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Mr. Russell D. Hays, Forest Supervisor, Lassen National Forest
C/O Chuck Lewis, District Fuels Specialist
Eagle Lake Ranger District
477-050 Eagle Lake Road
Susanville, CA 96130

RE: SUPPORT - Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project
Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact

Dear Mr. Hays:

The Lassen County Board of Supervisors fully supports the Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project.

We support your stated reasons for the decision and project. The primary reason being to reduce threats to the community and wildlife from severe wildfire on National Forest System managed forestlands. The project would also provide much needed improvements along National Forest Systems roads that may serve as access and evacuation routes for the public and public safety personnel during fire suppression activities.

We support the December 2017 published Decision Notice and the Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for that project as you have summarized in the Decision Notice as the:

"best course of action to promote and restore resiliency in the project area while reducing the fire behavior, promoting forest health, and protecting wildlife, and rare plants, and the aquatic habitat among other ecosystem concerns in the project area. I believe the selection of Alternative 1 is a step toward achieving an ecologically resilient landscape, recognizing the uncertainty of climate change and risk of future disturbances"

We look forward to the project's scheduled start date of July 2018.

Please accept this letter of support for Diamond Mountain Watershed Restoration and Wildland Urban Interface Project.

Sincerely,

CHRIS GALLAGHER, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors

CC: Congressman Doug LaMalfa
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Kamala D. Harris