March 15, 2022

Chris Hays

United States Forest Service

Klamath National Forest

Happy Camp Ranger District

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**Subject: 2022 First Quarter Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) – Horse Creek Community WUI Hazardous Fuels Reduction Project**

Dear Mr. Hays:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors would like to express our support of the Klamath National Forest’s proposed Horse Creek Community Project, and we encourage the Klamath National Forest to complete fuels management activities to the maximum extent possible. Fuels reduction in the Horse Creek Community will not only help protect these locations from catastrophic wildfire, but also lowers the risk of wildfires spreading to other areas.

Federal forest lands make up approximately 62% of the County and healthy forest landscapes provide an economic benefit, habitat to multiple species, a variety of recreational opportunities, contribute to clean air, and so much more. Fuels reduction management activities are vital to our County as well as the surrounding communities who are greatly affected by catastrophic wildfires on an almost yearly basis. The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors entrusts the capable staff of the Klamath National Forest to do just research and take necessary actions within this project area to foster a healthy forest, support our local timber economy, protect our communities from catastrophic wildfire, and ensure these forests are around for future generations.

Please contact Elizabeth Nielsen, Deputy County Administrator at enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us or (530) 842-8012, if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors