



## Heather Foster

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**From:** Paul Roen  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 5, 2019 1:33 PM  
**To:** Heather Foster  
**Subject:** Fwd: Time Sensitive Request: Letter of support for the North Yuba Forest Partnership  
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From: "Angel Hertslet" <[angel.hertslet@TNC.ORG](mailto:angel.hertslet@TNC.ORG)>  
Date: Tue, Nov 5, 2019 at 12:55 PM -0800  
Subject: Time Sensitive Request: Letter of support for the North Yuba Forest Partnership  
To: "Lee Adams" <[supervisor1@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:supervisor1@sierracounty.ca.gov)>, "Paul Roen" <[supervisor3@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:supervisor3@sierracounty.ca.gov)>, "Tim Beals" <[tbeals@sierracounty.ca.gov](mailto:tbeals@sierracounty.ca.gov)>  
Cc: "DeDe Cordell" <[dcordell@yubawater.org](mailto:dcordell@yubawater.org)>

Hello Tim, Paul, and Lee:

I haven't had a chance to express my excitement yet about Sierra County signing onto the North Yuba Forest Partnership MOU. I'm looking forward to working with you on this effort. Will any of you be at the press event this Thursday that DeDe Cordell is organizing?

On to the main topic of my email: The Nature Conservancy is applying for a public grant to help pay for the cost of planning the restoration effort. The grant is administered by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and is funded with Proposition 1 funds. I'd like to include a letter of support from Sierra County as part of the application. I think it will make our application much stronger.

I've drafted a generic letter of support for you to modify as you see fit.

Please let me know if Sierra County can provide a letter of support and if you have any questions or want to hop on the phone to discuss this. I will need the letter of support by **Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you,  
Angel Hertslet

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[YOUR LETTERHEAD]

[Today's Date]

[Your Name, Title, and Address]

Matt Wells  
Branch Chief  
Watershed Restoration Grants  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

Dear Matt Wells:

[My name is XX and I serve as YY for XYZ Organization]. [Add sentence on organization background and mission]. The health of our forests and watersheds across [issue area, e.g. the Sierra Nevada] is of critical importance to our [organization, agency, business, tribe, etc.]. These forests provide high biodiversity habitat, clean and abundant water, carbon storage, and provide important recreation opportunities. We understand that forests in the Yuba River watershed are not healthy and that overstocked stands with small trees and brush can contribute to the increasing risk of large damaging wildfires. We support an ecologically-sound, watershed-wide, and science-based restoration approach to reducing the risk of catastrophic fire.

Our [organization, agency, business, tribe, etc.] supports the North Yuba Forest Partnership and has shared goals with the signatories of this MOU. Specifically, we support the principal goals of improving and restoring forest health and resilience, reducing the risk of high-severity wildfire, protecting and securing water supplies, and protecting communities from the effects of high-severity wildfire. We also support the diverse partnership that has formed and will continue to evolve as this effort advances. The partnership is essential to the success of the planning and implementation efforts in the coming years.

Furthermore, our [organization, agency, business, tribe, etc.] supports the innovative approaches to implementation, funding and financing that the North Yuba Forest Partnership will pursue to complete this work. The partnership plans to finance implementation using an innovative Forest Resilience Bond. We encourage the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to financially support the North Yuba Forest Partnership in their landscape scale planning efforts, as planning support will unlock the financing the partnership is lining up for implementation. We view this innovative effort as a model for creating landscape scale change throughout the Sierra Nevada, and are in full support of the partnership's ambitious work to restore the health and resilience of the North Yuba watershed.

Sincerely,

[NAME]

[TITLE]

November 19, 2019

Mr. Matt Wells  
Branch Chief  
Watershed Restoration Grants  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, California 94244-2090

Dear Mr.Wells:

The Sierra County Board of Supervisors is one of the primary signatories to the Memorandum of Understanding creating the North Yuba Forest Partnership and we join our other members in requesting the full support of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to financially support this critical collaborative effort for the ongoing forest and watershed health of the North Yuba River Watershed.

The health of our forests and watersheds across the North Yuba River Watershed and the Sierra Nevada is of critical importance. These forests provide high biodiversity habitat, clean and abundant water, carbon storage, provide important recreation opportunities, and include numerous rural communities that depend upon a healthy watershed environment for their social and economic existence. We understand that forests in the North Yuba River Watershed are not healthy and that overstocked stands with small trees and brush can contribute to the increasing risk of large damaging wildfires. We support an ecologically-sound, watershed scale, and science-based restoration approach to reducing the risk of catastrophic fire.

As a founding member, Sierra County supports the North Yuba Forest Partnership and has shared common goals with the other signatories of this MOU. Specifically, we support the principal goals of improving and restoring forest health and resilience, reducing the risk of high-severity wildfire, protecting and securing water supplies, and protecting communities from the effects of high-severity wildfire. We also support the diverse partnership that has formed and will continue to evolve as this effort advances. The partnership is essential to the success of the planning and implementation efforts in the coming years.

In closing, the Board of Supervisors supports the innovative approaches to implementation, funding and financing that the North Yuba Forest Partnership will pursue to complete this work. The partnership plans to finance implementation using an innovative Forest Resilience Bond and we encourage the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to support the North Yuba Forest Partnership in its landscape-scale planning efforts to unlock the financing the Partnership is proposing for implementation. We view this innovative effort as a model for creating landscape scale change throughout the Sierra Nevada and are in full support of the partnership's ambitious work to restore the health and resilience of the North Yuba River Watershed.

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Mr. Matt Wells

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Sierra County  
Board of Supervisors

Paul Roen  
Chairman of the Board

CC: MOU Partners  
Clerk of the Board