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Ms. Faith Harris
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1220 SW Third Avenue, Suite 1801
Portland, OR 97204

Subject: Support for the Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership’s USDA Grant Application

Dear Ms. Harris:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is writing to express support for the Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership’s, managing entity of the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway All American Road, request for grant funding through the US Department of Agriculture Rural Business Development Grant. The route in Oregon which runs from Crater Lake National Park to the California border, was awarded the highest level of designation by the Federal Highway Administration for the qualities and geological features located along the route found nowhere else in the nation.

If awarded, this grant will used to develop and implement a robust 15-month long plan to attract a higher volume of outdoor recreation visits to the Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway AAR. This is very important as Scenic Byways have been proven to deliver economic development. A well promoted Scenic Byway which features the heritage, culture, and outdoor recreation locations along the route can generate, on average, between \$250,000-\$450,000 per mile, per Byway, per year. As visitors travel the Byway, they dine, shop, lodge and utilize other services offered by businesses along the route which supports local employment. By supporting employment in these rural areas, it also enables employee commerce within the communities.

Sincerely,

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