

5 CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION

SHPO Consultation

Consultations with the California State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) are being conducted under the auspices of a Programmatic Agreement between the California SHPO and the NPS. The park sent a letter to SHPO on April 28, 2009 and SHPO sent a letter on May 21, 2009 indicating that SHPO will review the EA and will provide comment. This environmental assessment will be submitted to the SHPO for review and comment to fulfill park's obligations under Section 106 (36 CFR 800.8[c], *Use of the NEPA process for section 106 purposes*).

Internal and External Scoping

Whiskeytown NRA conducted both internal scoping with the NPS staff and external scoping with interested and affected public groups and agencies. Two public scoping newsletters and a letter to interested parties were sent out in November 2008. The newsletter described the NPS's intent to develop a site management plan for future operations at the summit of Shasta Bally including telecommunications site and access road. Appendix A contains copies of the public scoping newsletter and letter to interested parties.

In December 2008, two public scoping meetings were held at the Community Room of Redding City Hall in Redding, CA. The NPS received over 100 comments by the end of February 2009. Approximately 90 percent of the comments were from the public and a few interested organizations. The remaining comments were from existing site tenants and people self-identified with the telecommunications industry. Additionally, the Redding Rancheria Native American tribe was contacted by the park regarding the project.

Environmental Assessment Review

The EA will be released for public review in July 2009. Copies of the EA will be provided to interested individuals upon request. Copies of the document will also be available for review on the internet at www.nps.gov/.

The EA is subject to a 30-day public comment period ending August 2009. During this time, the public is encouraged to submit their written comments to the National Park Service address provided at the beginning of this document. Following the close of the comment period, all public comments will be reviewed and analyzed prior to the release of a decision document. The National Park Service will issue responses to substantive comments received during the public comment period and will make appropriate changes to the EA as needed.

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