August 2, 2022

CORE Response

Carolyn Buenaflor, Director

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**Subject: CORE Response Pilot Project – Support**

Dear Ms. Buenaflor,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter to express our gratitude for your consideration of including areas within Siskiyou County to be part of your CORE Response Pilot Project. During a recent Board of Supervisors meeting, Giselle Nova, Coordinator for Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County (FSCSC) informed us that CORE Response is interested in performing wildfire mitigation work in California, and is specifically considering Siskiyou County.

Should you choose Siskiyou County, we believe your staff would be well supported and resourced by partnering with the FSCSC. They are well-established and have long-standing working relationships with the other wildfire mitigation groups, state and federal agencies, as well as fire jurisdictions. FSCSC has developed a strong rapport with County residents through their outreach and education efforts, as well as fuel reduction projects, which has earned them community participation and greater communication.

We would greatly appreciate and encourage any mitigation efforts you may choose to provide and would like to draw attention to the City of Dunsmuir as it exists almost entirely within the State’s designated “**Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone”**where there is an extreme chance for human and property impacts due to wildfire. Dunsmuir is a top priority as we believe that community is in great need considering the potential of not only wildfire moving through the canyon, but also the local demographics. Many households in this area are below the poverty line and many citizens are reaching, or are currently at, an age of declined capacity or resources to perform wildfire mitigation work around their homes or on their properties.

We also suggest an additional partnership with the Dunsmuir Disaster Planning Advisory Committee (DPAC) who could prove to be an asset to your organization and future endeavors. Like the FSCSC, Dunsmuir DPAC is well-established, has a strong network with all relevant entities, and rapport specifically in the Dunsmuir community.

We highly recommend that you choose Dunsmuir, California as an area of focus for your beneficial wildfire mitigation work in order to help the community become more fire resilient. We appreciate your consideration and support in our County’s fire safety efforts.

This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on August 02, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors