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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attention: Grant Management Unit Forest Health Grants
P.O. Box 944246
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Subject: Support – CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant Application – West Mount Shasta Forest Resiliency Phase II Project Project No. 23-FH-SKU-58879769

Dear CAL FIRE Review Team,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter to express support for the West Mount Shasta Forest Resiliency Phase II Project submitted by the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD).

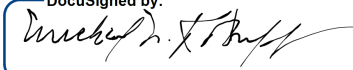
The project will support the implementation of forest restoration and fire resiliency on a landscape scale in partnership with projects planned and implemented by the Shasta-Trinity National Forest; Mt Shasta McCloud Unit, Siskiyou Land Trust, CAL FIRE- Siskiyou Unit, Jefferson Resource Company, Fire Safe Council of Siskiyou County, and the CalOES funded Defensible Space project managed by the Shasta Valley RCD. The treatments will consist of thinning, mastication, chipping, and herbicide treatments that both reduce fuels, improve forest health, and increase forest resiliency.

This project will complement the surrounding projects such as the West Mount Shasta Forest Resiliency Phase I Project, Defensible Space West Mount Shasta CalOES Project, the South Fork Sacramento Public Safety and Forest Restoration Project, among others. Together these projects aim to build a robust, fire resilient, and healthy landscape. Phase I and II projects will address Rainbow Ridge, which is a strategic ridge that runs roughly north-south and is located along the interface between private and Forest Service lands west of the city of Mt Shasta.

Forest health benefits anticipated from this project are lowering competition and opening up growing space for healthy, vigorous trees with good crown form, providing soil coverage to mitigate erosion, improve habitat through the growth of larger trees as well as creating better foraging habitat for raptors, and rehabilitating watersheds for improving aquatic life.

We support this project and view this as an opportunity to assist our communities in the quest to improve forest and watershed health, along with proactive fuels reduction for forest resilience in Siskiyou County. We highly encourage CALFIRE to fund this project.

Sincerely,

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