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Board of Supervisors County of El Dorado 330 Fair Lane Placerville, CA 95667

Re: Approval of Agreement with Bureau of Land Management for Funding a Manager's Position for the Pine Hill Preserve

Honorable Supervisors:

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached agreement with the Bureau of Land Management calling for an annual payment of \$25,000.00 for partial funding of a manager's position for the Pine Hill Preserve.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The agreement provides for payment by the County of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) per year as partial payments of the cost of managing the preserve. The payments are to be made by July 31st of each year. Provision is made for a prorated payment upon execution of the agreement. The agreement is for 5 years, but is terminable upon thirty days written notice.

This Agreement is intended to supplement the Cooperative Management Agreement which the County and BLM signed on July 7, 2006. The County previously had such an agreement for several years. The County let it lapse in 2004 due to a failure to create a management plan for the Preserve. A management plan has now been prepared so staff is recommending the resumption of the funding arrangement.

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Fiscal Effect:

The contract will result in an expenditure of \$25,000 per year for five years. It is funded out of the special revenue fund for the Ecological Preserve Fee. Therefore there is no net county cost.

Actions to Be Taken Following Approval:

Following approval, staff will process payment under the contract.

We would be pleased to respond to any questions the Board might have.

Respectfully submitted,

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