June 18, 2024

BLM Medford District

ATTN: CSNM RMP Project Manager

3040 Biddle Road

Medford, OR 97504

**Subject: Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement**

To Whom it May Concern:

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter to provide comments on the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument Resource Management Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. Siskiyou County has previously provided comments during the development of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument.

We are taking this opportunity to remind the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) that the County has a standing Grazing Policy, which is included as Attachment 1 to this letter. The purpose of the Policy is to detail the County’s policy regarding federal grazing lands and provide scientific and economic information to enable federal and state agencies in their grazing decisions. Any decisions by state and federal agencies concerning grazing in Siskiyou County shall be consistent with the attached policy.

We also urge the BLM to consider wildfire risk in every decision-making process and action taken by the agency. Approximately 62% of Siskiyou County lands are under federal ownership and are managed as forested lands by the United States Forest Service, which makes the topics of forest health, catastrophic wildfire and timber harvesting a top priority for the County. The County, along with much of the West, faces increasing, and larger scale, catastrophic wildfire which has severely impacted Northern California on an almost yearly basis. The BLM must fully consider activities within the Monument boundary that promote forest health and catastrophic wildfire resiliency. For example, implementing structural changes by forest thinning or density management.

We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael N. Kobseff

Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Assemblywoman Megan Dahle

 Senator Brian Dahle

 Congressman Doug LaMalfa

 Rural County Representative of California (RCRC)

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