

TRINITY COUNTY

Board of Supervisors

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Jason Weller, Chief USDA, NRCS, Office of the Chief 1400 Independence Ave., SW, Room 5105-A Washington, DC 20250

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Dear Sirs:

Re: Two Chiefs' Joint Landscape Restoration Partnership Proposal

The Board of Supervisors for Trinity County California strongly supports the *Trinity Community Protection and Landscape Restoration Project* developed by the Trinity County Collaborative group in close coordination with USFS and NRCS staff. The collaborative has built a strong consensus over the approach we need to take in Trinity County to improve the health and resiliency of our forest ecosystems. Even before this sum mer's devastating wildfires we were on the same course as the Two Chiefs' Partnership with a vision is to restore lands across large landscapes regardless of ownership, reduce wildfire threats to communities and landowners, protect water quality and supply, and improve habitat for at-risk species seamlessly across public and private lands.

The Trinity Community Protection and Landscape Restoration Project is one of many courses of action we will need to take in the near term to help us manage our resources into the future. We believe that once you have reviewed this proposal you will agree with us that it is worthy of inclusion in this year's Partnership program.

Sincerely,

Judy Morris, Chairman

Trinity County Board of Supervisors

Cc:

Randy Moore - USFS

Carlos Suarez - State Conservationist -USDA

Dave Myers – USFS Jim Spear – NRCS

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