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California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
(CAL FIRE) California Climate Investments
Fire Prevention Grant Program
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

To Whom It May Concern:

We are aware that the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council is applying for the California Climate Investments (CCI) Fire Prevention Grant Program.

Grizzly Flats is located in a VERY HIGH fire risk area in the El Dorado County western slope. It is also listed in the Federal Register as a COMMUNITY AT RISK. Over its 18-year existence, the Grizzly Flats Fire Safe Council (GFFSC) has worked diligently on reducing wildfire threats in its Sphere of Recognition by administering grant funds that have totaled almost \$2,027,000 and provided fuel reduction to over 1,125 acres. The ultimate goal of the GFFSC's fuel reduction is to provide a "ring around the community" of reduced hazardous fuel loading. On August 16th, 2021, the Caldor Fire entered the community and proceeded east and north of the community burning through most of the fuel reduction project areas. The GFFSC also works with and educates the residents to provide fuel reduction on their own properties. This effort saved lives during the Caldor Fire evacuation, and saved some homes from total loss.

The GFFSC's 2021-2022 CCI grant application proposes to continue providing fuel reduction in the unburned areas of the Sphere of Recognition by providing a reduced fuel zone (approximately 400 acres) in the area immediately southwest of Grizzly Flats subdivisions and other adjacent areas. This would help the community recover and future development.

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors very much supports this proposed project. It will help protect the remaining residents of the Grizzly Flats community and surrounding areas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

- George Turnboo