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May 3, 2011

Forest Service Planning DEIS
C/o Bear West Company
132 East 500 South
Bountiful, UT 84010

**RE: Proposed Planning Rule for the National Forest System Land Management
"Coordination" Proposed Section and 219.4 vs. 1982 Section 219.7**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Board of Supervisors for the County of El Dorado, as a duly constituted "Local Agency", wishes to offer comment on the new National Forest System Land Management Planning Rule (Planning Rule) and express concerns regarding Section 219.4 of the Proposed 2011 Planning Rules as to "coordination".

This Board has sent its concerns to Chief Thomas Tidwell and Director Tony Took, however, would like these comments entered into the record during the formal public comment period.

The County of El Dorado has very unique and local needs, specific to its interfacing, usage, residents and visitors. It is imperative that, as a local agency, the county is allowed, independent and separate from others, to coordinate directly with the United States Forest Service. We desire to maintain continual coordination with our local Forest Supervisor. This can best be achieved through a simple modification to the proposed Planning Rule:

We urge reconsideration of the text of 219.4 of the Proposed 2011 Planning Rules as to coordination. This section dramatically alters the elements of mutual participation that make up the Congressional requirement that the Forest Service "coordinate" with local governments. We urge that Section 219.7 of the 1982 Planning Rules be substituted for the proposed Section 219.4 as it applies to coordination. Section 219.7 complies with the Congressional mandate of coordination and definition of coordination.

Thank you for this opportunity to offer important input in your Planning Rule process.

Sincerely,

Raymond Nutting, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado