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

WHEREAS, the Forest Service, USDA, has prepared a program for the National Forests designed to meet national renewable resource needs; and

WHEREAS, this program provides for 25 to 30 million acres of National Forest Wilderness, 100 million visitor days of recreation use, 20 million animal unit months of livestock grazing, over 20 billion board feet of timber production, more good quality water and greatly improved conditions for wildlife by 2020; and,

WHEREAS, no one output target can be increased substantially without affecting other outputs; and,

WHEREAS, the sum total of all areas presently classified as Wilderness, or Primitive Areas awaiting reclassification as Wilderness, and of new Wilderness Study Areas established in 1973 provides sufficient acreage to meet the 2020 Wilderness goal of the national program for the National Forests; and,

WHEREAS, many of the present areas classified as wilderness are being allowed to deteriorate to an unrecognizable state; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Agriculture is now greatly expanding the inventory of National Forest land which may be considered for additional Wilderness classification; and

WHEREAS, approximately half of the commercial forest land in California is administered by the Forest Service, USDA; and,

WHEREAS, 15 percent of the land in Mariposa County is in
National Forest; and,

WHEREAS, the sale of timber from National Forest land provides
jobs for Mariposa County citizens and provides 8 percent of the
school and 23 percent of the road budgets; and,

WHEREAS, the Forest Service has inventoried 42,900 acres of
National Forest in Mariposa County as roadless and potentially
available for Wilderness classification; and,

WHEREAS, additional withdrawals of commercial forest land
from production could affect adversely the economies of California
and Mariposa County; and,

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

WHEREAS, one area of the County contains a power site being
investigated by the Mariposa County Water Agency in connection with
the development of a Mariposa County Water Plan; and,

WHEREAS, smaller timber sales in the Forest Service lands
provide contractors for the private timber owner enabling them to
sell their production; and,

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of
the County of Mariposa stands opposed to the selection of
additional California National Forest land for possible inclusion
in the National Wilderness Preservation System; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the
County of Mariposa is unalterably opposed to the inclusion into
Wilderness of any area within Mariposa County; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Comments on RARE II California Supplement by the Mariposa County Board of Supervisors dates 9/12/78" becomes a part of this resolution and is addenda hereto.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mariposa, State of California, this 12th day of September, 1978, by the following vote:

AYES: Clark, Long, Owings, Weber, Dalton

NOES: None

NOT VOTING: None

ABSENT: None

CARROLL N. CLARK, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

ELLEN BRONSON
ELLEN BRONSON, County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board

Lynne Robinson, Assistant County Clerk
All three Roadless Areas in Mariposa County, Ferguson Ridge-05240, Devil's Gulch-05241, and Trumbull Peak-05257 would be allocated to Non-Wilderness under each alternative except alternative C and J which would allocate them to Wilderness.

The Forest Service staff did not use their own criteria properly in assessing alternative C in regards to the above-mentioned areas. If the criteria in alternative C was properly used and a correct analysis of the uses and potential mineral production was made Trumbull Peak-05257, Devil's Gulch-05241, and Ferguson Ridge-05240 would be allocated to Non-Wilderness under this alternative. Noting the preceding, all of the three Roadless Areas in Mariposa County should be allotted to Non-Wilderness.

No area in the state should be allotted to further planning. The decision should be made now rather than allow the preservationists to make another emotional plea to lock up California's valuable natural resources. No area in the state should be allotted to Wilderness Classification unless it is done in the context of Resources Planning Act Program Goals.