RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: Approve and authorize the chairman to sign the attached letter withdrawing the County’s appeal of the Forest Service’s Motorized Travel Management Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for the Stanislaus National Forest.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS: At the January 5 and January 19, 2010 meetings your Board approved an appeal to the motorized travel management final environmental impact statement for the Stanislaus national Forest. On February 11, 2010 representatives from the County met the Forest Supervisor to discuss the appeal. As a result of that meeting the Forest Service agreed to address the County’s issues as outlined on the attached letter dated February 16, 2010. Since these issues have been addressed to the satisfaction of the County, it is recommended that the appeal be formally withdrawn.

ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION: The County will continue to be on record as appealing the FEIS.

Financial Impact? ( ) Yes (x) No Current FY Cost: $  
Budgeted in Current FY? ( ) Yes ( ) No ( ) Partially Funded 
Amount in Budget: $ 
Additional Funding Needed: $ 
Source: 
Internal Transfer 
Unanticipated Revenue ______ 4/5’s vote 
Transfer Between Funds ______ 4/5’s vote 
Contingency ______ 4/5’s vote 
( ) General ( ) Other 

Financial Impact: (x) Yes ( ) No 
Budgeted in Current FY: ( ) Yes ( ) No 
Amount in Budget: $ 
Additional Funding Needed: $ 
Source: 
Internal Transfer 
Unanticipated Revenue ______ 4/5’s vote 
Transfer Between Funds ______ 4/5’s vote 
Contingency ______ 4/5’s vote 
( ) General ( ) Other

CLERK’S USE ONLY:
Res. No.: 18-1549  
Ord. No.  
Vote – Ayes: 5  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Approved  
Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.
Date:
Attest: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board
County of Mariposa, State of California
By: Deputy

COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:
Requested Action Recommended
( ) No Opinion
Comments:

CAO:
MINUTE ORDER

TO: RICK BENSON, CAO
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board

SUBJECT: Approve and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign a Letter Withdrawing the County’s Appeal of the Forest Service’s Motorized Travel Management Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

RES. 10-104

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

ADOPTED THIS Order on March 2, 2010

ACTION AND VOTE:

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Administration

Approve and Authorize the Board of Supervisors Chair to Sign a Letter Withdrawing the County’s Appeal of the Forest Service’s Motorized Travel Management Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

BOARD ACTION: Discussion was held and Supervisor Turpin made suggestions for changes to the letter to reflect the Stanislaus Forest Service and Forest Supervisor Skalski. Rick Benson advised that the Agricultural Commissioner will also withdraw her appeal that was submitted by separate letter. (M)Turpin, (S)Allen, Res. 10-104 was adopted approving the letter with the suggested changes/Ayes: Unanimous.

Cc: File
Attached is the withdrawal of the Mariposa County appeal of the final environmental impact statement for the Stanislaus forest motorized travel management plan.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Rick Benson
County Administrative Officer
Mariposa County, California
209 966-3222
March 2, 2010

Randy Moore
Regional Forester
US Forest Service
1323 Club Drive
Vallejo, CA 94592

Subject: Withdrawal of Appeal of the Stanislaus Forest Motorized Travel Management Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS)

Dear Forester Moore:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and Mariposa County staff, thank you for giving us the opportunity to meet with representatives of the Forest Service to discuss Mariposa County’s appeal of the Motorized Travel Management Final Environmental Impact Statement. The meeting was important and productive with both sides gaining a greater understanding of the impacts of the plan.

In light of the changes and clarifications outlined in Forest Supervisor Skalski’s letter dated February 16, 2010, Mariposa County withdraws its appeal to the FEIS.

Mariposa County appreciates the excellent relationship we have with the Forest Service and look forward to working with you in the future regarding our shared interests.

Sincerely,

Kevin Cann
Chair

KC/mj
cc:  Congressman George Radanovich
     Senator Barbara Boxer
     Senator Dianne Feinstein
     Senator Dave Cogdill
     Assemblyman Tom Berryhill
     Ed Cole, Sierra National Forest Supervisor
     State of California Parks and Recreation OHV Division
     California State Association of Counties
     Regional Council of Rural Counties
     Brian Muller, Mariposa County Sheriff
     Jim Wilson, Mariposa County Fire Chief
     Craig Pedro, Tuolumne County Administrative Officer
     William Haigh, Bureau of Land Management, Folsom District Office
     Bureau of Land Management, Sacramento State Office
     Maggie Down, Ranger, Groveland Ranger District
     Dave Price, California Highway Patrol
     Chief Dale Hutchinson, CAL FIRE
     Dave Ubertuaga, Yosemite National Park Superintendent