March 15, 2022

Stephanie McMorris

United States Forest Service

Klamath National Forest

Scott River Ranger District

11263 N. Highway 3

Fort Jones, CA 96032

**Subject: 2022 First Quarter Schedule of Proposed Action – Lake Mountain & Middle Tompkins Grazing #41986**

Dear Ms. McMorris:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors would like to express our support of the Klamath National Forest’s proposed Lake Mountain & Middle Tompkins Grazing project which will re-authorize livestock grazing within the allotment.

Siskiyou County currently has in place a Grazing Policy that was adopted October 20th, of 2015, and is enclosed as part of this letter. The County supports grazing on public lands as an essential management tool and believes it to have many ecological benefits. Grazing activities have proven to promote healthy vegetation growth on the forest floor and reduce the presence and spread of invasive weeds. Livestock grazing on public lands also support generational ranching activities, which are vital to the economic wellbeing of Siskiyou County.

As part of this letter, we are requesting that the Klamath National Forest incorporate the County’s grazing policy into each analysis related to public lands grazing, and that the principles of the Policy be followed by the Klamath National Forest in their activities.

Please contact Elizabeth Nielsen, Deputy County Administrator at [enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto: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 March15, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors