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January 7, 2014

Mr. Richard Thornburgh, District Ranger
El Dorado National Forest
7887 Highway 50
Pollock Pines, CA 95726

Subject: Barrett 4wd Trail Reconstruction Proposed Action

Dear Mr. Thornburgh:

The Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Action for Barrett 4wd Trail Reconstruction, and looks forward to the reopening of this important recreational asset.

In general we support the Proposed Action including the construction of rolling dips in the trail to slow and divert water before it reaches meadow 16E21-1, the reroute of the trail around the east side of meadow 16E21-5, and the in place reconstruction of the trail in meadow 16E21-6.

From the information available however, it appears that the mitigation proposed for meadows 16E21-5 and 16E21-6 is much more extensive and will likely take longer to complete. While we encourage the work to commence as soon as possible on all trail segments, we hope that mitigation work can be promptly completed on small meadow 16E21-1. This would hopefully allow Barrett Trail to be opened up to a closure and turnaround point closer to meadow 16E21-5. Staging the work in this way would open up as much trail as possible while more extensive work continues on the larger, more northerly meadows.

We look forward to following the progress of this project.

Sincerely,

Norma Santiago, Chair
Board of Supervisors
County of El Dorado