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SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE

May 4, 2016

Chair Dan Miller & Supervisors  
950 Maidu Ave  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Support the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

Dear Board Chair Miller and Supervisors,

We applaud the commitment and hard work represented by the draft Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) to protect our communities and watershed from catastrophic wildfire.

As you may expect, SYRCL is very concerned about the potential for a major fire in the South Yuba River canyon. Many predict that a fire in the canyon would rival the recent Rim Fire for potential devastation to the watershed.

While fire planning understandably concentrates on the most heavily populated areas to protect human life and property, the natural resources of the South Yuba River canyon warrant significant attention too. A fire that starts by the river could devastate surrounding neighborhoods, severely damage the natural environment and wildlife, and deprive the community of what is arguably the County's greatest natural and economic resource beloved by both locals and visitors alike.

Therefore, we believe it is important that Nevada County leaders and the Fire Safe Council support efforts by SYRCL, and other NGOS such as the Bear Yuba Land Trust, to work collaboratively to secure funding, develop and implement strategic treatments to effectively manage fuels and restore forest health in the heavily used recreational corridor primarily within the South Yuba River State Park boundaries but also on BLM and private properties as well.

Public safety leadership and ongoing coordination is also needed to prevent irresponsible campers and visitors from putting all of us at risk with their campfires. We recognize that coordination is challenging – especially in the South Yuba River canyon where the properties are privately and publicly managed – and hard to access. County leadership is necessary to facilitate the full engagement of the public land managers including State Parks, BLM and the Tahoe National Forest.

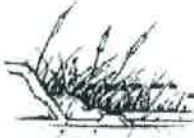
We would like to thank the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County and the many professional firefighters and community members who have worked on the CWPP to ensure that our community has taken meaningful steps to “protect human life, private property, essential infrastructure and natural resources.”

Sincerely,

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Caleb Dardick  
Executive Director

cc: Joanne Drummond, Fire Safe Council



*Lake Vera / Round Mountain Neighborhood Association*



15281 Kimberly Ct, Nevada City, CA 95959  
Phone (530) 265-9334

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RE: Community Wildfire Protection Plan

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Dear County Supervisors:

The Lake Vera/Round Mountain Neighborhood Assoc. is pleased to support the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Nevada County, California to fulfill the standards established by the Federal Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA.) This plan will provide a multi-year guiding plan that will facilitate the implementation of wildfire hazard mitigation measures to help protect the communities at risk in Nevada County.

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Our neighborhood has only one point of egress in the event of a wildfire coming up out of the Yuba River canyon and so has a very personal interest in fuel reduction. For this reason we are currently seeking Firewise Certification.

The need for fuels mitigations is ongoing and the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County has been a recognized leader in California. We commend their leadership and commitment to helping make Nevada County safer from catastrophic wildfire. We ask that you also support the CWPP and the Fire Safe Council in meeting their mission.

Sincerely,

James Hurley  
Chairman, LVRMNA

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<b>To:</b>	Nate Beason	<b>From:</b>	Chuck Staetz
<b>Fax:</b>	530-265-9836	<b>Pages:</b>	2 including cover sheet
<b>Phone:</b>	530-265-1480	<b>Phone:</b>	530-798-6510
<b>Re:</b>	Support of Fire Protection Plan	<b>Date:</b>	March 25, 2012

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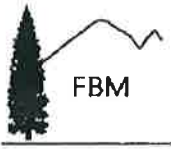
Nate,

The Friends of Banner Mountain would like you, and the other Supervisors, to know that we support the Community Wildfire Protection Plan. In view of the continuing drought the potential of a catastrophic wildfire will continue to increase if a comprehensive plan to reduce the fuel load in our area is not implemented soon.

Cheers,



Charles Staetz



**Friends of Banner Mountain Est. 1984**

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May 8, 2016

Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Dear County Supervisors:

The Friends of Banner Mountain (FBM) is pleased to support the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Nevada County, California to fulfill the standards established by the Federal Healthy Forest Restoration Act. This plan will provide a multi-year guiding plan that will facilitate the implementation of wildfire hazard mitigation measures to help protect the communities at risk in Nevada County.

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FBM seeks to reduce the potential of catastrophic wildfires on Banner Mountain and elsewhere in the Sierra Nevada foothills; protect the biological diversity and health of Banner Mountain forests and waterways; it promotes and supports educational activities that reduce and wildlife depredation on Banner Mountain. FBM does this through frequent emails to the members and a large membership meeting in May.

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Sincerely,

Charles Staetz  
President, Friends of Banner Mountain  
Ph. 530-798-6510  
Email castaetz@gmail.com

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Dan Miller  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Ave  
Nevada City, CA 95959

RE: CWPP Update

Dear Chairman Miller,

We read the draft Community Wildfire Protection Plan with great interest. We feel very lucky to have such an engaged and committed Nevada County Fire Safe Council and local Firewise Communities working together to protect our most valuable community assets.

