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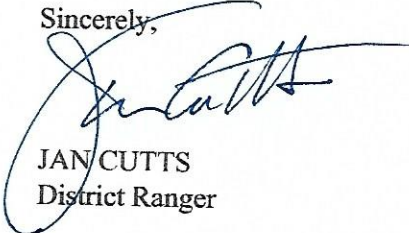
Re: Proposition 68 Vibrant Recreation and Tourism - Buckeye Hotsprings Recreation Enhancement Project

This letter in reference to Mammoth Lakes Recreation's (MLR) application for funding from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy for the proposed Buckeye Hotsprings Recreation Enhancement Project. This project will engage multiple stakeholders, agencies and organizations, to provide a sustainable framework for public access and responsible recreation at the project site. As the land manager responsible for the protection of its natural resources and safety of the visiting public, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest fully supports the efforts of MLR and Mono County to assist the U.S. Forest Service in accomplishing the deliverables set forth in this proposal.

Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is committed to meeting the SNC Land Tenure requirements for the purpose of project monitoring and reporting for the duration specified in the grant agreement. In close coordination with MLR, Mono County, and the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Partnership (ESSRP), Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will oversee all aspects of the design, development, and implementation of this project - contributing substantial in-kind services towards its completion. Upon completion, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will further ensure that regular maintenance and janitorial services meet U.S. Forest Service standards and that this investment is properly protected, managed, and maintained henceforth.

The purpose of the ESSRP is to provide a framework for participating agencies to cooperatively develop, plan, implement, maintain, and monitor Sustainable Recreation projects and programming that are mutually beneficial to the parties, leverage resources, and reduce duplication of efforts. The framework of this agreement, along with the appointment of the Eastern Sierra Sustainable Recreation Coordinator position housed under MLR, enables Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest to work more closely to fulfill the intent and desire of this partnership and to enhance coordination and cooperation between the U.S. Forest Service and partnering public agencies. This project is a working example of how local agencies might work together to establish best practices, maximize partner contributions, and implement on-the-ground efforts that have resounding impacts across the region. Please support this application for the benefit of National Forest System lands, residents of the State of California, and visitors of the Eastern Sierra region. Please contact me at 775-857-8358 with any questions.

Sincerely,



JAN CUTTS  
District Ranger



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