March 15, 2019

Name: Laurence Crabtree

Title: Forest Supervisor

Organization: Eldorado National Forest

Address: 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 35667

Subject: Support for the Scottiago Forest Health Project

Dear Mr. Crabtree:

On behalf of the Amador Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG) I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the Scottiago Forest Health Project.

The Scottiago Forest Health Project includes a combination of commercial harvest thinning to improve forest stand resilience to insect and disease tree mortality, removal of competing vegetation, prescribed burning, and improvements to the transportation system on approximately 3,000 acres of National Forest System lands. It would utilize the insect and disease categorical exclusion. The Insect and Disease categorical exclusion (CE) category is applicable to projects designed to reduce the risk or extent of, or increase the resilience to, insect or disease infestation in designated areas under Section 602 of Healthy Forest Restoration Act.

The ACCG has worked with the Forest Service in developing this project. We appreciate the involvement of Amador Ranger District staff in developing the initial proposal, working to resolve issues, and creating a project that meets the interests of the ACCG. We support the project as proposed and recommend the Responsible Official approve the decision for the Scottiago Forest Health Project.

The ACCG is a community-based organization that works to create fire-safe communities, healthy forests and watersheds, and sustainable local economies. Its members include state and federal agencies, business owners, nonprofit organizations, elected officials and private individuals. The group focuses on a triple-bottom-line approach to environmental, economic and community issues. It makes decisions by consensus and works primarily in the upper Mokelumne River and Calaveras River watersheds east of Highway 49.

Sincerely,

Jill Micheau

Administrator For

Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group

Approved: March 20, 2019