



**COUNTY OF ALPINE  
Board of Supervisors**

March 19, 2013

Kathy Hardy  
Forest Supervisor  
100 Forni Rd  
Placerville, CA 95667

Re: USFS Eldorado National Forest Meadow Corrective Action Planning Grant Application

Dear Forest Supervisor Hardy;

We are writing in support of the Eldorado National Forest Meadow Correction Action Planning grant application. Sixty-five percent of the 4WD roads and 90% of the motorcycle trails above 6000 feet in the Eldorado National Forest travel through a meadow, reportedly causing changes to the hydrologic connectivity. Many of these roads and trails date back to the stage coach days. By court order, these roads and trails are closed and the Forest Service estimates they will likely remain closed for 2 to 10 years until corrective action can be completed.

Eleven of the eighteen closed roads and trails are in the USFS Amador Ranger District which encompasses portions of Alpine County. The Forest Service grant application proposes to begin planning corrective action on three areas within Alpine County. These areas are Blue Lakes, Clover Valley/Deer Valley Trail, and the spur off Wood Lake.

These areas provide recreational use and access to most of the four wheel drive and motorcycle trails as well as numerous camping sites and trail heads in Alpine County. Maintenance of these roads is primarily through local recreational organizations. Without access, maintenance will cease, extending the cost of meadow restoration to the road and the environment.

We fully support and encourage a grant to the USFS Eldorado National Forest to plan corrective actions that will restore the hydrologic connectivity to the meadows and restore recreational opportunities.

Respectfully,

Terry Woodrow  
Alpine County Board of Supervisors, Chair

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