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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attention: Grant Management Unit, Wildfire Prevention Grant
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Subject: Support for Mow-Party Vegetation Management Project (25-WP4-SKU-90840476)

Dear CAL FIRE Review Team,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors writes in support of the Mow-Party Vegetation Management Project submitted by the Shasta Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD) in partnership with CLT Logging. The project will be implemented under a Stewardship Agreement between the Klamath National Forest and CLT Logging. It will advance forest restoration and wildfire resilience as part of a broader landscape-scale strategy that includes projects planned and implemented by the Klamath National Forest and CAL FIRE Siskiyou Unit.

The project includes forest thinning, mastication, pile burning, and, where feasible, biomass removal to reduce hazardous fuels, improve forest health, and increase forest resilience. These treatments complement adjacent fuel reduction efforts on both federal and private lands throughout the Butte Valley area, creating a more continuous and effective landscape-scale approach to wildfire risk reduction. The project area contains overstocked conifer stands with significant hazardous fuel accumulations that have been further intensified by recent conifer mortality, increasing the potential for high-intensity wildfire.

This project is part of the South End Environmental Assessment, which encompasses approximately 30,000 acres of planned treatments across a 60,000-acre area surrounding Whaleback Mountain. Together, these projects will create a healthier, more fire-resilient landscape. The Mow-Party Vegetation Management Project represents an important first step in implementing these planned treatments.

The project will reduce competition among trees, increase growing space for healthy, vigorous stands, and maintain soil cover to minimize erosion. The treatments will also enhance wildlife habitat by promoting the development of larger trees, improving foraging opportunities for raptors, and supporting watershed health. Through forest thinning, brush and ladder fuel reduction, and prescribed burning, SVRCD will restore more natural forest conditions while strengthening biodiversity and increasing the resilience of forests and nearby communities to wildfire, drought, pests, disease, and other long-term environmental stressors.

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors strongly supports this project as an important investment in protecting local communities, improving forest health, and reducing wildfire risk across the region.

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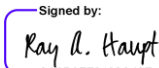
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Sincerely,

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