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USDA Forest Service
Ecosystem Management Coordination
201 14th Street SW, Mailstop 1108
Washington, DC 20250-1124

Subject: Support for Alternative 2, Rescission of the 2001 Roadless Rule

Dear USDA Forest Service,

The Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors supports Alternative 2, the Proposed Action, to rescind the 2001 Roadless Rule. The proposed rescission directly impacts Siskiyou County, where substantial areas within the Klamath National Forest and neighboring National Forest lands are identified by the Forest Service as Inventoried Roadless Areas.

For 25 years, the Roadless Rule has restricted road construction, road reconstruction, and timber harvest within these roadless areas. During that time, wildfire, insects, and disease have significantly affected National Forest lands, increasing the need for a management approach that can respond to current forest conditions.

The Roadless Rule was intended to provide lasting protection for these areas, but it does not prevent wildfire, insects, or disease. Severe wildfires have burned through roadless areas across the West, damaging forests, watersheds, and wildlife habitat. Rescinding the Roadless Rule would give local Forest Service professionals greater flexibility to reduce hazardous fuels, improve forest health, and provide the access needed for effective wildfire prevention and response.

Rescission could also increase opportunities for federal timber harvest where appropriate, helping provide a more reliable timber supply for local mills, contractors, and forest products jobs. Maintaining this workforce and infrastructure is important not only to Siskiyou County's economy, but also to the ability to carry out forest management projects.

The proposed rescission would allow local Forest Service professionals to determine where and when these management actions are appropriate based on current conditions. For Siskiyou County, this change would support healthier forests, more effective wildfire management, and a stronger forest products economy. For these reasons, the Board urges the Forest Service to select Alternative 2 and finalize the rescission of the 2001 Roadless Rule.

This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on September 15, 2026, by the following vote:

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AYES:
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Sincerely,

Ray A. Haupt
Chair, Board of Supervisors