

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

for

Tributaries Forest Recovery Project

NOTICE is given that a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared setting forth the findings that the following proposed action, Tributaries Forest Recovery Project will have a less than significant effect on the environment.

Location: The project is located south and west of Susanville, north and east of Taylorsville and east of Greenville and Indian Valley. It encompasses areas from Grizzly Ridge to Lake Davis and Delunga Peak up to Antelope Lake, Lights Creek, and Taylor Lake within the East Branch North Fork Feather River Watershed in northeastern Plumas County. The Project Area includes private and National Forest System lands of the PNF within both the Beckwourth and Mt. Hough Ranger Districts.

Project Description: This project proposes activities across the 163,248-acre Tributaries Project planning area to expedite recovery of forest landscape values in burned and partially burned areas. The intent of this project is to reduce fuel loads to improve forest resilience and initiate conifer regeneration, where appropriate; establish shaded fuel breaks; restore functional processes in riparian corridors and meadows; enhance recovery of ecological processes, habitats, and specific species; acknowledge and protect cultural resources; and control invasive species.

An Initial Study (IS) was prepared to determine whether implementation of activities to expedite recovery of forest landscape values in burned and partially burned areas in the Tributaries Project Area may significantly affect the quality of the environment and thereby require the preparation of an environmental impact statement and environmental impact report. **Document Availability:** The Tributaries Forest Recovery Project Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration and supporting documents are available for public review at the FRRCD office at 422 North Mill Creek, Quincy CA, 95971. Additionally, it is possible to view the documents at the State Clearinghouse website www.ceqanet.opr.ca.gov.

Comments The publication date on the CA State Clearinghouse Website/ Plumas County Recorder's Office is the exclusive means for calculating the 30-days to file comments. Those wishing to submit comments should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Comments may be mailed, delivered, or faxed to Feather River RCD, Attn: Michael Hall, District Manager, 422 N. Mill Creek, Quincy, California 95971 (Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (530) 927-5299). Electronic comments must be submitted to mhall@fred.org. Attachments to comments must be submitted in one of the following three formats only: Microsoft Word (.doc or .docx), rich text format (.rtf), or Adobe portable document format (.pdf).