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YOSEMITE STANISLAUS SOLUTIONS

March 18, 2016

Dear Mr. Branham,

YSS describes itself in the following way: *The Yosemite-Stanislaus Solutions (YSS) collaborative group is a highly diverse coalition of interests who share the common goal of restoring and maintaining healthy forests and watersheds, fire-safe communities, and sustainable local economies using a science-based approach.*

During the March 4, 2016 YSS General Membership meeting, Mr. Michael Pickard from Sierra Nevada Conservancy provided a presentation on the Watershed Improvement Program for the Sierras.

The WIP program mirrors the focus of the YSS collaborative:

- ✓ Dramatically increasing the pace and scale of science-based ecological restoration
- ✓ Stemming the tide of large, uncharacteristic wildfires
- ✓ Partnering diverse stakeholders with federal, state, and local agencies to accomplish work on the landscape
- ✓ Restoring and protecting the health of forests, soils, streams, meadows, and habitats while improving socio-economic conditions
- ✓ Protecting air quality & improving the quantity and quality of water

After the presentation by Mr. Pickard, the membership was asked if they would like to endorse the SNC WIP. There was consensus to do so. Please accept this letter as verification of the endorsement of YSS. Thank you. And on behalf of YSS, we look forward to working with you on this most needed endeavor.

Sincerely,

Chris Trott, Chairperson
Yosemite Stanislaus Solutions

American Forest Resource Council
American Motorcyclist Association, District 36
Blue Mountain Minerals
California Forestry Association
Central Sierra Audubon Society
Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center
CT Bioenergy Consulting
Friends of Berkeley Tuolumne Camp
Groveland Trail Heads
Jim Dambacher Construction
Merced Dirt Riders, 4x4 in Motion
Mule Deer Foundation
Sierra Pacific Industries
Stanislaus Bike Trail
Tuolumne County
Tuolumne County Alliance for Resources and the Environment
Tuolumne County Farm Bureau
Tuolumne County Resource Conservation District
Tuolumne County Sportsmen, Inc.
Tuolumne Group of the Sierra Club
Tuolumne Me-Wuk Tribal Council
Tuolumne River Trust
Yosemite Deer Herd Advisory Council

Liaison Members
Bureau of Land Management
CA Fish & Wildlife
National Park Service, Yosemite National Park
Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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