

Amador Fire Safe Council

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County of Amador/Board of Supervisors 810 Court Street Jackson, CA 95642 October 5, 2019

Dear Cooperator;

I am preparing a Fuels Management Project grant application for the Amador Fire Safe Council (AFSC). The project is proposed on nine (9) parcels of USDI Bureau of Land Management lands totaling 431 acres from Buckhorn Ridge in the Pioneer area westward to Quartz Mountain Road east of Sutter Creek As a Cooperator on similar projects, the AFSC is requesting a Letter of Support for the proposed project since fuels reduction efforts will protect AWA infrastructure and fire flow under emergency situations.

The 'AmCo Stewardship – Mokelumne Community Forest' project is a landscape-scale forest health effort in the heart of Amador County. The project will provide a fire-resilient landscape that is critical to avoid catastrophic wildfire near the communities of Buckhorn, Pioneer, Volcano and Sutter Creek. Fuel loading will be reduced through mastication, biomass removal and thinning with a view towards future maintenance using prescribed fire. This project will be managed by AFSC and the Calaveras Amador Forestry Team via generous support from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy. The project has been vetted by the Amador County Fuels Reduction Collaborative and local Community Wildfire Protection Plans.

The project will deliver environmental studies and silvicultural prescriptions on 431 acres with plans to expand the Mokelumne Community Forest to adjacent private lands for an "all lands" approach to reducing fire hazards in order to meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Please accept this letter and associated map as a request for information within the defined assessment area in the West Point and Pine Grove Quadrangles:

- Buckhorn Ridge: Section 20 & 21, T7NR13E, MDB&M
- Barone: Section 13, T7N, R12E, MDB&M
- Saathoff Mountain: Section 14, T7N, R12E, MDB&M
- Rams Horn Grade: Section 14, T7N, R12E, MDB&M
- La Colina: Section 17 and 20, T7N, R12E, MDB&M
- Shakeridge East: Section 19, T7N, R12E and Section 24, T7N, R11E, MDB&M
- Shakeridge West: Section 24, T7N, R11E, MDB&M
- Sutter Creek-Volcano: Section 19, 20, T7N, R12E, MDB&M
- Quartz Mountain: Section 22, T7N, R11E, MDB&M.

A map of the proposed project is attached. The grant submission date is October 14, 2019. Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact me at 209-256-7667. In advance, I thank you for your assistance.

Very Respectfully,

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Registered Professional Forester 2360

