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December 8, 2022

Dr. John Taylor
Board of Directors, Chair
South County Alliance
550 Crescent Street
Quincy, CA 95971

Dear Dr. John Taylor,

I write in support of South County Alliance's efforts on the Grizzly Flats Community Center and Park.

One year ago, the Caldor Fire ignited in the Eldorado National Forest - heavily impacting the surrounding communities and landscapes. In just the first day alone, 1,003 structures were destroyed, many of them residing in the town of Grizzly Flats. Those impacted have had their homes, and indeed their lives devastated by this fire which is why I fervently fought for President Biden to provide Individual Assistance to those impacted.

Despite President Biden refusing to provide assistance, the community of Grizzly Flats remained strong and steadfast in their goal to rebuild, and the Grizzly Flats Community Center and Park is a testament to those efforts. It is my understanding that this community center aims to provide the residents of Grizzly Flats with a designated place to gather for community events, connect with neighbors, vote, offer a safe place for outdoor recreation, and stand in as a command center or emergency shelter during power outages or dangerous weather conditions.

It takes an entire community to rebuild after such a devastating fire such as this, which is why I urge the United States Forest Service to take full and fair consideration of your requests for obtaining federal land in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

Should you have any questions, please contact Kelsey Gaudette in my office at (202) 225-2511.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom McClintock".

Tom McClintock