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SCH #

Project Title: The Great Redwood Trail

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 City: Ukiah Zip: 95482 County: Mendocino

Project Location: County: Humboldt, Trinity, Mendocino City/Nearest Community: Multiple
 Cross Streets: Multiple Zip Code: n/a

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: Multiple Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Multiple Waterways: Eel River, Russian River

Airports: Multiple Railways: Mendocino Railway Schools: Multiple

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR | <input type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document |
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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreational: Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
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Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Multiple

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

See attached project description.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>1 and 2</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>1</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
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<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
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<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date May 1, 2024 Ending Date May 31, 2024

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA) proposes to adopt a Master Plan for a 231-mile, multi-use trail from the Mendocino County/Sonoma County line north to Humboldt County on former North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) right-of-way and adjacent public lands. This is the portion of former NCRA right-of-way that remains in the GRTA's operational control. The proposed trail would connect to an existing Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) rail corridor trail in Sonoma County to establish an interregional trail corridor between the North Bay communities of the San Francisco Bay Area and the Arcata/Eureka communities around Humboldt Bay. It would be designed and managed to protect and enhance the surrounding natural environment, respect neighboring properties, and offer safe and equitable access for a wide range of users, including hikers, equestrians, cyclists, runners, wheelchair users, and others. As the right-of-way was formerly used for rail purposes, it consists of a gentle grade with railroad tracks, passes over many rail bridges and trestles, and through tunnels. If completed, the proposed project would result in the longest rail trail in the nation, providing a continuous regional corridor as well as key connections to local and regional destinations.

GRTA prepared a draft Master Plan document which will be the basis for the proposed project evaluated in the program environmental impact report (PEIR). The draft Master Plan document includes preliminary details on proposed trail use, trail typologies, design options, and operations and maintenance. As described in the draft Master Plan, the trail would be composed of a variety of trail surface types over its 231 miles, including paved multi-use, crushed-stone multi-use, and backcountry trails. Paved multi-use trails would consist of concrete or asphalt and would be located near cities, towns, and areas with high use. Safety features would be installed where at-grade road crossings are needed, including striped crosswalks, median refuge islands, raised crosswalks, rectangular rapid flashing beacons, and curb extensions. Crushed stone multi-use trail segments would consist of compacted crushed stone and would be located in suburban and rural areas and would serve as a transition between paved and backcountry trails. Backcountry segments of the trail would be established using natural earthen material and be located in the most rural sections of the trail, including the Eel River Canyon. Amenities along the trail would include trailheads, parking areas, parks and rest areas, restrooms, potable water, river/water access, campgrounds, and wayfinding signage. Where major physical barriers exist, including landslides, infrastructure failures, sensitive habitat areas, or sensitive cultural sites, the proposed project would re-route the trail within GRTA right-of-way, provide a loop trail or parallel route on public lands, reconstruct failed infrastructure, structurally reinforce the trail (for major washouts or landslides), or install context-specific design solutions (such as a boardwalk trail in sensitive areas). The approach to navigate each major barrier would be selected based on the barrier type, location, and other site-specific circumstances.

Under GRTA's supervision, the trail may be managed and maintained by a variety of regional and local public agencies and recreation-oriented non-profits. A prioritization process would rank the order and priority for constructing the trail. This trail prioritization would be informed by community and agency priorities, anticipated trail demand, and the feasibility and cost of each segment. Operations and maintenance activities for the trail would include regular inspections and structure management (e.g., annual inspections of bridges, trestles, and tunnels), routine maintenance of the trail (e.g., sweeping/clearing, patching, and sealing), drainage infrastructure maintenance, vegetation maintenance, litter/dumped material removal, and routine upkeep of trail amenities (e.g., restrooms, wayfinding signage, campgrounds). Project implementation would also involve re-vegetating areas with a native seed mix; installing drainage features (e.g., rolling dips, drainage ditches, culverts); installing vegetative screening, fences, and/or natural barriers; and removing abandoned rail equipment and hazardous materials.