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NOTICE OF PREPARATION
of an Environmental Impact Report for the
Trinity County General Plan Update

Date: January 07, 2026

To: State Clearinghouse
Responsible Agencies
Trustee Agencies
Trinity County Clerk

NOP Comment Period: Written comments must be submitted to the County's Planning Department no later than **February 06, 2026 by 5:00 p.m.**

Project Location: The Plan Area encompasses the entirety of Trinity County. See Figure 1, attached.

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Introduction

This Notice of Preparation (NOP) has been issued to notify interested parties of the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Trinity County General Plan Update Project (project). The County will be the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will prepare an EIR to evaluate the environmental effects associated with the project. This NOP has been issued to provide an opportunity for the public, as well as responsible and trustee agencies to submit comments on the scope of the EIR in relation to the project description. Agencies should comment on such information as it relates to their statutory responsibilities in connection with the project.

The programmatic EIR will evaluate the potential impacts associated with the development of the preferred land use scenario that may occur within the Plan Area through the year 2050. Following the adoption of the updated General Plan, subsequent projects that are consistent with the General Plan would undergo a streamlined CEQA environmental review and approval process.

This NOP and background documents associated with the project are available for review on the County's webpage at: <https://www.trinitycounty.org/636/Planning-Environmental-Review>.

Project Description

Trinity County is updating its General Plan, the State-mandated document that guides how and where the county will grow over the next 25 years. The Plan covers topics such as land use, transportation, housing, conservation, open space, and public safety. It will shape Trinity County's future and define County priorities for years to come. The objectives of the General Plan Update include:

- Express the community's vision for Trinity County's future
- Provide a balance between growth and conservation that meets community needs and protects Trinity County's quality of life
- Inform residents, developers, and decision makers of the ground rules that guide development
- Ensure that development occurs in an efficient, orderly manner that minimizes costs to taxpayers
- Engage in a comprehensive and inclusive outreach process

The project also includes related updates to the County's Zoning Code to more specifically outline allowable uses and permitting processes for development on parcels throughout the county, to reflect changes in State law, and ensure consistency with the 2050 General Plan. In addition, the County is undertaking countywide rezonings primarily to acknowledge the federal jurisdiction of large areas of public land in the county, and updates to the Cannabis Ordinance within the Zoning Code to clarify existing requirements.

Potential Environmental Effects and Scope of the EIR

The EIR for the project will focus on the resource areas/issues germane to this particular project. The EIR will evaluate the potentially significant environmental impacts of the project and, if any significant environmental effects are identified, will evaluate whether there are feasible mitigation measures that may lessen or avoid such impacts. The EIR will also identify and evaluate alternatives to the project that could lessen or avoid any significant environmental impacts. As to the topics identified for study in the EIR, the EIR will evaluate all environmental issue areas identified in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. Potential impacts will be addressed at both project and cumulative levels. As of the date of this NOP and based on currently available information, it is anticipated that the proposed project may have potentially significant impacts in connection with: Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Energy, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use and Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities and Service Systems, Wildfire, and Mandatory Findings of Significance.

EIR Public Scoping Meeting

Trinity County will conduct two public scoping sessions. The first session will be held at the regularly scheduled Board of Supervisors Meeting on January 20, 2026, starting at or after 9:00 am. This meeting will be held jointly in person at the Trinity County Library Conference Room at 351 Main Street in Weaverville, and online via Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/5950072851?pwd=RHp6TDhNajNJMVJHZFJlRmhacmJjUT09>. The second session will be held at the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting on January 22, 2026,

