

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG), Region 2, as the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), including the Initial Study (IS), for the North Table Mountain Trail Project (Proposed Project) in Butte County, California.

The Proposed Project would be located at the North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve in Butte County, approximately 7 miles north of the City of Oroville, California. The Proposed Project would improve public access to the North Table Mountain Ecological Reserve by providing 1.2 miles of pedestrian trail, including 0.8 mile of a direct US Access Board compliant accessible trail, from the developed Cherokee Road parking area to a waterfall to the east. An additional 0.4 mile of pedestrian trail are proposed that would be free of obstructions but not meet the standards for accessibility. The Proposed Project would also improve the existing parking lot, which may include increasing the parking area by 20 overflow spaces into a cattle loading area, and the development of four clearly delineated accessible parking spaces. This proposed trail system has been designed to increase accessibility for visitors with mobility and visual impairments, and route hikers away from a damaged and dangerous cliff adjacent to a popular waterfall viewing area.

The MND is available for the 30-day public review and comment period starting November 1, 2012 and concluding at 12:00 noon November 30, 2012. Electronic copies of the Proposed MND/IS can be downloaded from the CDFG website: [www.dfg.ca.gov/news/pubnotice](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/pubnotice). Hard copies of these documents may be requested from the CDFG or may be viewed at the CDFG offices at the address listed below. Please contact Bruce Forman at (916) 358-2353 to make arrangements, or for further information.

Interested persons may submit their comments, evidence, and other material by email, fax, or hard copy. All comment letters, regardless of the method of delivery, must have the following in the subject line: "Comment Letter: North Table Mountain Trail". Email comments are encouraged, but must for less than 5 MB total size. Please send comment letters to Bruce Forman by email: [bforman@dfg.ca.gov](mailto:bforman@dfg.ca.gov), by fax: (916) 358-2912, or by U.S. mail, addressed to: Bruce Forman, California Department of Fish and Game, 1701 Nimbus Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Comments may also be hand-delivered to this address. Persons delivering comment letters must check in with lobby personnel.