RESOLUTION - ACTION REQUESTED 2014-71

MEETING:  February 18, 2014

TO:  The Board of Supervisors

FROM:  Doug Binnewies, Sheriff-Coroner-Public Administrator

RE:  2014 Forest Service Law Enforcement Patrol Agreement

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION:
Approve Agreement 12-LE-11051360-002 (2014 Forest Service Law Enforcement Patrol Agreement) with the United States Department of Agriculture, Sierra and Stanislaus National Forests for Law Enforcement Services on National Forest Lands, and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign the Agreement.

The United States Department of Agriculture is seeking an agreement with Mariposa County to provide law enforcement services on those lands that are designated as National Forest Lands. The law enforcement services that are to be provided by the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office are intended to supplement the services being provided by National Forest Service Law Enforcement Personnel.

The Agreement identifies a targeted area of enforcement that will be reimbursed.
Targeted area:
1. Patrol activities within the Merced River Canyon, rural forest roads, campgrounds, recreation areas, trails, trail-heads and forest service facilities of Mariposa County.

The Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office has a long history of working cooperatively with National Forest Law Enforcement Personnel, and a proven success record of locating and eradicating large cannabis growing operations on National Forest lands.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:
The Board of Supervisors has approved similar agreements with the Department of Agriculture, Sierra and Stanislaus National Forests in past years.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:
If the Agreement is not signed, Mariposa County will not be able to seek reimbursement from the Department of Agriculture for law enforcement services provided on National Forest Lands. If the agreement is not signed, the Mariposa County Sheriff’s Office will continue to proved services and assistance to the Department of Agriculture, however all costs associated with providing those services will be bore exclusively by Mariposa County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
None, funding is provided by the USFS. Revenue has been included in the Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget. No direct impact to the General Fund.

ATTACHMENTS:
2014 Forest Service Patrol Agreement (PDF)

CAO RECOMMENDATION
Requested Action Recommended

[Signature]
Rick Benson, County Administrator

RESULT: ADOPTED BY CONSENT VOTE [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Lee Stetson, District I Supervisor
SECONDER: Merlin Jones, District II Supervisor
AYES: Stetson, Jones, Bibby, Cann, Carrier