MARIPOSA COUNTY RESOLUTION 78-9

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF LAND
BETWEEN STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST AND YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK

WHEREAS, the United State Department of Agriculture,
Forest Service, proposes to exchange land between the Stanislaus
National Forest and Yosemite National Park wherein 200 acres of
National Park land will be transferred to the Stanislaus National
Forest, 160 acres will be transferred to the Sierra National Forest,
and 691 acres of Stanislaus National Forest land will be transferred
to Yosemite National Park; and

WHEREAS, said proposed land exchange would transfer
Crocker Ridge to Yosemite National Park, Carl Inn to Stanislaus
National Forest, and Mt. Raymond to Sierra National Forest; and

WHEREAS, there is concern by the County of Mariposa that
the National Park Service is acquiring land which may not be
essential to the operation of Yosemite National Park; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of Crocker Ridge to the National
Park Service would remove 15,000,000 board feet of prime merchant-
able timber from normal harvesting schedule in keeping with good
forest conservation practices and resulting in the waste of renew-
able natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed land transfer would cause the loss
of jobs and business opportunities with resulting tremendous loss
of revenues to both the federal and local governments including the
County of Mariposa in respect to reduced timber receipts, and the
best deer hunting area in the County of Mariposa used by both local
Mariposa residents and non-residents of the area; and

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WHEREAS, the National Park Service's periodic deer
slaughter by hired Park Service personnel constitutes a waste of
a renewable natural resource and loss of business to those who provide
services to the deer hunter and is not a justifiable alternative to
hunting by citizens under State law in keeping with the
sport of deer hunting; and

WHEREAS, the only alleged justification for the proposed
land transfer is found in a discredited and invalid draft of the
Yosemite Master Plan dated July 1971 which was never carried beyond
the draft stage; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service cannot now administer
and handle existing lands within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Yosemite National Park Superintendent Arnberger,
Regional Director Chapman, and then Special Assistant to the
Secretary of the Interior Webster Otis in a previous meeting with
members of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa has
stated that money was not available to properly handle, administer,
and take care of new Park acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, the National Park Service in respect to existing
lands within its jurisdiction cannot and do not properly manage the
resources heretofore assigned to it and allow the deterioration of
the forest without proper forest management conservation practices
including selective conservation timbering of said lands, and the
National Park Service under present policies has allowed such
deterioration of National Park areas wherein complete changes of
species of flora and fauna have taken place; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Supervisors is concerned that such
proposed land transfer action threatens the well being of its
citizens with little, if any, improvement to the overall National
Park System located within the County of Mariposa; and

WHEREAS, said land transfers are not necessary to exist-
ing Park operations; and

WHEREAS, little, if any, attention and/or consideration
has been given to the citizens and taxpayers of the County of
Mariposa and the State of California and the users of said proposed
land transfers areas without the benefit of proper environmental
impact reports justifying such proposed transfers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors
of the County of Mariposa hereby indicates its opposition to the
proposed land exchange between the National Park Service and the
U.S. Forest Service in respect to the transfer of Crocker Ridge to
the National Park Service, Yosemite National Park.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors requests
that the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service,
and the National Park Service cease their efforts in this regard
and so state publicly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be
forwarded to Governor Brown, Senator Zenovich, Assemblyman Maddy,
Congressman B. F. Sisk, Senator Hayakawa, Senator Cranston, County
Supervisors Association of California, Regional Council of Rural
Counties, Park Superintendent Les Arntberger, Howard Chapman,
Regional Director of National Park Service, Bob Cermak, Deputy
Regional Forester, Robert Mace, U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Legal
Foundation of Sacramento, California State Chamber of Commerce,
Timber Protective Association and representatives of the timber
industry, CSAC Resources Committee, the Boards of Supervisors of
the following Counties: Tuolumne, Madera, Inyo, and Mono, and
Lewis Eaton, Chairman, National Park Service Western Regional
Advisory Council.

The foregoing resolution was introduced by Supervisor
Dalton, seconded by Supervisor Long, and carried this 17th day of
January, 1978, by the following vote on roll call:

NOES:    None.
NOT VOTING: None.
ABSENT: None.

Whereupon the Chairman declared the resolution adopted
and so ordered.

CARROLL N. CLARK, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON, COUNTY CLERK &
EX OFFICIO CLERK OF THE BOARD