



File Code: 5400
Date: February 1, 2017

Ms. Terry Barber
County Administrator
County of Siskiyou
1312 Fairlane Rd.
Yreka, CA 96097

Dear Ms. Barber:

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest would like to re-convey approximately 2.64 acres of land near Mott Airport back to Siskiyou County. The parcel in question is located in Section 1, T.39N., R.4W., M.D.B.M. (APN: 030-230-340) as shown on the attached map.

In late 1940, Siskiyou County donated a 3.9 acre parcel of land to the Forest Service at the previous location of a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) camp, for operation as a campground for the traveling public. The deed notes that *"in case the party of the second part shall fail or cease to use said described premises as or for a Civilian Conservation Camp, or for National Forest purposes, that then and in such event or either of such events the said land above described shall revert back to the party of the first part and its assigns."*

In 1955, the State of California proposed an upgrade of Highway 99 to Interstate standards and approximately 1.26 acres of the original 3.9 acre Siskiyou County donation was deeded to the State for construction of the freeway. The remaining acres were operated as a Forest Service campground until the early 1970's when additional area was needed for the Interstate 5 right-of-way. By this time, additional camping opportunities were available and the campground was closed.

The parcel is located outside of the Forest boundary and is not in use for National Forest purposes. As such, we would like to exercise the reversion clause and re-convey the parcel back to the County. To that end, we have initiated a Phase I evaluation of the site for hazardous materials and have requested a preliminary title report (PTR). In addition, the Forest will complete an evaluation of the proposed reversion under the National Environmental Policy Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

Concurrent with this action, the Forest is moving forward with disposal of approximately 2.12 acres of the adjacent parcel originally donated by the State of California. That parcel is currently being reviewed for disposal using the General Services Administration (GSA) procedures under the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949. This action is pending resurvey of the remaining State parcel. It is possible that it could be offered to the County for purchase prior to an open listing for private purchase. We will keep the County informed of the status of the State parcel.

We would like to confirm that the County is prepared to accept ownership of the remainder of the donated County parcel and that the County will assign a separate parcel number to the



remaining State parcel. In addition, if the County has specific requirements before it can accept title to the approximately 2.64 acre parcel, please contact my staff to discuss. You may contact Lands and Special Uses Officer Stacy Smith at 530-926-9643 or slsmith01@fs.fed.us if you have any questions or would like additional information about the parcel or proposal. We hope to complete this re-conveyance in 2017.

Sincerely,



DAVID R. MYERS
Forest Supervisor

Enclosures