MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 88-161
IN SUPPORT OF TIMBER SALVAGE APPEAL PROCEDURE MODIFICATION

WHEREAS, the wildfires of 1987 imposed significant damage to commercial timber resources on National Forests of California, and

WHEREAS, critical to the sale and harvest of salvage timber is the assurance that environmental considerations are provided for in each project proposal, and

WHEREAS, in recent weeks organized preservationist groups have appealed or indicated intent to appeal a significant amount of not only salvage, but also live standing green sale offerings, and

WHEREAS, the administrative appeals process is designed to provide a system for the public to resolve concerns over decisions by forest officers on how to manage the public forests, and

WHEREAS, the appellants concerns are for: 1) Harvest of Timber from and the associated access to those lands collectively referred to as "roadless"; 2) Harvest of timber in "Old Growth" stands which harbor species such as the spotted owl and fisher; 3) Cumulative watershed effects; 4) Visual impacts of logging activity; 5) Timber harvest practices such as clear cutting; 6) Preservationists are concerned that the Forest Service is moving too rapidly with the environmental review process as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, and

WHEREAS, a very real concern exists as a result of the below normal rainfall experienced in California for the second consecutive year, and

WHEREAS, the Forest Service realizes that burned commercial forest lands, designated as available and suitable for logging, may be salvaged logged as the first step in the process of restoring the lands to productivity/

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, a political subdivision of the State of California, supports the following Timber Salvage Appeal Procedure Modifications: Limiting Levels of Appeal to One Level; Reducing Maximum Time for Filing Appeal to 20 Days, Rather Than the Current 45 Days; Limit Time for Filing Request for Stays to 20 Days, or Must be Filed with Notice of Appeal; Eliminate Responsive Statement Requirement, with Reviewing Officer Relying on the Record for Appeal Decision; Eliminate Oral Presentations.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors this 12th day of April, 1988, by the following vote:
AYES: BAGGETT, DALTON, ERICKSON, RADANOVICH, TABER
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAINED: NONE

ATTEST: ERIC J. ERICKSON, Chairman
Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

JEFFREY C. GREEN, County Counsel
April 28, 1988

RE: Resolution in Support of Timber Salvage Appeal Procedure Modification

At its regular meeting of April 12, 1988, the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors passed Resolution No. 88-161, which is attached.

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bc U. S. Secretary of Agriculture
    U. S. Forestry Service
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