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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department of Public Works

SUBJECT: Fredonyer Butte Trail System Project Concept

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board provide direction to staff, concerning the Fredonyer Butte Trails System Project Concept, for several items: 1) Submittal of Resource Advisory Committee funding request; 2) Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Lassen National Forest and other interested partners to undertake project; 3) Enter into "Challenge Cost Share Agreement" with Lassen National Forest and other interested partners to undertake project. 4) Provide letter of support for Resource Advisory Committee (RAC).

DISCUSSION:

For the past several years a conceptual project known as the Fredonyer Butte Trail System, located approximately 10 miles west of Susanville, has been discussed among interested parties, including the Lassen National Forest, Lassen Land and Trails Trust, Susanville Area Bicycle Association and the County.

Preliminary work completed to date includes a physically flagged trail corridor and a GIS data base map of trail corridor. The next step in going forward with the concept will require environmental clearance of the trail system by the Lassen National Forest. To move from the conceptual discussion to a formal project will require clearly defining the project and an environmental review. In that effort, a MOU defining benefit and interests, by participating parties, will be required. An accessory document to the MOU also required, is a "Challenge Cost Share Agreement", which defines and allows for the expenditure of funds on the project.

A possible funding source to undertake the needed environmental work has been identified. The Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) program, administered by the Lassen National Forest, has eligible funding available that the County may apply for on behalf of the interested parties.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Staff time contributed to conceptual project.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Lassen National Forest Lassen Land and Trails Trust

Susanville Area Bicycle Association

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL:

REVIEWED FOR AGENDA: