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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Upper Butte Creek Forest Health Project

Lead Agency: Butte County Resource Conservation District

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Project Location: Jonesville, CA (*City*) Butte, Plumas and Tehama counties (Parts) (*County*)

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

The project is located entirely on Lassen National Forest lands in parts of Butte, Plumas, and Tehama Counties, California and has already been authorized through the NEPA process. In order to secure State funding and permits, CEQA compliance is required. The project area spans 19,826 acres. To restore a natural range of variation in forest composition and structure, biodiversity, and meadow health, and to improve the area's transportation network as well as its in-stream habitat, the project's activities include:

- Manual and mechanical thinning; Prescribed fire; Post-wildfire reforestation including the use of herbicides for site preparation; Meadow, riparian, and stream restoration to improve hydrological and aquatic function, including through process-based restoration; Road route realignment; Invasive plant management; and establishment of strategic fuel breaks and maintenance of access routes to improve emergency response ingress and public egress capability.

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 would manipulate vegetation in ways that could temporarily reduce habitat availability for some species. To avoid or minimize adverse effects, the project includes numerous integrated design features to protect aquatic and riparian species, forest carnivores, California spotted owl, American goshawk, and others. The project includes some activities that could disturb historical or Tribal cultural resources. To avoid or minimize adverse effects, the project has incorporated comprehensive archaeological survey, multiple rounds of Tribal consultation/comment, and will incorporate Tribal cultural monitoring on some activities. The project includes beneficial fire and some construction activities that could cause air quality impacts. To avoid or minimize adverse effects, the project includes numerous integrated design features to minimize particulate matter emissions. The project includes some road route realignments, to protect wetlands and facilitate restoration, and these route realignments could slightly increase total VMT. The increases in VMT would be insignificant given the location, regional context and nature of the routes, and there would be no increase in maintenance burden.

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

No areas of controversy are known.

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

BCRCD is unsure if any responsible or trustee agencies are applicable to this project, which is 100% on Federal lands. The need for CEQA is triggered by the need for State funding to implement some activities of the project.