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Neil Kornze, Director
Bureau of Land Management
1849 C Street Northwest, Room 5665
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Subject: BLM's Proposed Resource Management Planning Rules ("Planning 2.0")

Dear Director Kornze:

Humboldt County includes over 86,000 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) parcels, including such special places as the King Range National Conservation Area and Headwaters Forest Reserve. The stewardship of these lands is very important to my constituents, other local residents, and countless visitors to this region. It is a matter of great concern to many of us when the BLM begins to develop individual management plans for these parcels.

The BLM's Proposed Resource Management Planning Rule described at 81 Federal Register 8674 (February 25, 2016), commonly known as Planning 2.0, requires the agency to involve the public, other federal agencies, state and local governments and tribes as key partners early in the process of developing local plans. Encouraging public involvement early and often in the development of these plans is a very positive step indeed. This is especially important given that the BLM's Arcata Field Office will be using this new and more inclusive approach to public involvement as it revises its existing 1995 Resource Management Plan. I am therefore pleased to offer my support for Planning 2.0.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Lovelace, 3rd District Supervisor
County of Humboldt

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