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Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship  
c/o Greg Williams  
550 Crescent Street  
Quincy, CA 95971

**RE: Letter of Support for the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Connected Communities Trails Master Plan**

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors, please find this Letter of Support for the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship (SBTS) Connected Communities Trails Master Plan project. Specifically, on February 8, 2022 the Board adopted Resolution 22-092 solidifying recreation as a 2022 Board priority objective to “promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to enhance recreational access, support public health and safety, realize economic opportunities, and preserve natural resource assets.”

In furtherance of promoting recreation, Nevada County has begun to undertake an effort to develop the county’s first Recreation & Resiliency Plan. Moreover, Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Connected Communities Trails Master Plan project would engage severely disadvantaged communities across the Sierra Buttes and Lassen, Plumas and Tahoe National Forests to incorporate local community input in the development of world-class multi-use trail networks (motorcycles, mountain bikes, e-bikes, hikers, equestrians), which would connect communities throughout the region. Establishing a regional Trail Master Plan is an integral part of creating community partnerships for land stewardship and is identified in the U.S. Forest Service, National Strategy for Sustainable Trail Systems, as well as in alignment with the County’s Recreation priority objective.

Our communities, along with our regional partners rely heavily upon outdoor recreation to provide jobs and economic growth. SBTS is working with these communities, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service, to grow stewardship of our National Forests by creating outdoor recreation opportunities that complement our communities. In doing so, we believe that we can preserve community character, create thriving communities, and build stewardship to care for our National Forests.

Therefore, we are pleased to announce our support for the Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship Connected Communities Trails Master Plan Project in conjunction with our efforts to establish the first Nevada County Recreation & Resiliency Plan. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Susan Hoek  
Chair, Board of Supervisors