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April 17, 2012

Federal Highway Administration
12300 West Dakota Avenue, Suite 280
Lakewood, Colorado 80228
Attn: Alan D. Blair, Right of Way Manager
Central Federal Lands – Highway Division

Re: Wentworth Springs Road, New Easement CA PFH 137

The County of El Dorado thanks the Federal Highway Administration for tendering to us the Easement dated March 9, 2011 which will, for the first time, provide a full and complete easement from Georgetown to Ice House Road. It is unfortunate that the description used in the 2007 document was not held!

While we are thankful to have a singular document that clears away any past ambiguities, we must advise you that your EXHIBIT 1 sets forth conditions appropriate to new construction and certainly not appropriate to a county road we have been maintaining since approximately 1860 pursuant to Federal Law of the time; now RS 2477 and certainly assert our claim thereunder.

Further, the EXHIBIT 2 is an outdated document regarding noxious weeds. We are working with the Eldorado National Forest on both of these issues to make certain all parties are aware of operational regulations. Should these coordination efforts result in changes to the operational regulation policies and procedures currently contained within the Highway Easement Deed, the County would appreciate your consideration of incorporating these revisions within the Highway Easement Deed via an amendment.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,
County of El Dorado

John R. Knight, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado

Cc: Kathryn Hardy, Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest