March 15, 2022

Carol Spinos

United States Forest Service

Klamath National Forest

Six Rivers National Forest All Units

1330 Bayshore Way

Eureka, CA 95501

**Subject: 2022 First Quarter Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) – Six Rivers Hazardous Fuels and Fire Management Project**

Dear Ms. Spinos:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors would like to express our support of the Klamath National Forest’s proposed Six Rivers Hazardous Fuels and Fire Management Project, and we encourage the Klamath National Forest to complete fuels management activities to the maximum extent possible. Fuels reduction in these proposed areas 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