MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 79-444

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING BLM INCLUSION OF MARIPOSA COUNTY LANDS IN WILDERNESS INVENTORY AND OPPOSING THE "FINAL INITIAL INVENTORY/DRAFT INTENSIVE INVENTORY, PUBLIC LANDS ADMINISTERED BY BLM"

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, that:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, has prepared a "Final Initial Inventory/Draft Intensive Inventory, Public Lands Administered by BLM" which identifies portions of Mariposa County as "wilderness study areas"; and

WHEREAS, lands designated as meeting the roadless and wilderness characteristics criteria will be restricted as to the nature and type of activity allowed or regulated on said identified lands; and

WHEREAS, all the identified areas in Mariposa County are capable of sustained yields of timber and have vast mineral development potential; and

WHEREAS, other resource values including recreation, grazing, managed water yields, and wildlife habitat improvement would be affected adversely by such withdrawals; and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa has heretofore by Resolution No. 79-049 dated March 27, 1979, opposed the inclusion into wilderness of any BLM lands within Mariposa County; and

WHEREAS, the official maps of the proposed inventory of BLM lands do not reflect the true boundaries of Mariposa County in that all federal lands within the County of Mariposa have been shown as being outside the County boundaries; and
WHEREAS, the "Draft Intensive Inventory" seeks to place additional BLM acreage within Mariposa County into wilderness area; and

WHEREAS, the Public Hearing procedure fails to provide for Public Hearings within the County of Mariposa, notwithstanding the impact on the County of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, there is now approximately 474,048.60 acres of Mariposa County properties in federal ownership between the Sierra National Forest, Stanislaus National Forest, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, and Yosemite National Park, of which the latter consists of approximately one-fifth of the total County acreage which, in essence, is already in wilderness.

NOW, THEREFORE, this Board hereby determines and orders that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa stands opposed to the identification and selection of Mariposa County BLM lands for possible inclusion in the National Wilderness Preservation System; and

THEREFORE, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa is unalterably opposed to the inclusion into wilderness of any BLM lands within Mariposa County; and

THEREFORE, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa is unalterably opposed to the inclusion of additional BLM lands as proposed in the "Draft Intensive Inventory"; lands which would be included in wilderness areas in addition to those lands heretofore proposed in the "Final Initial Inventory"; and

THEREFORE, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa objects to the Public Hearing procedures which do not
provide for Public Hearings in the counties affected by the proposed inclusion of BLM lands in the wilderness areas, and said Board of Supervisors by this resolution request that Public Hearings be conducted within Mariposa County; and

THEREFORE, it is the unalterably conclusion of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa that there exists now excessive lands in federal ownership and within the concept of wilderness category within the County of Mariposa; that to include any additional lands in the wilderness category would be an abuse of the public trust and deny the general public and the citizens of Mariposa County their inalienable rights of access and use of said public lands; and

THEREFORE, it is the recommendation of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa that the existing County boundary lines on the proposed maps contained in the herein referenced "Draft Inventory" be revised to properly reflect the true and correct boundary lines of the County of Mariposa which would include within said boundaries all federal lands presently excluded; and

THEREFORE, that the Clerk of the Board be directed to mail a copy of this resolution to all California County Supervisors, state and federal representatives, and district, regional, and Washington, D.C., offices of the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa this 21st day of August, 1979, by the following vote:

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AYES:  Dalton, Clark, Owings, Weber, Erickson

NOES:  None

ABSTAINED:  None

ABSENT:  None

[Signature]

EUGENE P. DALTON, JR., Chairman
Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]

NEIL B. VAN WINKLE
County Counsel/Administrative Assistant to the Board
DATED:  August 21, 1979

ATTEST:

[Signature]

JOAN LYNK, Clerk of the Board