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SCH #: _____

Project Title: CA FLAP PLU 406 (1) Quincy Junction Road

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Project Location: Quincy, Plumas County

City

County

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

The Federal Highway Administration, Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD), in cooperation with Plumas County, is proposing roadway improvements and widening of approximately 1.0 mile of Quincy Junction Road from Bell Lane to Chandler Road near the town of Quincy in Plumas County, California. The purpose of the proposed project is to improve the condition and safety of Quincy Junction Road between Bell Lane and Chandler Road in Plumas County, CA. Quincy Junction Road provides access from the town of Quincy to numerous trail systems in Plumas National Forest and is frequently used by cyclists, pedestrians, and equestrians. The roadway would be widened to a paved width of 30 feet, which allows for two 11-foot-wide travel lanes and 4-foot-wide shoulders on each side. The project also consists of rehabilitation of the existing pavement, minor drainage improvements, utility relocations, and new cut/fill slopes. Pavement rehabilitation is anticipated to be a full-depth reclamation (FDR) method, where the existing roadway material would be pulverized and blended in place, compacted, and then new asphalt concrete pavement would be placed over the FDR material.

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

The project will avoid impacts to historic properties, therefore FHWA-CFLHD has rendered a no adverse effect finding for the proposed Federal undertaking pursuant to 36 CFR 800.5 (b). The CA SHPO, in a letter dated October 18, 2024, concurred with the APE, and eligibility and effects determination for the project. FHWA-CFLHD conducted informal Section 7 consultation with the USFWS. In a letter dated December 6, 2024, the USFWS concurred with FHWA-CFLHD's determination that the proposed action may affect, but is not likely to adversely affect the Foothills Yellow Legged Frog. Mitigation measures include aquatic species surveys and monitoring, exclusion fencing, entanglement/entrapment prevention, and dewatering measures. Six California Rare Plant Rank of 1B or 2B plant species were determined to have the potential to occur within the project area based on the presence of suitable habitat and the occurrence of known populations in the vicinity. Multiple site visits during blooming periods for all of these species confirmed that none of these species occur within the project area. There is suitable habitat and the potential for special-status bat and bird species in the project area. Preconstruction surveys would be required, and avoidance of active nests during vegetation removal activities will avoid impacts. FHWA-CFLHD will obtain coverage through the appropriate Section 404 permit (likely Nationwide Permit 14 - Linear Transportation Projects). Compensatory mitigation for permanent stream and wetland impacts is anticipated to be provided through the purchase of aquatic resource credits from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Sacramento District California in-lieu fee program.

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

The project origin was partly a result of specific public input received related to Quincy Junction Road during Plumas County's development of the County's 2018 Active Transportation Plan where public workshops were held in 2015, 2016, and 2017 throughout the County. During project design in 2023 and 2024, Plumas County has shared project information with adjacent landowners through direct mailings and followed up in person when requested.

FHWA-CFLHD also consulted several regulatory and resource agencies as part of the environmental process for compliance with relevant natural and cultural resource protection laws and for the purposes of technical assistance with data collection and environmental analysis. These include the CA State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the National Resources Conservation Service.

FHWA-CFLHD sent consultation letters in August 2023 to the following tribes that were identified by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) as having a traditional and cultural affiliation with the project area:

- Greenville Rancheria of Maidu Indians
- Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians
- Susanville Indian Rancheria
- Tsi Akim Maidu
- Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California

Two responses were received. On September 26, 2023, Chris LaMarr, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer with the Susanville Indian Rancheria, emailed FHWA-CFLHD acknowledging receipt of the FHWA-CFLHD letter and accepting the invitation for consultation. On October 5, 2023, Matthew Hatcher, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, with the Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians sent a letter to FHWA-CFLHD acknowledging receipt of the FHWA-CFLHD letter and stating that the Mooretown Rancheria is not aware of cultural resources within the Area of Potential Effects (APE).

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

Plumas County - Department of Public Works