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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final EIS

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Project Location: Hornbrook

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

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Medford, Lakeview, and Northern California Districts are revising the current resource management plan (RMP) for the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM). This Proposed RMP/Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) provides a description and analysis of the management approach that the BLM is proposing for the BLM-administered lands in the CSNM, along with the various alternative management approaches that the BLM analyzed in the Draft RMP/EIS. The CSNM boundary, as identified by Presidential Proclamation No. 9564, constitutes the planning area for this RMP process (Table 1-1, Land ownership in the planning area and Appendix C, Map 1-1. Planning Area and Decision Area). The planning area is 170,407 acres and includes lands within Jackson and Klamath Counties in Oregon, and Siskiyou County in California. The CSNM's decision area is the approximately 113,500 acres of BLM-administered lands within the planning area. Approximately 5,340 acres of BLM-administered lands in the planning area are in Siskiyou County, California.

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

The Proposed RMP emphasizes flexibility in planning-level direction but promotes a moderate level of active management for protection, maintenance, and restoration of CSNM resources, and sets some limitations on management actions and tools available. The Proposed RMP would not carry forward any ACECs or RNAs. The BLM determined that special management attention would be provided by management direction in the plan from other designations and management areas that apply monument-wide and would adequately protect the resource or value. The BLM determined that the entire monument holds historic, cultural, fish and wildlife, and scenic values that meet the relevance and importance criteria for an ACEC. The Proposed RMP/Final EIS are designed to protect the monument's objects of scientific and historic interest outlined in Presidential Proclamations 7318 and 9564, which would safeguard these resources or values. The Proposed RMP was developed based on the consideration of public comments, cooperating agency and government-to-government consultation, updates to the best available science and information, and by combining elements of the alternatives analyzed in the Draft RMP/EIS. Alternative E, the Proposed RMP, is within the range of alternatives considered in the Draft RMP/EIS.

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

Key stakeholders include the local elected officials in Jackson, Klamath and Siskiyou Counties. Their primary interest is how the planning effort addresses O&C lands and commercial timber opportunities. Jackson County Commissioners have generally been opposed to the monument expansion and previously took a stance against the monument expansion, citing concerns about the loss of timber revenue and reduced public access. Jackson County Commissioner Colleen Roberts is also a board member of the Association of the O&C Counties, one of the previous litigants regarding the expansion area.

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

(Federal) Lead Agency: U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management