

COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

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Myrnie Mayville, M.S. United States Forest Service Shasta-Trinity National Forest Shasta-McCloud Management Units 2019 Forest Road McCloud, CA 96057

Subject: Proposed 31 Road Shaded Fuelbreak Project Scoping

Dear Ms. Mayville:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors would like to express our support of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest's proposed *31 Road Shaded Fuelbreak Project*, and we encourage the Shasta-Trinity 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 Shasta-Trinity 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 <u>enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us</u> or (530) 842-8012, if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

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Brandon A. Criss, Chair Board of Supervisors