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California Fish and Game Commission
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Subject: Support for the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission Petition to Amend Section 251(a), Title 14, CCR

Dear Commissioners,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors writes in support of the Siskiyou County Fish and Game Commission's February 6, 2026 petition requesting an amendment to Section 251(a), Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations to prohibit the use of trail cameras capable of transmitting real-time data to locate wildlife during hunting seasons. Advances in motion-activated trail cameras that transmit images through cellular or satellite networks allow hunters to remotely locate and track big game mammals in near real time. Since this technology is inexpensive and widely available, it has the potential to provide an unfair advantage when pursuing big game species.

The Board recognizes that trail cameras remain a valuable tool for the public and for researchers monitoring wildlife populations. The petition does not seek to prohibit their use altogether but instead focuses on limiting devices capable of transmitting real-time data in a way that conflicts with the principles of fair chase.

Several western states, including Alaska, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, and Utah, have adopted regulations restricting the use of trail cameras capable of transmitting images or wildlife location data during hunting seasons, and Arizona has prohibited their use altogether. Amending Section 251(a) to address this emerging technology would be consistent with existing California regulations that already limit the use of aircraft, satellite imaging, and telemetry devices to locate big game animals.

For these reasons, the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors supports the petition and respectfully encourages the California Fish and Game Commission to consider this proposed amendment.

This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on March 17, 2026, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Sincerely,

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