December 6, 2022

Chris Christofferson

Sierra Nevada Conservancy Water Improvement Program

Modoc National Forest

SENT VIA EMAIL

**Subject: Support for the Medicine Lake Volcano Forest and Fire Restoration Project**

Dear Mr. Christofferson,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors would like to express our support for the proposed Medicine Lake Volcano Forest and Fire Restoration Project, and we encourage the Modoc National Forest to pursue these and other responsible forest management efforts to the maximum extent possible.

In areas like our County, where Federal forest lands make up approximately 62% of the lands, it is of vital importance to manage these forested areas and maintain them in responsible ways to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires. These efforts not only help to ensure the safety of the forests, but also reduce the risk or wildfire spread to neighboring communities from other areas. Our County has been ravaged by wildfires on nearly a yearly basis leaving destruction and a multitude of hazardous materials in the wake. Removal of these materials will be a hefty project but make a huge difference for the recovery, maintenance, and future fortification of our beautiful natural spaces.

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors entrusts the capable staff of the US Forest Service 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 December 6, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Brandon A. Criss, Chair

Board of Supervisors