Project Name: Scottiago Fuels Reduction 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 roadside timber sale contract would be awarded with an approximate volume of 3000 MBF covering 1000 acres. In addition, service contract work would be available to conduct non-commercial vegetation treatments if funding could be acquired. 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 Fuels Reduction 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 Fuels Reduction Project”). This is within the ACCG area.

Proposed treatment activities, which includes commercial and non-commercial vegetation management (fuel break construction) 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 create and develop 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 (Section 605 of HRFA (16 U.S.C.6591d) applies to fuel treatment network, prescribed burn, and associated activities. The authority for this CE is Section 605 of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act (HFRA).

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: The purpose of the Scottiago Fuels Reduction Project is to reduce the threat of wildfire damage, improve forest resiliency following wildfire and reduce risks to emergency responders and public in the project area.

Link to application: xxx

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