

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Tributaries Forest Recovery Project

Lead Agency: Feather River Resource Conservation District

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Project Location: Quincy

City

Plumas

County

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

The 163,248-acre Project 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 purpose of the Tributaries Project is to expedite the recovery and resilience of forest ecosystem values. Wildfires influence the long-term trajectory of ecosystems in ways that affect multiple National Forest System (NFS) management objectives, including ensuring public safety; providing favorable flows of water and a sustainable supply of timber; supporting rural economies; restoring degraded or damaged ecosystems; and maintaining habitat for threatened, endangered, and other species of conservation concern. Other objectives affected by wildfire include providing safe and environmentally responsible public access, recreation, interpretation, and educational opportunities; restoring and maintaining the ability of forested stands to sequester carbon by improving the establishment and survival of conifers; retention of forested landscapes that are resilient to changing climatic conditions; and maintaining functional riparian and meadow ecosystems.

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

Potential effects and mitigation measures are located in "Appendix E" of the Tributaries Forest Recovery Draft Initial Study/ Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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

Scoping letters describing the Proposed Action and apprising the preparation of an EA/IS by USFS were mailed by the PNF to various agency stakeholders, organizations, and individuals of the public within the vicinity of the proposed project in accordance with 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. These actions meet the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15063 (g). A public notice appeared in The Mountain Messenger on February 15, 2024. The scoping period was held from February 16 to March 18, 2024. Over 200 individuals, organizations, groups, Tribes, and Native American organizations were contacted with project information initiating the scoping period. Based on community input provided during initial planning, the Proposed Action includes changes such as avoiding Inventoried Roadless Areas and providing for alternatives to herbicide use for vegetation management. This scoping process identified and addressed any potential areas of controversy. Further feedback is solicited through circulation of the Draft IS/MND.

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

Feather River Resource Conservation District
Plumas National Forest
Plumas Corporation