



COUNTY OF ALPINE
Board of Supervisors

May 2, 2023

Re: Stanislaus National Forest Hazard Tree Management Project.

Stanislaus National Forest
Attn: STF Hazard Tree
19777 Greenley Road
Sonora, CA 95370

Dear Supervisor Kuiken,

The Alpine County Board of Supervisors enthusiastically supports the hazard tree removal project proposed by the US Forest Service in recreational areas and along forest roads of the Stanislaus National Forest. The significant increase in tree mortality throughout the forest has resulted in significant hazards in these areas. Removing trees in these areas will significantly reduce not only the threat of falling trees, impacting the general public but also reduce the wildland fire hazard in these ignition prone areas. Alpine County is grateful to see the project includes many of the recreational areas around Union and Utica Reservoirs, which are very popular recreation areas in the County. We are particularly supportive of the removal of these trees immediately adjacent to the Bear Valley community, and the Bear Valley Ski Area, thereby further protecting our critical infrastructure. Alpine County would actively support the inclusion of the area immediately east and west of the Bear Valley subdivision in this project as well, if the US Forest Service could accommodate it, further protecting our community. We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the US Forest Service to keep the public safe and reduce the wildfire threat in Alpine County and look forward to working collaboratively on these efforts. Feel free to reach out to Alpine County directly if there's anything further we can do to assist in supporting these or similar projects.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Irvin Jim", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Irvin Jim
Chair, Board of Supervisors
Alpine County

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