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RE: Letter of Support for Extension of Nevada County Ordinance Prohibiting Open Fire along the South Yuba River Corridor

Honorable Chair Hall,

It has come to our attention that, at its regular meeting on November 17, 2020, the Nevada County Board of Supervisors will consider a proposed Ordinance extending the prohibition on open fire – during fire season - on private properties along the South Yuba River in Nevada County. On behalf of the Jones Bar FireWise Community, I hereby express support for the considered Ordinance.

The August 2020 Jones Fire made it clear that a fire in the South Yuba River canyon can leave the canyon and will head toward residences and businesses with frightening speed when it does.

We are encouraged that Nevada County has made it a top priority to implement policies and programs to reduce the risk of wildfire and its threats to life, property, and the environment. The Jones Bar FireWise Community supports the Ordinance as a sensible precautionary measure to reduce the risk of human-caused wildfire in the Yuba River Corridor. Furthermore, a prohibition on open fire during fire season (as declared by CAL FIRE and the United States Forest Service), would align with policies that are already in place on public lands and in similar communities, such as Truckee. We encourage the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to take the necessary actions to adopt this measure.

Sincerely,

Maggie Philipsborn

Jones Bar FireWise Community