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MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

TO: DOUG BALMAIN, District II Supervisor
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*
SUBJECT: Management of the Sierra Nevada National Forests; Res. 99-7

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on January 5, 1999

ACTION AND VOTE:

Consider Adopting a Resolution Addressing Management of the Sierra Nevada National Forests
(Supervisor Balmain)

BOARD ACTION: (M)Parker, (S)Balmain, Res. 99-7 adopted. Dick Kunstman provided input relative to concerns he has on the proposed resolution. Tom Efird, U. S. F. S. District Ranger, stated the Forest Service recognizes the need to work with counties and he sees this as moving toward that cooperation. Discussion was held. Ayes: Unanimous.

cc: File

No. 265-98

Filed December 1, 1998

By John M. Bowcutt
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



RESOLUTION
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE
FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE SIERRA NEVADA NATIONAL FORESTS

- WHEREAS, in 1891 the United States Congress passed the Forest Reserve Act granting to the President of the United States the authority to "set apart and reserve, in any State or Territory having public land bearing forests... with timber or undergrowth, whether of commercial value or not, as public reservations"; and
- WHEREAS, in 1897 the United States Congress passed the Sundry Civil Appropriations Act which directed that the forest reserves were established "... for the purpose of securing favorable conditions of water flows, and to furnish a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of the citizens of the United States"; and
- WHEREAS, in 1905 the President of the United States transferred some sixty-three million acres of forest reserves to the Bureau of Forestry which was renamed the United States Forest Service with the reserves subsequently being renamed National Forests, and
- WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service, under its first chief, Gifford Pinchot, embarked on a program to manage the National Forests in accordance with the enabling acts of 1891 and 1897 with the philosophy of providing for "...the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run," and
- WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress has directed that National Forests be administered under the dual policies of Sustained-Yield and Multiple-Use of all resources to ensure that all forest users benefit from the resources these lands provide, and that all renewable resources are to be utilized at a high-sustained level of productivity and in harmonious relationship with each other, (Multiple-Use Sustained-Yield Act of 1960); and
- WHEREAS, public lands should be made available for their best use under conditions that promote stability for communities and individuals and encourage full development of the resources involved; (Multiple-Use and Sustained-Yield Act of 1960); and
- WHEREAS, "The productivity of suitable forest lands should be maintained and enhanced to minimize the inflationary impacts of wood product prices on the domestic economy and permit a net export of forests products by the year 2030;" (Forest and Rangeland Renewable Resource Planning Act of 1974); and
- WHEREAS, in 1994 the State of California joined with the Federal Government to establish the "CALFED" process, a cooperative effort to address ecological concerns in the Bay-Delta region, and the Regional Council of Rural Counties requested that the CALFED process recognize the significance and interrelationship of the watersheds lying above the Central Valley reservoirs and develop comprehensive and integrated watershed management plans; and
- WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service is considering new management plans for the Sierra Nevada National Forests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors urges the Forest Service to work in cooperation with the County of Tuolumne and the State of California in the development and implementation of strategic, comprehensive, and integrated timber stand and watershed management plans which will provide for reduced potential of stand replacing fires, enhanced watershed yields and quality, improved wildlife habitat, increased bio-diversity, sustainable livestock grazing and superior recreational activities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Forests provide their fair share of the nation's demand for wood products while reducing the necessity for wood imports; and

THAT IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that in recognition of the long standing Federal efforts to wisely manage both timber and watershed resources, that the County of Tuolumne calls upon the U.S. Forest Service to take active and aggressive action in refocusing efforts to give timberland and watershed management the utmost priority in all Federal policy decision making.

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE ON Dec 1 1998

AYES: 1st Dist. Rotelli

NOES: _____ Dist. None

2nd Dist. Ramtree

_____ Dist. _____

3rd Dist. Myers

ABSENT: _____ Dist. None

4th Dist. Hewitt

_____ Dist. _____

5th Dist. Piland

ABSTAIN: _____ Dist. None

Larry A. Rotelli
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: Edna M. Bowcutt
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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