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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Reds Meadow Road Improvements Project

CA FTFS 03S11(1)

When: September 7, 2017, from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: 437 Old Mammoth Road Suite Z, Mammoth Lakes CA 93546

What: The Federal Highways Administration Central Federal Lands Highway Division (FHWA-CFLHD), in partnership with the United States Forest Service and Town of Mammoth Lakes, will hold a public hearing to discuss the preliminary design and draft NEPA/CEQA analysis and documentation, and solicit public comments regarding the Reds Meadow Road Improvements Project. The hearing will be conducted in an open house format. Exhibits will be on display and other information about the proposed improvements will be available for review. A court reporter will be available to record oral testimony and a report of oral testimony will be made available. Written testimony can also be submitted at the hearing, emailed, or mailed to the FHWA-CFLHD Project Manager after the hearing (see contact information below), and will also be made available to the public.

Project Description: The purpose of the project is to improve the deteriorated condition of Reds Meadow Road and improve mobility by continuing to provide access to recreational resources. The roadway is currently in a deteriorated state, and the steep one-lane roadway in the upper 2.5 miles hinders user mobility as opposing vehicular traffic cannot readily and safely pass each other. The resulting conditions include long queues of waiting vehicles and ongoing safety concerns. Inadequate sight distance at curves and narrow shoulders also hinder passing and create additional safety concerns. Without improvements, the roadway deterioration will continue and vehicular mobility will be further constrained. Additionally, Reds Meadow Road is the only roadway providing access into and of out the valley, including the potential need for evacuation out of the valley in an emergency situation such as earthquake or fire event. The project will also consider other improvements, including a minor realignment of Reds Meadow Road near Devils Postpile National Monument to improve the poor sight distance curve. The project has progressed into the NEPA/CEQA clearance phase of project development with draft technical analysis and summary documentation in the form of an Environmental Assessment (NEPA) and and Initial Study (CEQA) having been completed. Based on these documents an assessment of the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed project is presented within that jointly prepared document. The Draft EA/IS will be available for public review and comment from August 28, 2017 until September 27, 2017.

Contact: Questions or comments regarding the project and the pending public meeting can be directed to:

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