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February 3, 2015

Mr. Ed Armenta  
Forest Supervisor  
Inyo National Forest  
351 Pacu Lane  
Bishop, CA 93541

Dear Supervisor Armenta:

On behalf of the Mono County residents who have actively participated in the recently convened Eastern Sierra Recreation Collaborative (ESRC), we hereby extend our support on behalf of their efforts and encourage your consideration of the “ESRC Proposed Recreation Strategy” as recently finalized and distributed.

Public lands make up almost 94% of our county, and the diverse recreation experiences and activities that visitors access through the Inyo National Forest continue to enhance the recreation and tourism segments of our economy. As such, we believe it is important to include a perspective provided by a recreation “lens” as developed by the ESRC when considering ecological restoration and public lands management decisions.

In preparation for the next phase of the Inyo National Forest management plan revision process, we understand your planning team is continuing to develop Draft Alternatives to be included in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), and we would like to make the following recommendations for your consideration:

- Work with the Regional Forester to reasonably extend the DEIS schedule to allow opportunities for the “ESRC Proposed Recreation Strategy” to be reviewed and appropriately integrated into the draft alternatives of the DEIS.
- Strategically integrate the USFS “Framework for Sustainable Recreation” into the draft alternatives of the DEIS. This USFS document provided a baseline roadmap for the ESRC as it lays out important opportunities for engaging with today’s “facts on the ground” on public lands and anticipates future conditions for the Inyo NF.
- Consider integrating the ESRC collaborative model into future Inyo NF planning efforts. We believe that bringing together diverse interests to collaboratively engage with important land management issues leads to efficiency and publicly supported decisions.

We appreciate the challenges inherent in forest management plan revision efforts. We trust you will accept these recommendations in the spirit of community collaboration and a desire to elevate the importance of recreation in Mono County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Timothy E. Fesko". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Timothy E. Fesko  
Chairman