to Humbug Creek Road

308 Humboldt Road: From State Highway 89 to Butte County

310 Almanor Drive West: From State Highway 89 to Prattville

311 Old Red Bluff Road: From Warner Valley Road to Tehama County

312 Chester Warner Valley Road: From the Old Red Bluff Road to end

325 Rocky Point Campground Road: From State Highway 89 to end

Protection Measures and Development Standards:

Establish a 100-foot scenic corridor measured from the edge of the highway easement. The following development standards shall apply:

1. No off-premise advertising signs.
2. Signs, on-premise only, shall not exceed 6 square feet maximum for residential uses and 100 square feet maximum area for commercial uses.
3. Locate transmission and utility lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.
4. Establish building exclusion areas within 50 feet from perennial streams or irrigation ditches, measured from the top of the bank.

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5. Maintain natural topographical features within public road rights-of-way, where it is not a clear and present danger to public health, safety, and welfare.

SCENIC HIGHWAYS

The following State highways provide important access to views of near or distant scenic areas:

89

Excluding Canyon Dam

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From the intersection of State Highway 89 to Tehama County; West Causeway/Chester to Lassen County

147

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Protection Measures and Development Standards:

Establish a 100-foot scenic corridor measured from the edge of the highway easement. The following development standards shall apply:

1. No off-premise advertising signs.
2. Signs, on-premise only, shall not exceed 6 square feet maximum for residential uses and 100 square feet maximum area for commercial uses. Signs will not exceed the height of any on-site building roof line. No pennants or flashing lights shall be permitted.
3. Locate transmission and utility lines where they may be concealed by vegetation or topographical features.
4. Establish building exclusion areas within 50 feet from perennial streams or irrigation ditches, measured from the top of the bank.
5. Maintain natural topographical features within public rights-of-way where it is not a clear and present danger to public health, safety and welfare.

Application of Development Standards

Where scenic roads and highways are embodied by a scenic area, development standards for scenic roads and highways shall prevail within their established corridors.