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FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

Martis Creek Lake and Dam Project – Martis Valley Trail
Truckee Rivers and Tributaries
California and Nevada

I have reviewed and evaluated the information in this Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Right of Way (ROW) Real Estate license to Placer County, for the construction and maintenance of a portion of the Martis Valley Trail (MVT) across lands managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) at the Martis Creek Lake and Dam Project. This project is part of the Truckee Rivers and Tributaries Project and is authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1962 (Public Law 87-874), substantially in accordance with the recommendations of the Chief of Engineers in House Document Number 435, 87th Congress, 2nd Session.

The proposed action would authorize the construction and maintenance of the MVT, a 10 foot wide paved surface with 2 foot unpaved shoulders on each side. The ROW for the MVT would allow Placer County, to use a 50-foot-wide corridor temporarily during construction. Once construction is completed, the ROW would be reduced to a 15-foot-wide corridor centered on the trail centerline for the long-term maintenance. The MVT would be part of a regional multiple-use trail system connecting the communities of Truckee, Northstar, Kings Beach, and Tahoe City.

During this review, the possible consequences of the work described in the EA have been studied with consideration given to environmental, cultural, and engineering feasibility. In evaluating the effects of the project, specific attention has been given to those environmental resources such as vegetation, wildlife, and cultural resources that could be affected. I have also considered the views and needs of other government agencies, organizations, individuals, and Tribes concerning the proposed project.

Based on my review of the EA and my knowledge of the project area, I am convinced that the proposed Paved Trail along the Caltrans Easement Alternative as described within the EA is a logical and desirable alternative. Furthermore, I have determined that the project would have no significant impacts on the environment based on the minimization of impacts to cultural resources, specifically along this previously disturbed route. All construction, operation, and maintenance will be implemented in compliance with Federal, State, and local laws and permits. Based on the results of the environmental evaluation and completion of agency coordination, I have determined that the EA and Finding of No Significant Impact provide adequate documentation and that no further environmental document is required.

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Date

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