

**City of Ukiah**  
**Notice of Availability of Mitigated Negative Declaration**  
**for Lookout Peak Trail Project**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) under the California Environmental Quality Act has been prepared and is available for public review for the Lookout Peak Trail Project further described below.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project involves the development of a passive-use public access trail system located in the Western Hills area of the Ukiah Valley, Mendocino County, California. The trail system is intended for non-motorized recreational uses including hiking, mountain biking, and general access to nature. The project area is situated on mostly undeveloped land within the Western Hills Watershed Protection Area and is consistent with the City's adopted Western Hills Watershed Protection Area Management Plan, which identifies non-motorized recreational trails as an allowable land use.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Recent lot line adjustments approved in January 2025 resulted in the current parcel boundaries for the project site (See Figure 2 in the IS/MND). Public access to the trail system will be from two trailheads approximately 350 feet apart on Helen Avenue and Doolin Canyon Road.

**PROJECT IMPACTS:** The trail will be built in accordance with the UVTG Design and Maintenance Standards (Attachment D of IS/MND). Trail construction will be completed mostly by hand tools (McLeod, pulaski, axe, pick, pole 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 plan 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.

**REVIEW PERIOD:** The public review period for the IS/MND is from **Friday July 11, 2025, through Monday August 11, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.** The IS/MND is available for review online at: <http://www.cityofukiah.com/ceqa-review/> or at the Community Development Department, 300 Seminary Avenue, Ukiah, CA 95482. Comments may be submitted via email to [kschaefer@cityofukiah.com](mailto:kschaefer@cityofukiah.com) or mailed to the Community Development Department at the address below.

**HEARING DATE/TIME:** TBD. A separate notice will be sent out announcing the hearing information for this project.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** All interested parties may contact Katherine Schaefer, Planning Manager 463-6203 or [kschaefer@cityofukiah.com](mailto:kschaefer@cityofukiah.com); or, visit the Community Development Department, located at 300 Seminary Ave. Office hours: 8:00 am to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.