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RE: Draft Scenery Management Plan

December 19, 2014

Dear Supervisor Tilley,

We learned yesterday of your recent meeting with Lyon County Judge Executive Wade White, and of your intention to set aside the current Draft Scenery Management Plan and start the process anew this coming summer. We offer our sincere thanks for your consideration of peoples' concerns and your willingness to approach this process differently. We recognize that it is a difficult step to take, and commend you for your decision. As addressed in our December 8, 2014 letter, we believe that this process should properly be treated as a Forest Plan amendment with appropriate adherence to NEPA, NFMA, and the Area Plan ROD, and that the initial approach to the Scenery Management Plan, despite best intentions, was unlawful in this regard.

The tremendous outpouring of concern over the contents of the Draft Scenery Management Plan is an expression of disapproval with the current Area Plan as it is being implemented across LBL. Language in the Draft Scenery Management Plan, as well as the Area Plan and Pisgah Bay project scoping document, makes explicit the Forest Service's adherence to the position that the most controversial and broadly objectionable of management activities (i.e., logging, burning, and crop leases) benefit public use of the forest. We do not think that this is an accurate reflection of public perceptions or interests.

Just as we think that the Forest Service needs to revisit some of the assumptions regarding vegetation management codified in the Area Plan, the Forest Service needs, as well, to reconsider expectations about user and recreational experiences at LBL and reset priorities accordingly.

We look forward to participating in the next round of Scenery Management planning, and to engaging in the upcoming release of the Pisgah Bay project Draft Environmental Assessment. We hope that the lessons learned through the Scenery Management process are taken to heart as alternatives for the Pisgah Bay project are considered.

Sincerely,

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