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First name: Michael
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Comments: Dear Ms. Napper:

We are submitting this letter to express our support for the Highway 89 Safety Enhancement and Forest Restoration Project (Highway 89 Project), on the Shasta-McCloud Unit of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. In addition, the Siskiyou County Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution in September 2016, which formed the Siskiyou County Tree Mortality Task Force and aims to implement projects addressing the tree mortality issues that California is currently experiencing. The Highway 89 Project is an example of projects that are supported by the efforts of the Task Force, and we look forward to seeing the Forest Service carry out similar activities in the future.

The Highway 89 Project will treat 13,341 acres within the National Forest system and will treat acreage along Highway 89 by thinning trees to reduce forest canopy and allow winter sunlight on the roadway, which is vital in helping to protect motorists travelling in the winter months. The Highway 89 project also aims to thin plantations of trees, and remove trees within the Wildland Urban Interface, which will reduce wildfire risk, will remove dead and dying trees, and will allow the Forest to be more defensible in the event of future drought and bark beetle attack conditions. Alternative 3, the modified proposed action, as been chosen to attain these goals and is supported by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors through this letter. We look forward to seeing the Highway 89 Project be completed in a timely and effective manner, and will stay up to date on its progress.

If you have any questions or require any additional information from us, please feel free to contact Elizabeth Nielsen, Natural Resource Policy Specialist at enielsen@co.Siskiyou.ca.us or (530)842-8012.

This letter was approved by the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors on August, 08, 2017, by the following vote:

Ayes: Supervisors Criss, Haupt, Valenzuela, Nixon, and Kobseff

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Sincerely,

Michael N. Kobseff, Chair

Board of Supervisors