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"Public and Private Partners Working Together to Protect People, Homes, and Natural Resources"

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Ref: Responsible Official
Trestle Forest Health Project
Draft Record of Decision
File Code: 1950,
Dated: March 31, 2017

Randy Moore
Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service
Attn: Trestle Forest Health Project
1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592

Trestle Forest Health Project Record of Decision Conditional Support

Dear Mr. Moore

While the focus of the County Fire Safe Council is to provide maximum protection to our forests and communities in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). We have been a strong supporter of Alternative 2 because it has the highest level of fuels treatment designed to protect adjacent communities.

We understand the need to balance the requirement for public safety with the wishes of environmental and habitat protection from other organizations. We have much in common, but we also have differences of opinion concerning priorities. The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council submitted comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS) urging the U.S. Forest Service to consider selection of Alternative 2.

We are in receipt of Forest Supervisor Crabtree's Record of Decision selecting Alternative 5. While it does not maximize the treatment acres, we believe it is an acceptable compromise that recognizes the desires of all parties. We write to strongly suggest that Alternative 5 as originally presented, be implemented without change. It is a compromise that benefits reduction of high fire fuel loads and therefore mitigation of high-severity stand-replacing wildfires, protection of residential property and the Community's watershed while continuing to support habit for endangered species.

If any changes to referenced Alternative 5 are considered in light of additional stakeholder or interested party objections, we would lodge this objection to any revisions to the Trestle Forest Health Project Record of Decision; specifically, if the alternative 5 recommended fuel treatments adjacent and within the WUI are reduced or modified in any way the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council will withdraw our support for the decision to implement Alternative 5 as it is currently proposed and submit a letter of objection.

Thank you for the opportunity to participate

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Pat Dwyer".

Roger "Pat" Dwyer, Chairman of the Board