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Re: Proposed Listing and Designation of Critical Habitat for the Sierra Nevada Yellow-Legged Frog, the Northern Distinct Population Segment of the Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog, and the Yosemite Toad

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, we thank you for arranging for your staffs to participate in the Inyo County Board of Supervisors special meeting on September 23, 2013 to discuss the above-referenced rule-making. As indicated in our previous correspondence, we are committed to working with you to reverse the decline of the identified species. But we are deeply concerned about the potential impact to our economy, society, and culture. We really appreciated the frank dialogue and candid idea exchange that occurred during our September 23 meeting.

As you may know, our economy and culture are tied to recreation – particularly fishing. We believe that this tie is stronger than many of the other counties that accommodate the subject amphibians, and makes us unique. The proposal as drafted has the potential to devastate our economy and our way of life.

We understand that several broader public meetings are being scheduled later in the rule-making process. Due to the unique status of the County and the potentially severe impact visited on it by the proposed regulations, we ask that at least one of the more general public meetings be held in the eastern Sierra in Inyo County. Holding a meeting in this area will facilitate gathering information directly relevant to the disproportionate impact the proposed regulations will have on the County, as a whole, and the individual communities within the County. We are willing to host such a meeting, and offer our assistance in making the arrangements.

Please convey our appreciation to your staffs for their participation in our September 23 meeting. To discuss further, please contact the County's Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, at (760) 878-0292 or kcarunchio@inyocounty.us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Supervisor Linda Arcularius, Chairperson
Inyo County Board of Supervisors

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