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**MEMORANDUM**

DATE: April 7, 2023

TO: Members of the Trinity County Planning Commission

FROM: Mitchell Wexler, Assistant Planner

SUBJECT: Agenda Item: 3 Housing Element Program 1.1:25-foot Height Limit Review

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Due to potential compatibility problems regarding a 45-ft tall building and fire department equipment, it has been requested by the commission that the planning department investigate the number of R3 lots in communities with R3 zoned lots. These communities include Hayfork, Lewiston, and Weaverville. Because the Weaverville Fire Department has two firetrucks with the capacity to reach heights of 35 feet and 50 feet, the focus of this memo shall be on Lewiston and Hayfork. After a count of the number of lots, the following has been determined: Lewiston currently holds 7 R3 lots that are vacant, and Hayfork holds 1 R3 lot that is vacant. In order to assess the needs of the fire services in each community, the fire chiefs for Lewiston and Hayfork have been contacted regarding this potential change. Based on the input from these fire departments, the Hayfork and Lewiston fire departments don't currently have the equipment necessary to reach the proposed height limit. For that reason, there would likely be issues regarding the development of R3 buildings reaching 45 feet in either community. As established in the staff report, a new height limit would not necessarily mean that new projects would reach 45 feet in height. If any projects meeting this proposed height communities, any concerns of the respective fire departments would be addressed. For this reason, the staff recommendation remains the same.