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VIA EMAIL

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Following our advanced notice in July 2024, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is requesting a Governor's consistency review of the Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument (CSNM) Proposed Resource Management Plan and Final Environmental Impact Statement (Proposed RMP and Final EIS) prepared by the BLM's Medford Interagency Office. The document is available at the BLM's ePlanning site via the following link:
<https://eplanning.blm.gov/eplanning-ui/project/2023675/510>.

The BLM, Medford, Lakeview, and Northern California Districts are revising the current resource management plan (RMP) for the CSNM. The BLM currently manages approximately 113,500 acres of the lands in the planning area, and 5,340 acres of BLM-administered lands in the planning area in Siskiyou County, California, are currently managed under the 1993 Redding RMP.

The BLM published the Proposed RMP and Final EIS to the public on October 11, 2024. The BLM publication included a Notice of Availability in the Federal Register, initiating a 30-day protest period. The BLM added the Proposed RMP and Final EIS to the CEQAnet database on October 11, 2024. Following resolution of the protest period and completion of the Governor's consistency review, the BLM will publish an Approved Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision.

Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart 1610.3-2(e), requires a 60-day period for Governor's review in the BLM resource management planning process. The review should identify any inconsistencies with State and local plans, programs, and policies. However, the BLM aims to approve the plan through a Record of Decision in January 2025, and therefore requests an expedited 30-day review. If any inconsistencies or concerns are found, please provide your comments and recommendations in writing to me. I would appreciate receiving a letter stating your concerns or that you have no concerns by November 15, 2024.

As stated in our earlier communications on July 24, 2024, the BLM has collaborated closely with State and local agencies as well as Tribes in the development of the CSNM RMP. This collaborative effort included the County of Siskiyou, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Quartz Valley Indian Community of the Quartz Valley Reservation of California, and the Modoc Nation all of whom have participated as cooperating agencies. Throughout the planning process, these cooperators participated in envisioning and scoping meetings, reviewed preliminary alternatives of the RMP and EIS, and provided feedback on the Draft RMP/EIS. Also, pursuant to

section 8.2(A) of the CA Protocol Agreement and section 8110.44(A) of the BLM Manual 8100 (The Foundations for Managing Cultural Resources) the BLM completed formal consultation with the California State Historical Preservation Office (CA SHPO) for the Draft RMP/EIS.

Please let us know if there is any additional information that we can provide to help expedite your review. If you have any questions, please contact the project manager for this effort, Nikki Haskett, at (202) 471- 6609 or nhaskett@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

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