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Community Wildfire Defense Grant Program

Re: USDA-FS-2023-CWDG-CWSF

Dear Reviewer:

The Glenbrook, NV Homeowners Association (GHOA) has requested a letter from our office in support of their 2023 CWDG application. We believe the work outlined in their application is critical to lessening wildfire threats in the Lake Tahoe Basin.

This grant is seeking \$1,700,300.00 in Federal share funding to conduct wildfire fuels mitigation work necessary to ensure the safety of our citizens on the East Shore of Lake Tahoe. The proposed scope of work will extend fuels-reduction work previously completed by our office on USFS lands that border Glenbrook to the north and east. We have discussed these projects with GHOA representatives and the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District. They reflect the goals of the Lake Tahoe Basin – Community Wildfire Protection Plan and the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management’s objectives.

Future endeavors from our office will be targeting the Spooner Summit, NV area addressed in this application. We believe that we can reduce costs and improve the efficiency of our operations by collaborating with the community in later years of the grant award. Glenbrook’s proposals, in conjunction with our own fuels-reduction work, will enhance visitor experiences and safety along trails and in recreation zones that are being developed in the Spooner area over the next 5 years.

Glenbrook’s application accurately reflects both the costs and workforce capacity issues in Lake Tahoe. Wildfire mitigation work is expensive and it remains challenging to develop fire crews that are well-trained and willing to complete this type of work. Federal assistance is needed to expedite the protection of our visitors and citizens. We believe that we are all in this together and are appreciative that the GHOA also believes this – and that they are ready to do their part.

The USFS-Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit fully supports this application and looks forward to partnering with Glenbrook and the Tahoe Douglas Fire Protection District in implementing these projects. Thank you for your time and support in considering their request.

Sincerely,

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