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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Patrick Dobbs, Senior Planner *PD*

NEVADA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

HEARING DATE: April 25, 2017

**SUBJECT: PLN16-0084; GPA16-0001; RZN16-0001; and EIS16-0003,
USFS General Plan Land Use Amendments and Rezone Project:
Public Comments Received After Board Packet Mailing**

Dear Board of Supervisors,

After the completion of the project staff report two additional public comment letters were received and are being provided to the Board of Supervisors for your consideration and review (*Attached*). The letters are from the Truckee River Watershed Council and Trout Unlimited conservation groups and express their support for the proposed USFS GPA/Rezone Project.

Patrick Dobbs

Enclosures: 4/20/17 Letters from the Truckee River Watershed Council and Trout Unlimited



April 20, 2017

Patrick Dobbs
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RE: Support Prosser Creek General Plan Land Use and Zoning District Map amendments to Forest (FOR)

Dear Patrick,

The Truckee River Watershed Council writes to express our support of Nevada County Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the General Plan Land Use and Zoning District Map for 19 specific parcels to "Forest (FOR)" in order to align with resource management of Tahoe National Forest System Lands.

The mission of the Watershed Council is to bring the community together for the Truckee to protect, enhance and restore the Truckee River watershed.

In August 2014, we submitted a letter requesting that parcel 48-080-84 along Prosser Creek be designated Open Space in order to protect habitat, wildlife, and water quality. While the Forest designation is different from Open Space, we feel the new designation sufficiently protects these high priority resources from agricultural and residential uses. Additionally, the change will align more closely with the USFS Forest Plan already in place in the area.

The Watershed Council's goal is to complete 50 high priority projects in the next 10 years in order to improve the health and function of the Truckee River watershed. Designating this parcel at Prosser Creek Forest supports this goal.

Sincerely,

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RE: Support Prosser Creek General Plan Land Use and Zoning District Map amendments to Forest (FOR)

Dear Mr. Dobbs,

Trout Unlimited, Inc. would like to demonstrate our support of Nevada County Planning Staff and Nevada County Planning Commission's recommendation to amend the General Plan Land Use and Zoning District Map for 19 specific parcels to "Forest (FOR)" in order to align with resource management of Tahoe National Forest System Lands.

Trout Unlimited (TU) is North America's leading coldwater fisheries conservation organization, dedicated to the conservation, protection and restoration of trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. The organization has more than 150,000 members in 400 chapters across North America. TU's vision is that, by the next generation, trout and salmon will be restored throughout their native range. To accomplish this vision, TU works to protect, reconnect, and restore fish habitat and then sustain this work by building a diverse movement of businesses, people, and communities to support saving trout, salmon, and steelhead.

In August 15th, 2014, we submitted a letter to Mr. Brian Foss (Nevada County Planner) requesting that parcel 48-080-84 along Prosser Creek be designated Open Space in order to protect habitat, wildlife, and water quality. We understand that the Forest designation is different from Open Space, as originally recommended in 2014. However, TU supports re-designating the parcel(s) from Agricultural and Residential uses to the Forest land use, which will provide long-term protections for the properties and their resource values. Additionally, the change will align more closely with the USFS Forest Plan already in place in the area.

Thank you again. If I can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

David W. Lass