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Randy Moore  
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**SUBJECT:** Request for a 45-day extension on the comment period for the Inyo, Sequoia and Sierra Plan Revisions and Draft Environmental Impact Statements.

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors would first like to convey our gratitude for the efforts that Supervisor Ed Armenta and the Inyo National Forest (INF) staff have made to coordinate with Inyo County staff throughout the plan revision process. As a cooperating agency in the Forest Plan revision, the Board of Supervisors commends the INF staff's professionalism and their acknowledgement of Inyo County's concerns during these planning efforts.

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, I am writing to thank the Forest Service for the opportunity to comment on the Forest Plan Revisions and DEIS drafts. It is, however, a bit daunting to review the documents due to the size and complexity of them; therefore, we are requesting a 45-day time extension for the review of these documents.

As our staff has analyzed these documents, the Board of Supervisors has been holding public workshops to gage the concerns of our constituents. We have been hearing from them that they feel like they need more time to review the documents so that they can provide meaningful comments. More time should be given to our constituents as these documents require specialized review on the scientific and socio-economic issues. We also feel that even though the INF is within the County's boundary, the management strategies adopted by the Sequoia and Sierra Forests affect Inyo County and more time is needed to review their plans in detail as well. This is particularly relevant in Fire Management strategies as the smoke generated from wildfires in these forests inevitably makes its way to Inyo County, which deeply concerns our citizens.

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors would again like to acknowledge the INF staff for the cooperative way in which they have worked with the County during the Forest Plan revision process and commend the Forest Service on your public outreach efforts. We respectfully submit this request for a 45-day extension of the comment period for the Forest Plan Revisions and accompanying DEISs. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact the County's Administrative Officer, Kevin Carunchio, at (760) 878-0292 or kcarunchio@inyocounty.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Griffiths". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" being more prominent than the last name "Griffiths".

Jeff Griffiths - Chairperson, Inyo County Board of Supervisors

cc:

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