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County of Inyo Board of Supervisors

SPECIAL MEETING INYO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS U.S. FOREST SERVICE COORDINATION MEETING

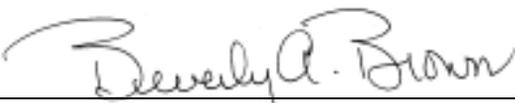
March 12, 2009

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Inyo, State of California, met in special session to participate in a Coordination Meeting with Inyo representatives of the U.S. Forest Service at the hour of 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 12, 2009, in the Conference Room, at the USDA Forest Services Building located at 351 Pacu Lane, with the following Supervisors present: Chairperson Beverly Brown presiding, Linda Arcularius, Susan Cash, and Richard Cervantes, and U.S. Forest Service Representatives, Mr. Jim Upchurch, Inyo National Forest Supervisor, Ms. Margaret Woods, District Ranger, White Mountain Ranger District, and Ms. Nancy Upham, Inyo Forest Public Information Officer. Supervisor Fortney was absent. Supervisor Cervantes provided the invocation and Forest Supervisor Jim Upchurch led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Mr. David Tanksley addressed the Board to thank the Inyo County Board of Supervisors for their involvement in the Travel Management process and to report that he and several members of the audience had not participated in the survey conducted by the Forest Service.

Travel Management Plan The Board and representatives of the Forest Service discussed Concentrated Recreation Areas (CRA), including (a) what influenced the decision to designate certain areas; and (b) the statistics concerning use of the forest, i.e. 3% of the forest is used by 65% of the users. The group went on to discuss at length and in detail the specific route segments not proposed for inclusion in one or more of the alternatives identified in the DEIS, the status of provision for supporting documents and models used in the DEIS economic analysis, the conclusions regarding the recommendations and their consistency with the County's General Plan, the potential impact to the local economy as a result of Forest Service's decisions on the Travel Management Plan, the need to clarify the coordination process and the importance of coordination early in the process. The group scheduled the next meeting for April 7, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room, at the County Administrative Center, in Independence, directing that items to be discussed were the SOPA projects identified during the February 17 Coordination Meeting. The Chairperson announced the public comment period. Mr. Dave Tanksley applauded the Board of Supervisors a their work on the coordination process and the Travel Management Plan. Mr. Ron Schiller, Ridgecrest resident, addressed the group to identify his concerns with the DEIS. (Audio tape available for more detail.)

Adjournment The Chairperson adjourned the special meeting at 2:00 p.m.



Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

Attest: *KEVIN D. CARUNCHIO*
Clerk of the Board

by: 
Patricia Gunsolley, Assistant