June 11, 2019

Name: Richard Hopson

Title: District Ranger

Organization: Eldorado National Forest, Amador Ranger District

Address: 26820 Silver Dr., Pioneer CA 95666

Subject: Support for the 2019 Power Fire Pre-Commercial Thinning Project

Dear Mr. Hopson:

On behalf of the Amador Calaveras Consensus Group (ACCG) I am pleased to submit this letter of support for the 2019 Power Fire Pre-Commercial Thinning Project.

This primary goal of this project is to provide a healthy growing forest into the future for multiple resource benefits. By controlling tree densities at a relatively early age in the life of the stands, trees will grow faster and develop into mature conifer stands much sooner than if left alone. Specifically, the Amador Ranger District of the Eldorado National Forest proposes to pre-commercially thin about 11,354 acres of mixed-conifer plantations and natural regeneration through both hand work (chainsaw) and mechanical operations such as mastication.

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 2019 Power Fire Pre-Commercial Thinning 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,

Regine Miller

Administrator For

Amador-Calaveras Consensus Group