

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Genesee Valley Watershed Improvement Project

Lead Agency: Feather River Resource Conservation District

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Project Location: Genesee Plumas
City County

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

The Genesee Valley Watershed Improvement Project is a collaborative project aimed at reducing the risk of high-severity wildfire as well as taking steps toward restoring watershed and forest health through hand-thinning, hand piling, pile burning and broadcast burning of approximately 839 acres of forested National Forest and adjacent private land. The purpose of the project is to implement hand thinning and a prescribed burn to reduce fuel loading within the project area to the point of having fuel loads that would burn at low to moderate severity during future wildfires. This reduction of fuel loads would help to reduce the threat of future wildfires from burning at high severity therefore potentially protecting residents in and adjacent to the project area, protecting the watershed from degradation, and improving various valuable habitat values including late seral forest. Reintroducing fire to the landscape through controlled broadcast burning will also ensure that these areas are protected from high-severity wildfire for longer periods of time post-implementation and creates the opportunity to manage fuel loads with regular fire return intervals into the future. This project is a continuation of a 33,000 acre stewardship strategy which encompasses Genesee and Franks Valleys, the Wheeler Peak Unit of Mud Lake Research Natural Area, and adjacent areas (Plumas Audubon Society 2016).

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

The Initial Study/Environmental Checklist included in this document discusses the results of resource-specific environmental impact analyses which were conducted by the Plumas Audubon Society for the Feather River Resource Conservation District (FRRCD). This Initial Study revealed that no significant environmental effects are expected to result from the proposed project as mitigation measures are to be adhered to. FRRCD has found, in consideration of the entire record, that there is no substantial evidence that the proposed project, as currently proposed, would result in a significant effect upon the environment. This IS/MND is therefore the appropriate document for CEQA compliance. Proposed mitigation measures include avoidance of sensitive resources.

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 controversy is known to the Lead Agency.

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

Sierra Nevada Conservancy