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To: Sierra Nevada Conservancy Board
11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205
Auburn, CA, 95603

Subject: Letter of Support, 1936 RT - Fredonyer Butte Trail System

Dear Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Committee:

Please consider this letter as our formal support of a project application, to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy's Sustainable Recreation, Tourism, and Equitable Outdoor Access Directed Grant Program, by the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship.

The proposed Fredonyer Trail system has been a community-led project since its inception in 2013 and interested partners include the: US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Susanville Indian Rancheria, Lassen County, Susanville Area Bicycle Association, Lassen County Chamber of Commerce, Westwood Chamber of Commerce, Honey Lake Vally RCD, Volcanic Legacy Community Partnership, and Lassen Land and Trails Trust.

The project application proposes to develop approximately 7.5-miles of the proposed 26-mile, multi-use non-motorized, trail system around Fredonyer Butte which is located approximately 10 Miles west of Susanville. The trail system will connect with the existing Bizz Johnson National Recreation Trail and the Southside Trail at the Devil's Corral Trailhead.

The proposed trail system is consistent and supported by the *Lassen County General Plan* – GOAL N-19 & O-5: Improved access to recreation opportunities on public lands; and GOAL N-18: An expanded range of outdoor recreation resources, facilities and opportunities.

The proposed trail system is also consistent with the 2011 *Lassen County Bikeway Master Plan* to provide safe and efficient bikeways throughout the County and to implement a proposed trail system. It is also compatible with the County's aspiration vision in the 2012 *Lassen County Economic Development Strategy* (CEDS). The CEDS

acknowledged that bike trails and the outdoors are Lassen County's strongest assets and best magnets for attracting visitors. This is especially relevant with the economic decline of the forestry and logging industry that was historically a prime driver of the economy throughout the County. Recreational tourism is vital to offsetting this economic decline and this proposed project is an important step in that direction.

Please give the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardships Sustainable Recreation, Tourism, and Equitable Outdoor Access Directed Grant Program application your due consideration.

Sincerely,

Gary Bridges, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors