CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION (NOE)

TO: [X] Office of Land Use & Climate Innovation
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County of Plumas

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Project Title: Plumas National Forest (PNF) Motorized Trails Ground Operations and Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: Plumas County Administrative Officer (CAO)

Project Location: The proposed motorized trail network is located within the Plumas National Forest (PNF), in Plumas County, California, and encompasses all or portions of Township 23 N Range 06E Section 13,14,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,34,35,36, Range 07E, Section 18,19,29,30,31;Township 22 N Range 06 E Section 1,2,13; Township 25 N Range 09E Section 12,13 Range 10E Section 7,18,19; Township 22 N Range 12E Section 33,34; Township 21 N Range 12E Section 4.

Description of Project: The Project consists of maintenance activities on approximately 25 miles of off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails located on the PNF within the Mount Hough, Beckwourth, and Feather River ranger districts, including fifteen (15) trails in the Granite Basin area of the Feather River Ranger District [ATV – 6M29 Boulder (3.9 mi), 6M33 Red Fir East (0.66 mi), 6M24 Palmetto (1.0 mi) Singletrack- 6M30 Frenchman Hill (0.45 mi), 6M30A Frenchman Hill Spur (0.33 mi), 6M51 Boulder Ridge (0.77 mi), 6M32 Red Fir West (0.36 mi), 6M29 A-D Boulder Spur (2.12 mi), 6M23 Trails West (0.96 mi), 7M07 Trails North (0.47 mi), 6M22 Little North Fork (3.46 mi), 6M22A Little North Fork Spur (0.66 mi), 7M04 Frazier Creek (1.61 mi), 6M19 Rock Island Ridge (3.04 mi), 6M17 Truck Ravine (1.05 mi)], one (1) trail in the Beckwourth Ranger District [4x4 – 22N42 Mohawk Creek (2.12 mi)], and one (1) trail in Mount Hough Ranger District [4x4 -10M23 Clear Creek Tie (2.17 mi)]. The 25 miles of OHV trails are a part of Plumas County's annual Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Grant that funds trail maintenance. Plumas County would act as the grant administrator and PNF as the land manager, partnering with the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS), a 501(c)(3) non-profit, to perform the motorized trails ground operations activities, guided by Forest Service EM-7720-103 specifications. Activities would include maintenance on existing trail facilities such as trail logouts, tread repair, brushing, creek crossings, and erosion control structures (e.g., armored drains and dips).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Plumas County

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Plumas County Administrative Officer (CAO)

Exempt Status (Check one)

[ ] No possible significant environmental effect [Sec. 21082.2; 15061(b)(3)];
[ ] Ministerial [Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268];
[ ] Declared Emergency [Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15263(a)];
[ ] Emergency Project [Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15263(b)(c)];
[X] Categorical Exemption. State Type and Section Number: Class 1 – Section 15301(c)
[ ] Statutory Exemptions. State Code Number:

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Reason why project is exempt: The project is exempt from the requirements of CEQA under CEQA Guidelines Section 15301(c), Article 19 Categorial Exemption, Class 1 – 15301 (Existing Facilities), subsection (c), which consists of the repair, maintenance, and minor alteration of public trail facilities accommodating off-highway vehicle (OHV) motor vehicles (e.g., 4x4, ATV, and OHV singletrack), bicycles, pedestrians, and equestrians involving negligible or no expansion of existing or former use for the purpose of public safety.

10/13/26
Date:

Tracey Ferguson, Planning Director

OCT 13 2026
Date Filed:

~~Marcy DeMar~~tile, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar

Certificate of Posting
I hereby certify that from 10-13-2026 to 11-13-2026 (30 days), I posted a copy of this Notice of Exemption in the Office of the Plumas County Clerk-Recorder.

By: Julie Hagwood Date: 10/13/2026
~~MARCY DeMART~~ILE, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar

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