

EXHIBIT A

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU REQUIRING THAT UNIFIED COMMAND BE INVOKED BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE, CAL FIRE AND THE COUNTY OF SISKIYOU, TO
RESPOND TO ANY WILDFIRES IN SISKIYOU COUNTY**

WHEREAS, catastrophic wildfire has become a significant issue in California, destroying property, homes, natural resources, and lives every year, and;

WHEREAS, the wildfire season is growing longer and progressively more destructive, with the 2020 wildfire season being the most destructive and deadly on record in California with a total of 9,639 fires, destroying an area of 4,397,809 acres, and costing \$12.79 billion in damages and fire suppression, and;

WHEREAS, in Siskiyou County alone in 2020, the Slater/ Devil Fire burned a combined 166,127 acres, destroying 440 structures, with a projected cost of \$53,679,525 in Long Term Recovery and additional fire suppression and mitigation; in the previous year, and;

WHEREAS, in 2021, the Lava Fire burned over 26,000 acres and either destroyed or threatened hundred of homes, and the 2021 fire season began much earlier than anticipated and is expected to become worse in the coming months, very likely exceeding the impacts of the 2020 fire season, and;

WHEREAS, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors recognizes that conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within Siskiyou County; caused by the increasing risk of wildfire, and;

WHEREAS, in order to protect the lives and property of the citizens of the County of Siskiyou, and assist with rapid and full containment of current and future wildfires within the jurisdiction of the County, the United States Forest Service, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), and the County of Siskiyou need to coordinate, collaborate, and make decisions in a more frequent and effective manner, and;

WHEREAS, this is best achieved through the composition of a Unified Command between the three entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors requires that a Unified Command be invoked and fully utilized between the United States Forest Service, CAL FIRE and the County of Siskiyou whenever a fire is within the influence of a "Community at Risk", in order to employ the most timely and efficient response to wildfires.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors orders that the parties identified above take the necessary steps to invoke the Unified Command for any current or future wildfires within the jurisdiction of Siskiyou County.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on August 10, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Criss, Kobseff, Valenzuela, Ogren and Haupt
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None



Ray A. Haupt, Chair

Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:
LAURA BYNUM,
COUNTY CLERK

By 
Deputy

