January 17, 2022

Glenn Casamassa

Regional Forester

Pacific Northwest Region

US Forest Service

1220 SW 3rd Avenue

Portland, OR 97204

**Subject: Application to Northwest Forest Plan Area Advisory Committee – SUPPORT**

Dear Mr. Casamassa:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors writes to express our support for Supervisor Ray Haupt’s application to serve on the Northwest Forest Plan Federal Advisory Committee. Supervisor Haupt would make a great resource to the advisory committee and would be able to represent all of Siskiyou County in his capacity.

Supervisor Haupt’s 33-year career with the Forest Service, and his extensive forestry work outside of his Forest Service career make him uniquely qualified to serve on the advisory committee. In addition, sixty-two percent of our County lands are administered by the US Forest Service, meaning that the management of these lands is vitally important to the economy and socioeconomic health of Siskiyou County and northern California. Local participation on this large-scale advisory committee is critical in ensuring that our forests are management on a forest-level scale, are utilized for the best benefit of our local communities and constituents, and our resilient to catastrophic wildfires. Supervisor Haupt is able to provide the perspective and expertise needed towards these goals.

We look forward to Supervisor Haupt’s selection by the reviewing committee to serve on the Federal Advisory Committee. If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth Nielsen, Deputy County Administrator at enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us or (530) 842-8012. This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on January 17, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Sincerely,

Ed Valenzuela, Chair

Board of Supervisors