

Sample Summary for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH # 2019079005

Lead Agency: City of Nevada City

Project Title: Sugarloaf Trail

Project Location: Nevada City Nevada
City *County*

Please provide a Project Description (Proposed Actions, location, and/or consequences).

A proposed multi-use trail construction project within the Nevada City limits on a 30.52-acre open space parcel (APN 36-020-26) that encompasses all but the northern flank of Sugarloaf Mountain, with easements through two private parcels (APNs 53-310-09 & 53-310-10) and along the right-of-way of State Highway 49. The goal of the trail project is to connect downtown Nevada City to the top of Sugarloaf Mountain. The trail route will be approximately one mile in length. It will commence at the corner of State Highway 49 and North Bloomfield Road, and terminate at a point along an existing gravel access road that goes to the top of Sugarloaf from an entrance on upper Coyote Street. The new trail will also connect to an existing graveled excavated area, approximately 0.10 acre in size that will be improved to accommodate trail parking for approximately eight vehicles. The parking area will connect via an existing informal, user-created trail, which will be minimally improved (brush clearing and tread improvement for drainage and loose rock removal). The project will also incorporate minor improvements to an existing user-created trail along the eastern side of the City-owned property. The proposed trail also offers connection to Hirschman Trail and Tobiassen Park via a recently established County trail that runs west from North Bloomfield Road to the Nevada County Government Center.

The first 1/3 mile of the trail will run east from the northeast corner of State Hwy 49 and North Bloomfield Road, within the State Hwy 49 right of way to a 20-foot wide private easement that traverses the west side of APN 05-310-09 (currently leased by US Forest Service) and through the west side of APN 05-310-10. From there, the trail enters the City's Sugarloaf property, continues in a northeasterly direction, before aligning primarily to the north and ultimately connecting to the existing Sugarloaf Trail access road. +

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

AESTHETICS: At the City Council's discretion, the Bear Yuba Land Trust shall provide either a planting plan or a vegetation protection plan that will provide a visual screen of the trail if determined to necessary to maintain the property's aesthetics. Minimize vegetation removal.

AIR QUALITY: Implement dust control measures and minimize dust emissions. Obtain permit from NSAQMD prior to vegetation burning.

BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Avoid special plant species; Avoid nesting birds and bats and survey if disturbance occurs during nesting seasons; Prepare mitigation plan for work within riparian habitat; Implement BMPs; Minimize spread of noxious weeds; Minimize impacts to native trees and wildlife; Replace willow trees if impacted; Obtain necessary State and Federal permits/authorization prior to culvert installation;

CULTURAL RESOURCES: Halt work and contact appropriate parties in the event that human remains or cultural resources are discovered during construction; Distribute tribal cultural resources awareness brochure to consultants and construction workers;

GEOLOGY/SOILS: Avoid areas of slope failure, and construct stable trail surface in accordance with measures recommended in the provided Geotechnical Feasibility Report including erosion control measures.

HYDROLOGY/WATER QUALITY: Obtain Section 401 water quality certification from Central Valley RWQCB; If disturbance exceeds an acre, obtain coverage under the Construction General Permit or CGP and prepare a SWPPP.

NOISE: Limit construction hours

TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION: Enter into parking licensing agreement with the County; Install trail mile-markers

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

The City is aware of some public concern regarding roadside parking impacting residential neighborhoods near the trail head. The Draft IS/MND calls for a parking agreement within the County's Government Center parking lot in addition to the on-site parking proposed as part of the project being to serve the trail.

Please provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

- Section 401 Certification and/or Prohibition Exemption – Central Valley Water Quality Control Board
- Dust Control and Operations Permits – Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District
- Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement – CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Section 404 permit – U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Encroachment Permit – CA Department of Transportation
- (if disturbance of more than 1 acre) coverage under the statewide General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity through the Regional Water Quality Control Board

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