

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Upper City View Trail

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Project Location: Ukiah

City

Mendocino

County

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

The Project proposes the development of a 2 to 4-ft wide, one-mile loop of narrow-gauge natural surface trail commonly known as a "hiking trail" that would begin and end on the upper leg of the existing 2.8-mile City View Trail within Low Gap Park, located in northwest Ukiah. The new trail was designed by the Ukiah Valley Trail Group (UVTG) and will utilize a series of switchbacks to ascend, then traverse approximately one-half mile before descending to return to the upper leg of City View Trail. Trail grades will vary according to topography with average grades of 7 to 8 percent, for the majority of the trail, with some shorter trail sections in the steeper areas reaching approximately 12 percent. Parking will be provided in the existing Low Gap Park parking lot and the trail will be accessed through the main park entrance. Existing restrooms, trash receptacles and water fountains are provided within the park. The trail is intended for hikers only and will be accessible during regular Low Gap Park hours (8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.).

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

The trail will be built in accordance with the UVTG Design and Maintenance Standards (Attachment B of Initial Study). Construction is anticipated to take approximately two weeks to complete. Trail construction will be completed mostly by hand tools (McLeod, pulaski, axe, pick, pole saw, hand saw, loppers, shovel, etc.). However, different trail construction methods and tools will be utilized to accommodate the varied topography, vegetation, and other natural conditions on the Project site; this may include the use of power equipment tools as conditions require and opportunity allows such as chainsaws, power wheel barrows, vibra-plates, jackhammers, or small trail dozers designed specifically for trail building. UVTG plans to complete the work during the dry season and the UVTG Design and Maintenance Standards intended to reduce erosion will be implemented. As described throughout the Initial Study, temporary ground disturbing activities associated with vegetation removal and trail construction could result in direct significant impacts to Air Quality, Biological Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Wildfire. However, mitigation measures identified within the aforementioned sections would reduce impacts to less than significant with mitigation incorporated. See attached MMRP.

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

None known

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

Ukiah Valley Fire Authority, City of Ukiah Public Works Department, City of Ukiah Police Department, City of Ukiah Electric Utility Department, City of Ukiah Community Development Department- Building Division, Ukiah Municipal Airport Operations Manager, Mendocino County Environmental Health, and Mendocino County Air Quality Management District, Northwest Informaiton Center, Ca Dept of Flsh and Wildfie, US Army Corps of Engineers, Regional Water Quality Control Board, County of Mendocino Plannin and Buildign Services, Mendocino County Resource Conservation District, and Local Native American Tribes