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Open Forum BUS 8/20/2024

Date: 8/12/2024

To: El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, BOS

From: Chris and Michele Turney

2003 American River Trail

Cool, CA 95614

Re: Lon Uso vs. El Dorado County Board of Supervisors, BOS

Dear BOS members,

The El Dorado County Superior Court ruled against Lon Uso and his appeal against the El Dorado County Board of Supervisors (BOS), Case No.: 23CV0385, involving the open space property at 2405 Big Chief Trail in Cool.

My wife, Michele, and I are addressing you because Lon Uso has failed to remove or shown any progress in the removal of any of the buildings and grapevines from the open space property located at 2405 Big Chief Trail in Cool.

I bought my house at 2003 American River Trail in May 1997. The house was simple in construction and form. The properties on either side and behind were vacant. I could sit on my back porch and gaze at my horse with the beautiful majestic hills in the background. There was a lone oak tree at the top of the hill that seemed to stand like soldier protecting the valley below as the sunset enveloped it with its orange glow. I could run or ride my horse over the hill and down to the American River without bothering anyone.

When Lon Uso bought the open space property at 2405 Big Chief Trail, he immediately started building his house. He knew the open space property was less than ten acres and did not meet the provisions of the 2013 open space ordinance, 130.61.050. My wife and I didn't know this open space ordinance existed until we received a notification from the El Dorado County Planning Commission that Lon Uso violated the ordinance when he built several non-conforming and non-permitted structures on the property.

My wife and I want to know why Lon Uso is not being accountable to the court's disposition and removing or showing progress toward the removal of the buildings and grapevines on the open space property.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris and Michele Turney

