July 5, 2022

Danika Carlson

United States Forest Service

Klamath National Forest

1711 S. Main Street

Yreka, CA 96097

**Subject: Second Quarter Schedule of Proposed Action (SOPA) – River Complex Risk Reduction**

Dear Ms. Carlson:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors would like to express our support of the Klamath National Forest’s proposed River Complex Risk Reduction Project, and we encourage the Forest to complete fuels management activities to the maximum extent possible. Fuels reduction and other land management activities will not only help protect these locations from catastrophic wildfire and reduce the risk of wildfire spread, but also accelerate the reestablishment of conifers and promote scientific research.

Federal forest lands make up approximately 62% of the County and healthy forests 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 July 5, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors