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RE: North Quincy Wildfire Resiliency Project

Attn: Joe Hoffman Plumas National Forest Mt. Hough Ranger District 39696 Hwy 70 Quincy, CA 95971

Friends of Plumas Wilderness (FoPW) supports the Plumas National Forest's effort to reduce the risk of high severity wildfires, improve and restore forest health and resilience, protect communities, control non-native species, and improve watershed conditions so long as adequate attention is paid to avoid impacts to significant biological and cultural values. FoPW would like to see cultural monitoring take place throughout the project area, particularly in known areas of cultural significance such as the roundhouse sites on Mt. Hough Crystal Lake road and near the Maidu village site on the Feather River College campus. Lethi Watson, FoPW's cultural liaison, is available to assist in determining the appropriate contacts and procedures for cultural resource monitoring. In addition, FoPW would appreciate hand thinning, piling, and pile burning in areas where threatened and sensitive species such as foothill yellow-legged frogs, California spotted owl, and northern goshawk are present. Lastly, FoPW fully supports the use of prescribed underburning and the establishment of permanent fire control lines throughout the project area.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the North Quincy Wildfire Resiliency Project.

Sincerely,

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