



MEMORANDUM

From the office of the

Placer County Board of Supervisors

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To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3 and Bruce Kranz, Supervisor District 5
Date: September 26, 2006
Subject: Support Letter for Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (PL 106-393)

ACTION REQUESTED

Authorize the Chairman to execute letter to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Chairman, Pete Domenici, supporting Reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (PL 106-393)

BACKGROUND

With the enactment of Public Law 106-393, counties dependant on federal forest revenue are authorized to spend 85% of revenues to restore and sustain essential infrastructures such as county schools and county roads. The remaining 15% of federal forest revenues are being utilizes to support and develop essential services such as Search and Rescue Services, Fire Prevention and County Planning, and Forest Related Educational Opportunities. Here in Placer County, we have used these funds to enhance residential and commercial defensible space inspections, develop Community Wildfire Protection Plans, augment our Search and Rescue Program, insure that private streets and homes have code compliant address signs, and fund a Fire Mitigation Coordinator. In the future, we hope to use these funds to augment our demonstration program to remove woody biomass product from an area in the North Lake Tahoe Region and haul it to a biomass facility, thus reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire in that area.

Reauthorization would provide stable revenues and benefits to forest counties, their schools, and contributes to improving the health of our National Forests

FISCAL IMPACTS

None

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September 26, 2006

Chairman Pete Domenici
Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources
364 Dirksen Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Domenici,

The Placer County Board of Supervisors supports the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act of 2000 (PL106-393).

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Reauthorization would provide stable revenues and benefits to forest counties, their schools, and contributes to improving the health of our National Forests. For these reasons, the Placer County Board of Supervisors offers our support for the reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000 (PL 106-393).

Sincerely,

Bill Santucci, Chairman
PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Cc:
Ranking Member Jeff Bingaman
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Ranking Member Nick Rayhall
Congressman John Doolittle