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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Granite Basin OHV Trail Development Project

Lead Agency: Butte County Resource Conservation District

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Project Location: Plumas National Forest, Feather River Ranger District, Granite Basin; Plumas County

City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

This project is located in Granite Basin on the Plumas National Forest Feather River Ranger District. The project involves three components: 1) development of a 14.28 mile single track motorized trail; 2) Reclassification of 6.9 miles of Forest Service road 23N18 and the entire length of 23N95Y (3.2 miles) from ML3 to ML2 or mixed use; and 3) decommissioning of 12.46 miles of Forest Service roads that are no longer in use or impact sensitive resources.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Archaeological, wildlife, and botanical surveys have been conducted to design the trail alignment so that it does not impact these resources. Mitigation measures include botanical and archaeological monitors when trail construction is near sensitive resources, and procedures should new discoveries be encountered during construction. Wildlife mitigation measures include Limited Operating Periods (LOPs) for construction and trail use to protect California spotted owls, northern goshawks, and migratory birds. In addition, the project will follow all applicable protection measures identified in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Programmatic Biological Opinion for Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frogs, and protection of all jurisdictional wetland features. Additional mitigation measures have been included to reduce potentially significant effects from soil erosion resulting from trail construction and use. These include: timing project construction will to avoid the periods of highest rainfall, streamflows, and erosion potential; erosion and sediment control BMPs will be temporary installed during construction delays to all disturbed areas; minimize ground and vegetation disturbance, restoration of disturbed area; incorporation of runoff control methods into the design and construction of the trail; and incorporation of drainage control methods into approaches toward intermittent/ephemeral drainages.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Plumas National Forest