

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: McKay Community Forest Trail Plan

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Project Location: Eureka, Humboldt County

City

County

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

The proposed project would establish a trail network with approximately 31 miles of multi-use roads, multi-use trails, hiking trails, and mountain bike trails within the McKay Community Forest located southeast of Eureka. The purpose of the project is to create a place for residents and visitors of all ages and abilities to enjoy walking, hiking, mountain-biking, wheeling (in mobility devices), horseback-riding, learning, and connecting with the natural world. The Trail Plan describes the overall goals, objectives, guiding principles, design standards, and construction practices for building sustainable trails. Initial access points include Northridge Road, Harris Street, and Redwood Acres. Future access points are anticipated to be developed near Redwood Fields, Manzanita Avenue, and Walnut Drive within approximately two to five years (or longer) as large parcels are permitted for subdivision. Amenities include signs, restrooms, benches, and trash receptacles. Construction activities include vegetation clearing, removing stumps and roots, grading and surface preparation, forming the trailbed, placing and compacting the trail surface, forming drainage features, re-vegetation, and bridge installation. Ongoing maintenance activities include trail surface maintenance, erosion control, vegetation management, and repairing short-cuts.

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

The project has incorporated six mitigation measures to ensure less than significant impacts to biological resources; two mitigation measures to ensure less than significant impacts to cultural resources; three mitigation measures to ensure less than significant impacts to hydrology and water quality; and one mitigation measure to ensure less than significant impacts to utilities and service systems. The mitigation measures for biological resources include rare plant avoidance, northern spotted owl protective measures, native migratory bird nest avoidance, osprey and peregrine falcon protective measures, riparian vegetation protective measures, and wetland avoidance and mitigation measures. The mitigation measures for cultural resources include inadvertent discovery protocols for cultural materials and human remains. The mitigation measures for hydrology and water quality include stormwater pollution prevention plan and construction general permit, limited equipment work period, and aggregate for multi-use trails and multi-use roads within streamside areas. The mitigation measure for utilities and service systems includes domestic water line protection.

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

No areas of controversy related to environmental factors are known.

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

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