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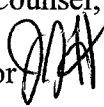
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DATE: June 20, 2012

TO: Inyo County Board of Supervisors

CC: County Administrative Officer and Counsel; Planning Commission; NRAC

FROM: Joshua Hart, AICP, Planning Director 

RE: Natural Resources Advisory Committee (NRAC) Recommendations to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors from the NRAC May 23, 2012 Meeting

The NRAC recommended at its May 23, 2012 meeting regarding Agenda Item No. 5 (Inyo National Forest Plan Update/Revision) that the Board of Supervisors support the following preliminary priorities for the Plan Update/Revision:

- Access – enhanced to accommodate vehicular use, packing, hunting, hiking, and other recreational opportunities. Mitigation opportunities for potential environmental impacts resulting from increased access should be identified and implemented.
 - Roads and trails should be protected and expanded to provide access for recreation and exploration for natural resources.
 - Roadless Areas should be identified for removal as they are no longer relevant or roadless.
 - Conflicts between biological resources and human access should be identified and planned for.
- Vibrant Economy – the Plan should contribute substantially to the local economy due to the impact of the Forest on the County’s culture and fiscal health, and should not result in significant socioeconomic impacts.
 - Grazing, Mining, Renewable Energy Production, and other Sustainable Uses – the Plan should support and encourage sustainable uses of the Forest to contribute to the County’s economy and culture.

- Roads and trails should be protected and expanded to provide access for recreation and exploration for natural resources. This type of recreation is an important economic driver for the County.
- Mitigation Bank – opportunities to shift land acquisition for mitigation of environmental impacts to restoration of degraded wilderness areas should be incorporated into the Plan to accommodate mitigation of human development elsewhere in the County.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please call me at (760) 878-0268 or email me at jhart@inyocounty.