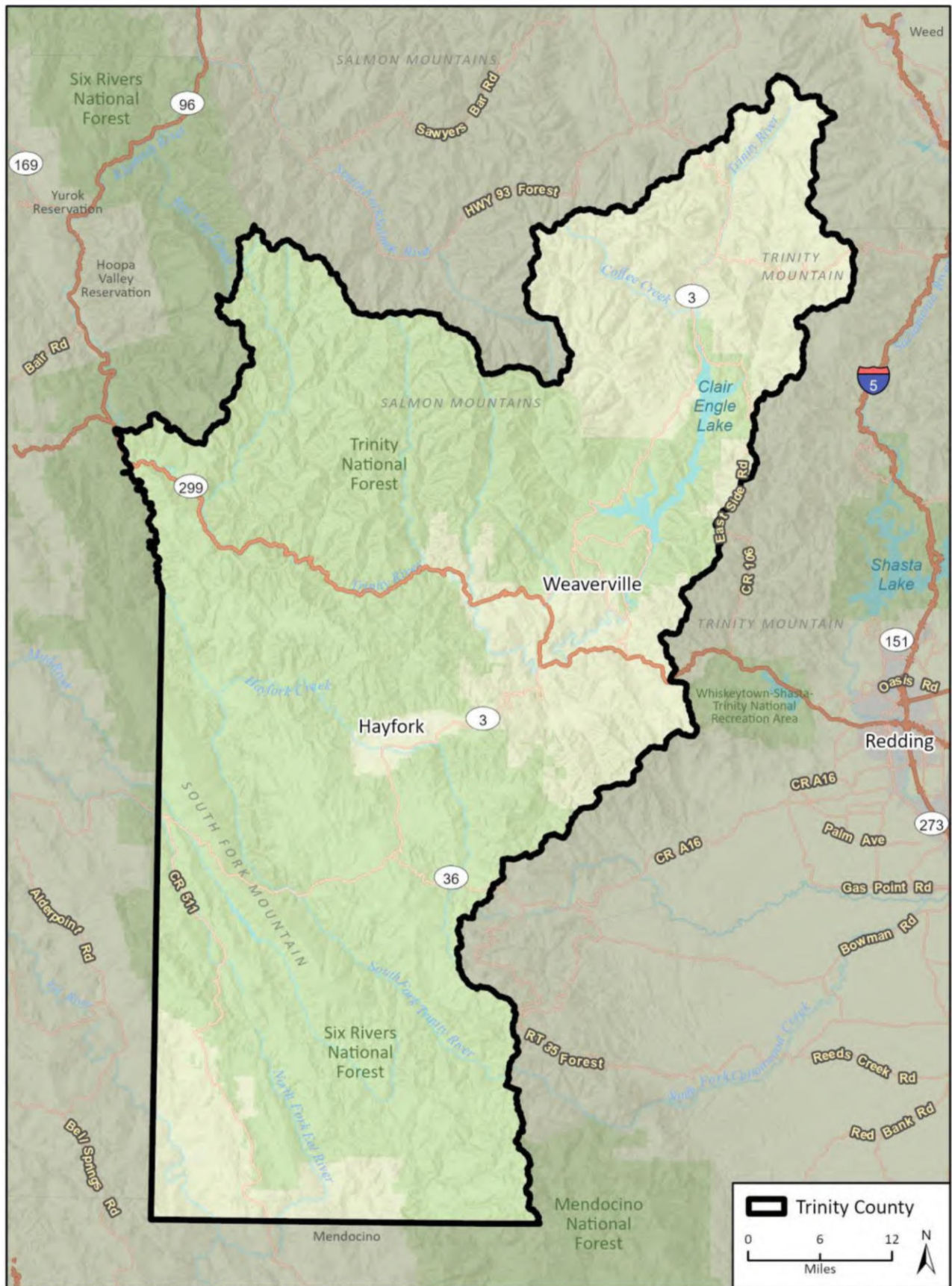
starting at or after 6:00 pm. This meeting will be held jointly in person at the Trinity County Library Conference Room at 351 Main Street in Weaverville, and online via Zoom at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5950072851?pwd=RHp6TDhNajNJMVJHZFJlRmhacmJjUT09>. For meeting agenda and updates, visit <https://trinity2050.com/get-involved.html>.

NOP Comment Period

In accordance with the time limits identified in State law, your response to this NOP must be submitted to the County at the earliest possible date, but not later than 5:00 p.m. on February 06, 2026, (30 days following the date this notice was first posted). Please submit written comments to the Trinity County Community Development Department (including the contact person's full name and address) to:

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Figure 1 – Plan Area Location



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Figure 1. Location of Trinity County, California.