



Notice of Intent to Adopt Mitigated Negative Declaration 687

Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Special Use Permit Bucks Lake Trail System Project File No. U 7-24/25-01

Notice is given that Mitigated Negative Declaration 687 has determined that this project, as mitigated, will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The project is located at 16001 Bucks Lake Road, Bucks Lake; unincorporated Plumas County, CA; Assessor's Parcel Number 112-060-007-000 and 112-060-008-000; T23N/R7E/Section 1, 2, MDM.

The proposed non-motorized unpaved trail would be located on two (2) parcels owned by PG&E southeast of Bucks Lake, which are zoned General Forest ("GF"), Recreation ("Rec-3"), and Secondary Suburban ("S-3").

The unpaved nonmotorized trail would be designed to U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS) standard trail plans for hiking and biking opportunities and will be approximately 4.53 miles long and will have a tread width of up to 36 inches within a 100-foot-wide corridor (50-foot buffer to each side) centered on the proposed trail alignment centerline.

Trail construction is proposed to begin in the summer of 2025 and would be completed at the end of summer 2026. Construction of the trail would include the following: one (1) USFS standard multiple log stringer trail bridge with timber and geocell abutments and railings crossing a perennial stream to protect aquatic resources and public drinking water infrastructure, ten (10) USFS simple stringer bridges or hardened water crossings across the intermittent drainages, a single post sign at entrances to the trail system showing allowable uses and nine (9) directional carsonite signs at trail intersections and trailheads.

No parking areas, buildings, or other permanent infrastructure are being proposed as part of the project. The non-motorized unpaved trail would be used for seasonal recreation (during the summer and spring seasons from March to September) with no maintenance occurring during the winter season (December to February). Seasonal summer maintenance of the trail system would be through Adopt-A-Trail partnerships and volunteer hours. Maintenance of the trail is expected to be performed by hand tools only except for any bridge maintenance, which would require mechanical assistance.

This document is proposed to be adopted and has been filed with the Plumas County Planning Department. It is now available for inspection and review at:

Plumas County Planning and Building Services
555 Main Street
Quincy, CA 95971

and on the Plumas County website at <https://plumascounty.us/2703/Public-Notices-and-Environmental-Documen>.

The review period for this document is from June 26, 2025, through July 26, 2025. Written comments concerning this document will be accepted through the last day of the review period. Comments can be addressed to Tracey Ferguson, Zoning Administrator, and emailed to TimEvans@countyofplumas.com or mailed to 555 Main Street, Quincy, CA 95971.

A public hearing will be held on this project before the Plumas County Zoning Administrator in the Plumas County Permit Center Conference Room, 555 Main Street, Quincy, CA at 10:00 a.m., date to be determined. Notice will be provided once the hearing date is finalized.

For further information, contact:

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Notice posted on June 26, 2025, at the following three public places (CA Government Code Section 65090):

555 Main Street, Quincy, CA; 520 Main Street, Quincy, CA; and 222 Lawrence Street, Quincy, CA
Additionally this Notice of Public Hearing is published on the Zoning Administrator's website at:

<https://www.plumascounty.us/2180/Zoning-Administrator>