**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY and 30-DAY COMMENT PERIOD**

**FOR THE DRAFT 2023-2031 HOUSING ELEMENT and**

**NOTICE OF CITY of DORRIS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Public Comment Period for the Draft Housing Element**

Every eight years, each California City and county must update the Housing Element of their General Plan and have it certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The Housing Element is a policy document that identifies Dorris’ existing and future housing needs and establishes proposed actions to facilitate the provision of housing to meet those needs at all income levels. The Housing Element describes housing needs and includes an analysis of constraints to housing production. The City has released a Public Review Draft of the 2023-2031 Housing Element that recommends goals, policies and implementation programs intended to address these housing needs and constraints, and comply with State housing law during the eight-year plan period. Public comment received to date has also been considered in the draft.

This notice advises members of the public that the City’s draft 2023-2031 Housing Element is available for public review and comment prior to its submission to HCD for State-level review and comments. **The 30-day Public Review and Comment Period begins September 15, 2023 has been extended through to October 17, 2023, at 5 P.M.**

The Public Review Draft of the 2023-2031 Housing Element can be read and downloaded at <https://www.dorrisca.us/category/news/> and <https://www.siskiyou-housing.com/dorris/>. Paper copies of the Public Review Draft are available for review at Dorris City Hall (located at 307 S Main St., Dorris) and the Dorris Branch of the Butte Valley Library (located at 800 W Third St., Dorris).

**Public Hearing**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dorris City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Dorris Council Chambers, 307 S. Main Street, Dorris, California, to received public comment, provide direction, and adopt the 2023-2031 Draft Housing Element prior to submittal to HCD. The Project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) the General Rule or Common Sense Exemption that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment. Since no development or other physical change to the environment would be approved by Housing Element adoption, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Housing Element adoption may have a significant effect on the environment in the City of Dorris.

The Public Hearing will be held on Monday, October 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the City of Dorris Council Chambers, 307 S. Main Street, Dorris, California, at which time and place pertinent testimony will be heard.

Written comments may be submitted via email or mail. Send written comments via email to cityadmin@cot.net, and please include “Dorris Housing Element Update” in the email subject line. Mail written comments to City of Dorris, P.O. Box 768, Dorris, California 96023, Attn.: Dorris Housing Element Update.

If you plan on attending the public workshop and need a special accommodation because of a sensory or mobility impairment/disability, or would like more information, please contact Joanna Wynant, City Administrator, Dorris City Hall, 307 S. Main Street, Dorris, California 96023, or by telephoning (530) 397-3511.

The City of Dorris promotes fair housing and makes all programs available to lower- and moderate-income households regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status, or handicap.

Joanna Wynant

City Administrator