Project Name: Scottiago Forest Health Project

Person/Organization making request (intended recipient): Rick Hopson, Eldorado National Forest

Grant program: N/A

To whom will the letter be addressed: Laurence Crabtree, Forest Supervisor, 100 Forni Road, Placerville, CA 95667 with a cc to Rick Hopson, District Ranger, 26820 Silver Drive, Pioneer, CA 95666

Dollar Amount requested: $ N/A

Environmental, Social, and Local Economic benefits of project: Environmental benefits are described below. A timber sale contract would be awarded with an approximate volume of 9,000 MBF covering 1500 acres. Additional future timber sales could also result from this decision. Further, 12 miles of road maintenance and 60 miles of road reconstruction would also occur. The above work creates jobs (which are often local per ACCG definition) and provides revenue to the local economy.

Due date for letter: April 1, 2019

Has this project been presented to the ACCG before? If so, when? Yes, ACCG Planning Work Group on several dates between June, 2017 and February, 2019.

Written description of project (1 paragraph): Requesting a letter of support for the Scottiago Forest Health decision. The Project area is located in El Dorado County, CA on the Amador Ranger District of the Eldorado National Forest (see associated map, “Scottiago Forest Health Project”). This is within the ACCG area.

Proposed treatment activities, which includes commercial and non-commercial vegetation management, road maintenance and reconstruction, and prescribed fire, are located within the Sopiago Creek, Middle Fork Cosumnes, and Scott Creek watersheds. This 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.

Treatments planned: See above. Project would start in 2019 and likely occur over the next 3-10 years (including the prescribed burning).

Desired future condition: Increased resilience to insect and disease related tree mortality, reduced risk of catastrophic wildfire, increased protection of old growth habitat.

Status of NEPA/CEQA work: Concurrence support letter would be in support of the final decision.

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