



July 1, 2014

Trinity County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Sims Fire Restoration Concerns

Dear Trinity County Board of Supervisors,

The Trinity County Collaborative Group would like to ask the Board of Supervisors to support issues brought forth at the June 20th, 2014 meeting, regarding the Sims Fire Restoration Strategy Project. The issues brought forth originated from a letter of concern by the Hyampom Fire Safe Council after reviewing progress and plans for the project (included for reference).

On June 12, 2014, at a public collaborative meeting, after discussion and review of the project and the concerns brought forth by the Hyampom Fire Safe Council, as well as concerns from the Collaborative group, the collaborative formally approved this request for support from the Trinity County Board of Supervisors.

Following discussion, the group would request that the Board review the following issues and forward these concerns to the appropriate agencies.

1. Ask the USFS to halt project progress on the roads outside the Sims fire footprint, pending community review and input on the Project.
2. Ask the USFS to work collaboratively with the Hyampom community and fire department via the Fire Safe Council, to create a plan which will take a longer view of proper rehabilitation of the Sims fire footprint in order to create a safe environment for the residents of the area and the Hyampom community.
3. Ask the USFS to follow the ecological restoration directive given by the regional forester, Randy Moore.
4. Ask the USFS to remove the arbitrary time limit on the expenditure of the settlement monies.
5. Ask the USFS that the Sims fire settlement monies be protected from fire borrowing.



In addition to the specific items listed above, the Collaborative believes that

- 1) the USFS would benefit from additional community input on the Project activities,
- 2) it is necessary that the restoration activities be provided an adequate time-line to accomplish the restoration objectives, and
- 3) the settlement monies should be protected so the restoration activities can be accomplished.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alex Cousins".

Alex Cousins, on behalf of
The Trinity County Collaborative Group