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Scott Morgan  
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Dear Mr. Morgan:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) requests a Governor's consistency review of the Central Coast Field Office (CCFO) on the Cotoni-Coast Dairies Proposed Resource Management Plan Amendment (RMPA) and Environmental Assessment (EA). The BLM's draft plan was submitted on-line to the State Clearinghouse on February 14, 2020 (SCH# 2020020347) and no comments were received. The Proposed RMPA/EA was released on September 25, 2020 for a 30-day public protest period that will end on October 26, 2020. This has been a collaborative planning effort with various stakeholders, including extensive consultation and coordination with California State Parks, the California Coastal Commission, and Santa Cruz County.

The Proposed RMPA/EA specifies goals and objectives for natural and cultural resource protection. The range of alternatives also identify allowable uses for recreation, livestock grazing, and vegetation management actions, including project design features that would be applied to protect resources. The decisions resulting from this planning effort would affect approximately 5,843 acres of Federal lands (surface-only) managed by the CCFO in Santa Cruz County. The Proposed RMPA and EA also describes and analyzes implementation-level decisions regarding development of public parking facilities and recreational trails for visitor use and enjoyment on the north coast of Santa Cruz County. The Proposed RMPA/EA evaluates four alternatives, including Alternative D, which is the BLM's (new) preferred alternative. More information is available online at <https://go.usa.gov/xEJAw>.

The BLM prepared the Proposed RMPA/EA in conformance with applicable Federal laws, regulations, and policies. It is also consistent with BLM's authority and policy guidance for making a decision related to the agency-preferred alternative derived from Federal Land Policy and Management Act (43 USC §1701 et. seq.) and the regulations in 43 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1600. It incorporates information received from the consulting agencies under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Title 43 CFR, Subpart 1610.3-2(e), requires a 60-day period for Governor's review at this point in our planning process. The purpose of the review is to identify inconsistencies with State and local plans.

Should any inconsistencies be identified during this review period, please provide agency comments and recommendations in writing to the BLM at the above listed address. If the BLM does not hear from you within 60 days from the date of this letter, in accordance with the regulations, the BLM will presume the RMPA to be consistent with State and local plans, programs, and policies. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in this planning effort. If additional information is needed, please contact Sky Murphy, Planning and Environmental Coordinator, at [smurphy@blm.gov](mailto:smurphy@blm.gov) or by phone at 831-233-1504.

Sincerely,

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