

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF FRESNO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF OPPOSING THE UNITED STATES )  
FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RECOMMENDATION TO ) RESOLUTION  
DESIGNATE 554,454 ACRES OF LAND IN THE SOUTHERN )  
SIERRA NEVADA DISTRICT POPULATION OF FISHER )

WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has sent a recommendation to the California Fish and Game Commission to designate 554,454 acres of land in the southern Sierra Nevada mountains as critical habitats for the Southern Sierra Nevada District population of Fisher, and

WHEREAS, more than 40% of Fresno County encompasses the mountainous regions of the Southern Sierra Nevada. The region provides the 1,013,400 residents of Fresno County access to recreation and economic opportunities. The Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains are integral to the County's economy as it provides millions of dollars to our local retail and hospitality industries, which have been economically devastated in recent years by the 2020 Creek Fire and the COVID 19 pandemic, and

WHEREAS, according to the Fish and Wildlife recommendation, the Southern Sierra Nevada Fisher is considered a protected species; therefore, we do not see a need to implement further restrictions on public land usage when it is not necessary, and

WHEREAS, the recommendation's report states that the threat to the Fisher's ideal denning habitats were not to be directly linked to human development but was linked to the frequency of high severity wildfires. Nursing dens are threatened by severe wildfires caused by decades of wildfire suppression in the historical absence of beneficial low severity forest fires. Low severity forest fires typically result in reduced fuels and healthy forest stands that subsequently have a greater likelihood of withstanding catastrophic high severity wildfires, and


WHEREAS, Fresno County has been a strong advocate for forest management strategies. This would include measures such as prescribed burns and mechanical thinning to limit fuel buildup.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fresno County Board of Supervisors oppose the recommendation by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to designate critical habitats for the

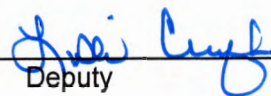
1 Southern Sierra Nevada District population segment of Fisher because the species is already protected  
2 and the threats to the Fisher habitat can be mitigated by the implementation of forest management  
3 practices which will ensure the survival of the Fisher and the continued recreation and economic  
4 connection Fresno County has with the Southern Sierra Nevada Mountains.

5 THE FOREGOING, was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors  
6 of the County of Fresno this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2021, to wit:

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8 AYES: Supervisors Brandau, Magsig, Mendes, Pacheco, Quintero  
9 NOES: None  
10 ABSENT: None  
11 ABSTAINED: None

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Steve Brandau, Chairman of the Board  
of Supervisors of the County of Fresno

15 **ATTEST:**  
16 Bernice E. Seidel  
17 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Fresno, State of California

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19 Deputy

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