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## MEMORANDUM

May 5, 2017

TO: Board of Supervisors  
Agenda Date: May 16, 2016

FROM: Richard Egan, County Administrative Officer 

RE: Lassen National Forest – Share the Dream Trail

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the Board:** Approve the letter and authorize the Chairman to sign.

**PRIOR BOARD ACTIONS:** The Board has made multiple requests asking the Lassen National Forest to accommodate motorized mixed use of public lands. The Board has specifically requested the Lassen National Forest to act on designating the Share the Dream Trail. The Trail would designate 109 miles, in total, of federal, state, and county roads to encircle the Lassen National Park with a route for use by off-highway vehicles, and other users. Most of the route is on existing trails and roads. According to the Sylvia Milligan, Recreation Outdoors Coalition, the remaining unfinished or undesignated segments of the Share the Dream Trail are on Lassen National Forest managed lands.

The Board has acted on several occasions in support of the Share the Dream Trail project. The Board has acted by adopting Resolution No. 09-043 for designating certain un-paved County maintained roads that would connect to adjoining Counties and federal lands. Additionally, the Board has provided for the operation of off-highway vehicles on certain County roads by enacting Lassen County Ordinance No. 2011-007.

**DISCUSSION:** Please see the recommended letter from the Board to the Lassen National Forest.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** Unknown

**ALTERNATIVES:** Provide direction to staff.

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May 3, 2017

Mr. Dave Hays  
Lassen National Forest Supervisor  
2550 Riverside Drive  
Susanville, CA 96130

Subject: Share the Dream Trail

Dear Mr. Hays:

Earlier this month, the State Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division (OHMVR) Commission held their quarterly meeting in Susanville. The County of Lassen was very pleased that they chose to hold their quarterly meeting in our county.

One of the Commission's presentation items was to receive an update on the unfinished status of the Share the Dream Trail, a system of local, state, and federal roads and trails that are to encircle the outside of Lassen National Park. The Commission's presentation referenced how this project started over a decade ago with great momentum, wide-spread support, and progress. A group effort led by private, local, state and federal agencies came together to designate federal, state and local roads and trails, 109-miles in length, for the Trail system. Lassen County contributed much time and resources to designate roads under our authority that may connect to adjoining counties and federal lands. Ultimately, we designated approximately 253.51 un-paved county maintained roads for off-highways vehicle use that may connect into the Share the Dream Trail.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing this letter to ask the Lassen National Forest to complete its federally managed segments of the trail, if any, of the Share the Dream Trail.

It is our understanding that the remaining unfinished segments of the Trail are on federally managed lands under the authority of the Lassen National Forest. If that is not the circumstance, please let us know.

If the Lassen National Forest has work to do to build or designate U.S. Forest roads to be part of the trail, we would like to see the Lassen National Forest's portion of the work scheduled identified on the Forest's next Statement of Proposed Actions (SOPA).

As always, you and your staff are always welcome to attend any meeting of the Board of Supervisors to share progress made on this effort or other projects under your authority.

Sincerely,

AARON ALBAUGH, Chairman  
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

CC: Congressman Doug LaMalfa  
U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein  
U.S. Senator Kamala Harris  
Assemblyman Brian Dahle  
State Senator Ted Gaines  
Susanville City Council

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