

**Public Notice Announcing the Availability of an Environmental Assessment
And Preliminary Public Notice of Potential Impacts to Floodplains**

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Development

Pit River Health Services: Notice of Availability of an Environmental
Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Development, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Preliminary
Public Notice of Potential Impacts to Floodplains

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the USDA Rural Development (RD) Agency, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by the Pit River Health Services (PRHS), of Burney, California. The proposal is for construction of a new 13,330 square foot outpatient healthcare facility adjacent to the existing facility. The new healthcare facility will be designed to provide an expansion of current Primary Care and Dental services, as well as facilities for Pharmacy and Optometry, which are currently not offered. PRHS has submitted an application to RD for funding of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Michael Colbert, USDA Loan Specialist, State Environmental Coordinator - Community Facility and WEP Programs [USDA RD], 221 W. 8th street, Alturas, CA 96101, (530) 233-4137 x112, mike.colbert@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: PRHS proposes to construct a new approximately 13,330 square foot new single-story B occupancy clinic building. The new construction would also include an approximately 600 square foot connector building to join the new construction with the existing clinic building. In addition, approximately 3,600 square feet of the existing approximately 8,000 square foot clinic will be remodeled. The final, unified facility will be approximately 22,000 square feet and will include clinical and office space for ambulatory medical, dental, behavioral health, outreach, pharmacy, optometry, laboratory, radiology, purchased/referred care, billing, and other support services. The pharmacy and optometry will be new services, as well as expanding existing lab, and radiology services, and expanding space for Dental and Medical Departments.

Panorama Environmental, an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for USDA RD that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. If implemented, the proposed project will be located within a floodplain of Burney Creek subject to periodic flood water inundation and will convert approximately 1 acre. In accordance with Executive Order 11988, Floodplain Management and USDA Departmental Regulation 9500-3, Land Use Policy, the purpose of this notice is to inform the public of this proposed conversion or effect and

request comments concerning the proposal, alternative sites or actions that would avoid these impacts, and methods that could be used to minimize these impacts. A general location map showing the proposed Project area is shown below in Figure 1.

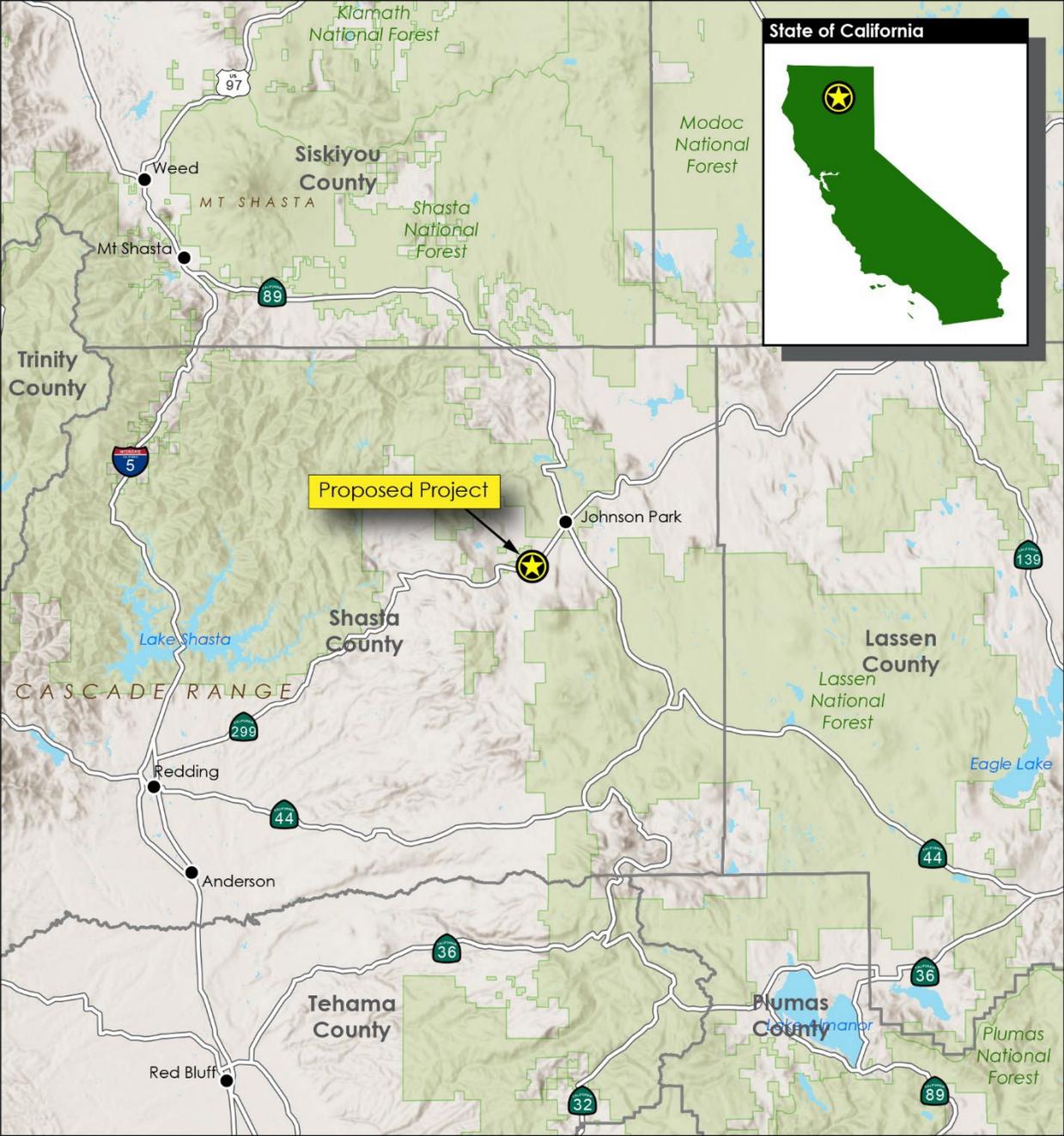
The environmental assessment can be reviewed at the Pit River Health Services - Burney Clinic, located at 36977 Park Avenue, Burney, California 96013, (530) 335-3651. The environmental assessment is also available for review on the PRHS website: www.pitriverhealthservice.org. __

The USDA RD has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to USDA Rural Development, J. Michael Colbert, USDA Loan Specialist, State Environmental Coordinator - Community Facility and WEP Programs [USDA RD] and the PRHS at the address provided above. The USDA RD will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the date of the first publication of this notice.

Any final action by USDA RD related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

Dated: April 27, 2022



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Scale = 1:1,000,000



Proposed Project Location