As a major holder of land interests in Nevada County, Bear Yuba Land Trust is concerned about the effects of wildfire on the conservation values of our lands. The Land Trust either holds conservation easements on or owns outright nearly 9,000 acres of land, plus we have contracts to complete conservation easements on additional PG&E land, bringing the total to 20,000 acres in our portfolio in the next 18 months.

Our land interests represent valuable forests and oak woodlands where biodiversity is among the highest in the world, where critical rivers, streams, wetlands and riparian areas are found, and where economically significant recreation and agricultural lands including working forests exist. We recognize the importance of good land stewardship and are committed to manage our lands informed by the latest science and best practices.

This active land management is necessitated by the build-up of fuels and the lack of fire resilience of our landscapes, especially precipitated by prolonged drought. Possibly less obvious is the fact that recreational use of our open space and trails has introduced many more people as a potential ignition source. Unfortunately, we find homeless encampments throughout our community and illegal campfire rings along the South Yuba River, where state and federal agencies lack the resources to reduce fuels and oversee the heavy usage. Embers from a wildfire in the South Yuba Canyon would fall on homes in the surrounding communities and in Nevada City.

The Land Trust strongly encourages a collaborative approach between FSCNC and related conservation non-profits for landscape scale wildfire protection that includes our entire community as defined by developed urban, WUI (wildland urban interface) and rural areas. But we also want to encompass critical natural resources such as watershed, aquatic and wildlife corridors, and important economic values such as recreation and



agriculture. Working collaboratively, we can expand the CWPP geographic focus and grow available resources for wildfire protection.

We understand the NCFCS's imperative to focus limited resources on highest priority areas, but we suggest that a broader collaboration will expand the Council's impact significantly. Indeed, we are already doing this but in an uncoordinated and non-supportive, albeit competitive way. We can do better and the update of the CWPP is an opportunity to do so.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marty Coleman-Hunt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Marty Coleman-Hunt  
Executive Director



**MOUNTAIN LAKES ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION**  
**12055 Lowhills Road**  
**NEVADA CITY, CA. 95959**

6 May, 2016

Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Subject: Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Dear County Supervisors:

**Mountain Lakes Estates Homeowners' Association** is pleased to support the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Nevada County, California to fulfill the standards established by the Federal Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA.) This plan will provide a multi-year guiding plan that will facilitate the implementation of wildfire hazard mitigation measures to help protect the communities at risk in Nevada County.

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Mountain Lakes Estates has fully supported the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County and is currently designated a Fire Safe Community.

The need for fuels mitigations is ongoing and the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County has been a recognized leader in California. We commend their leadership and commitment to helping make Nevada County safer from catastrophic wildfire. We ask that you also support the CWPP and the Fire Safe Council in meeting their mission.

Sincerely,

  
Howard B. Stone

President, Mountain Lakes Estates Homeowners' Association

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**Rattlesnake Ridge Estates Homeowners Association**  
**14308 Rattlesnake Ridge Drive**  
**Grass Valley, CA 95945**

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Nevada County Supervisor Nate Beason  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

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ceo  
counsel

RE: Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Dear Supervisor Beason:

The Rattlesnake Ridge Homeowners Association is pleased to support the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Nevada County, California to fulfill the standards established by the Federal Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA.) This plan will provide a multi-year guiding plan that will facilitate the implementation of wildfire hazard mitigation measures to help protect the communities at risk in Nevada County.

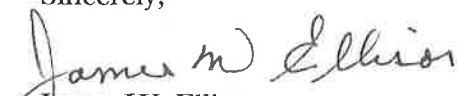
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Rattlesnake Ridge Estates has been designated as a Firewise Community along with 16 other homeowner communities, which includes over 44,000 residents throughout Nevada County. This designation indicates that we take an active role in wildfire prevention measures on both our common areas and private properties. I assure you that Community Wildlife Protection is very important to us, as it should be for our elected officials and all Nevada County residents. Your support is important to us.

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Sincerely,

  
James W. Ellisor

Firewise Community Representative  
Rattlesnake Ridge Estates



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Counsel

May 5, 2016

Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Community Wildfire Protection Plan

Dear County Supervisors,

The Gazebos is pleased to support the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) for Nevada County, California to fulfill the standards established by the Federal Healthy Forest Restoration Act (HFRA). This plan will provide a multi-year guiding plan that will facilitate the implementation of wildfire hazard mitigation measure to help protect the communities at risk in Nevada County.

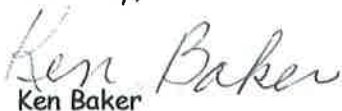
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We at the Gazebos which is a community of 41 townhouses have worked with the Fire Safe Council to help residents reduce the amount of fuels next to their structures by letting them know the plants that are not fire wise. We have also encouraged them to prune back trees and shrubs from their homes.

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Sincerely,

  
Ken Baker

President of the Gazebos HOA