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RE: SFAC and CSU Chico CED Meeting, February 26, 2015

Dear Barnie:

The SFAC wishes to thank you and your staff for another opportunity to continue working on developing social and economics within project level NEPA documents. The February 26th workshop held at CSU Chico and sponsored by financial support from SFAC members, highlighted the interest in, and the need for our continued work together. There is still work needed to finish planning and development of guidance for the inclusion of meaningful and supported social and economic elements relative to individual project NEPA documents. Not only did we hear about social and economics and their relationship to our National Forests, but we heard how working with the CSU Chico Center for Economic Development (CSU Chico CED) can and will provide data and information for Forest and District NEPA planners.

The SFAC is hopeful that you heard and saw the value in working with CSU Chico as we continue to move forward, together, in developing;

1. Regional Forester Direction for the inclusion of a Purpose and Need (PN) for Social and Economics.
2. Training for Forest and District NEPA Planners on this need as well as how to develop this PN in their projects.
3. Develop templates on Social and Economics that will be a guide for varying project objectives.
4. Partnering to support CSU Chico CED in further development of data and source information.

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Our work with CSU Chico CED is also far from complete and the SFAC would like to partner with the Region to further develop data and a resource base of information relative to social and economic elements. CSU Chico CED can then provide the necessary information to analyze the Social and Economic PN in relation to the environmental elements being analyzed. In the spirit of partnership, it is the SFAC hope that you will assist in financial support of CSU Chico CED to accomplish this effort.

The SFAC would like to set a date to continue our work on this important effort as well as develop a Partnership that will allow financial support of the CSU Chico CED to continue the work with us.

Thank you and your staff for working with the SFAC for almost three years on this effort as well as your participation in last Thursday's workshop. The message that you sent to the participants was an important step in strengthening our working relationship in furthering the development and inclusion of the Human Element in your project level NEPA documents. We look forward to our continued work on this effort as well as a financial partnership to continue to work with CSU Chico CED.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bill Wickman in cursive script.Handwritten signature of Laurel Brent-Bumb in cursive script.

Bill Wickman and Laurel Brent-Bumb
Representatives for SFAC

cc:
SFAC members
CSU Chico CED