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Greg Williams
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Subject: Letter of Support for Grant Application by Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship to Develop a
Regional Connected Communities Trails Master Plan

Dear Mr. Williams:

Please consider this letter as our support of Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship's grant application to
Sierra Nevada Conservancy – Sierra Nevada Watershed Improvement Program.

We understand The Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship is proposing to develop a regional Connected
Communities – Trails Master Plan that will plan, construct and maintain a multiple use trail system to
connect the northern Sierra communities of: City of Loyalton, Sierraville, Sierra City, Downieville,
Quincy, Graeagle, City of Portola, Taylorsville, Greenville, Chester, Westwood and City of
Susanville.

Additionally the Trail Master Plan would engage severely disadvantaged communities across the
Lassen, Plumas and Tahoe National Forests to incorporate local community input in the
development of world-class multi-use trail networks (motorcycles, mountain bikes, ebikes, hikers,
equestrians) which would connect communities throughout the region. Establishing a Trails 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.

The Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship interest in developing a regional Connected Communities –
Trails Master Plan as proposed is consistent with Lassen County's General Plan - 2000, Bikeway
Master Plan – 1999 and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy – 2012.

In closing the Lassen County Board of Supervisors is supportive of multi-use sustainable public land
management practices that are beneficial to local economies such as the proposed Connected
Communities – Trails Master Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Hemphill", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Hemphill, Chairman
Lassen County Board of Supervisors