

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE  
COUNTY OF AMADOR, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

IN THE MATTER OF:

RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES PROPOSAL TO LIST THE SIERRA NEVADA YELLOW-LEGGED FROG AS ENDANGERED THROUGHOUT ITS RANGE	)	RESOLUTION NO. 13-056
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WHEREAS, the eastern portion of Amador County, beginning from Bear River Reservoir East to the County line is used by residents and visitors of Amador County for OHV, hiking, hunting, fishing, grazing allotments, timber management, and other uses, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed to list the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog as endangered throughout its range, and;

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to designate critical habitat for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog that includes the eastern portion of Amador County beginning from Bear River Reservoir East to the County line, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed listing and designation of critical habitat may restrict the uses by residents and visitors of Amador County, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed listing and designation of critical habitat will add to the regulatory burden on Federal, state, local and private land managers, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed listing and designation of critical habitat will not provide additional regulatory protection for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, and;

WHEREAS, the restricted uses by the residents and visitors of Amador County will not increase the survival rates of Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frogs, and;

WHEREAS, the Eldorado National Forest has closed eighteen forest roads that may be hydrologically connected to adjacent meadows, many of which are within the proposed designated habitat for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, and;

WHEREAS, some of these eighteen roads are historical routes used by early gold seekers, pioneers and recreational visitors to California, and;

WHEREAS, over 150 years of use defies a sense of urgency for road closure, and;

WHEREAS, these eighteen roads are still some of the most significant recreational roads in the State of California, and;

WHEREAS, these eighteen roads are used extensively to improve the health and welfare of California residents and visitors to the Eldorado National Forest, and;

WHEREAS, the Forest Service has not completed analyses to determine if motor vehicle travel impacts the hydrological connectivity of the meadows; and;

WHEREAS, the Forest Service has obligated itself to develop and implement corrective actions where necessary and has failed to do so, and;

WHEREAS, the USFS Supervisor has allowed this proposed ESA listing to influence her decision to continue the closure of these eighteen motorized vehicle routes in advance of the actual listing; and;

WHEREAS, the USFS chose to expend resources to study these same eighteen motorized vehicle routes for the presence of, and potential impacts to, species yet to be proposed for ESA listing; and;

WHEREAS, the public and their representative jurisdictions were made aware of this route closure decision by Forest Supervisor Hardy on the day of her retirement; and

WHEREAS, six of these eighteen roads are within the Eastern portion of Amador County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors opposes the proposed listing and designation of critical habitat for the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Amador County Board of Supervisors opposes the closure of the eighteen roads closed by the Eldorado National Forest in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Travel Management Plan.

The foregoing resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Amador at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Boitano, Novelli, Plassc and Oncto

NOES: None

ABSENT: Richard M. Forster

  
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Vice-Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:  
JENNIFER BURNS, Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors, Amador County,  
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Deputy