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 Fuels Reduction 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 Fuels Reduction Project.

The Scottiago Fuels Reduction Project includes vegetative treatments designed to reduce wildfire hazard and promote healthy forest stands that are fire resilient within the Sopiago Creek, Middle Fork Cosumnes, and Scott Creek watersheds. Proposed treatment activities a combination of commercial and non-commercial thinning to create and maintain a fuel break network, removal of ladder fuels, and prescribed burning on approximately 3,000 acres of National Forest System lands. It would utilize the Wildfire Resiliency categorical exclusion. The Wildfire Resilience CE category is applicable to projects that propose various methods to address hazardous fuels within designated areas under Section 605 of the Healthy Forests 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 Fuels Reduction 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