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RE: SUPPORT FOR THE MARKET ANALYSIS OF FUELS REDUCTION TREATMENTS IN THE SIERRA NEVADA,

John,

The Amador Calaveras Consensus Group ([ACCG](https://acconsensus.org/)) is a highly diverse coalition that shares a common goal of restoring and maintaining healthy forests and watersheds, fire-safe communities, and sustainable local economies using a science-based approach. Members include environmental organizations, timber companies, biomass industry companies, recreation groups, and others.

ACCG is interested in seeing an increased pace and scale of forest health treatments (including fuels reduction) on both federal responsibility areas (FRA) and state responsibility areas.

The Proposal from Krempl Consulting is to conduct a Market Analysis of Fuels Reduction costs in the Sierra Nevada to provide essential price forecasting and treatment cost information, as well as to develop a database of operators who are qualified to do this work. This will help to increase efficiency, as well as to support and create new local business and industries, both within Amador and Calaveras Counties as well as the Sierra Nevada.

ACCG provides this strong letter of support for the Market Analysis of Fuels Reduction Treatments in the Sierra Nevada. Our consensus group hopes that this analysis creates opportunities for additional analysis, including biomass utilization and transportation analysis to create new markets and opportunities for cost-effective landscape restoration.