

1 [Sierra Nevada Forest Planning]

2 URGING THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE TO ADOPT A WELL CONSIDERED PLAN  
3 FOR THE ELEVEN NATIONAL FORESTS IN THE SIERRA NEVADA REGION.

4 WHEREAS, The national forests, including especially the eleven national forests in the Sierra  
5 Nevada, are an important part of our national heritage that should be managed wisely for the benefit of  
6 this and future generations; and,

7 WHEREAS, The national forests of the Sierra Nevada provide a multitude of benefits to  
8 society, including clean water, clean air, wildlife and plants and their habitat, biological diversity,  
9 recreational opportunities, wilderness, outstanding scenery, timber, forage, minerals, and a living  
10 laboratory for scientific research; and,

11 WHEREAS, Many San Franciscans visit and enjoy the many resources of the Sierra Nevada in  
12 all seasons; and,

13 WHEREAS, The health of the regional economy of the sierra Nevada is inextricably connected  
14 to the health of the region's ecosystem; and

15 WHEREAS, Resource extraction such as logging, plays a small and diminishing role in the  
16 regional economy, providing less than four percent of the region's employment; and

17 WHEREAS, Past logging and forest management practices have jeopardized water quality,  
18 reduced dramatically the amount of ancient forest, degraded wildlife habitat, and increased the risk of  
19 catastrophic fire, putting public safety and private property at increased risk; and

20 WHEREAS, There are more than 26,000 miles of roads in the Sierra Nevada available for  
21 recreation and logging; and

22 WHEREAS, Forest roads increase sedimentation and erosion, causing severe water quality  
23 problems; and

24 WHEREAS, The report of the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem Project and other recent scientific  
25 information have identified serious risks to the health of the national forests in the Sierra Nevada, and

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1 have also identified solutions to these problems, thus presenting an unprecedented opportunity for the  
2 adoption of a comprehensive management plan for these forests; and

3 WHEREAS, The United States Forest Service is currently preparing a management plan for the  
4 eleven national forests of the Sierra Nevada , and is required by federal law to incorporate the best  
5 science in its plan; and

6 WHEREAS, The U.S. Forest Service is also preparing an environmental impact statement for  
7 the Quincy Library Group plan, which will affect one third of the same area and may address many of  
8 the same issues encompassed by the Sierra Nevada plan; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San  
10 Francisco does hereby urge the United States Forest Service to:

- 11 1. Adopt a comprehensive, scientifically-sound forest management plan of the eleven national  
12 forests in the Sierra Nevada region that is based on the best scientific information, including  
13 especially the information contained within the report of the Sierra Nevada Ecosystem  
14 Project,
- 15 2. Adopt a plan that protects all remaining ancient forests within the Sierra by the designation  
16 of ancient forest reserves as designed within the SNEP report and restores ancient forest  
17 ecosystems by proper management of lands outside the reserved areas,
- 18 3. Adopt a plan that protects rivers, streams and watersheds, protecting streamside areas by  
19 wide buffer zones where no logging or road building takes place, and using a map-based,  
20 reserve system for key watersheds based on information in SNEP,
- 21 4. Adopt a plan that protects wild, roadless areas by prohibiting construction of new roads and  
22 logging in all roadless areas 1,000 acres or larger,
- 23 5. Adopt a plan that incorporates a strategic and comprehensive strategy to reduce the risk of  
24 catastrophic wildfire that includes an increase in the use of controlled burning and restores  
25 the ecological role of fire to the Sierra Nevada ecosystem,

1           6. Adopt a regional plan that incorporates the environmental analysis of the Quincy Library  
2           Group plan and ensures that any plan adopted pursuant to the Quincy legislation is fully  
3           consistent with the aforementioned goals of the Sierra Nevada region-wide plan; and, be it  
4           FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Board of Supervisors does hereby ask that a  
5 copy of this resolution be sent to the following:

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7           The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, United States Senate, 331 Hart Senate  
8           Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

9           The Honorable Barbara Boxer, United States Senate, 112 Hart Senate Office  
10           Building, Washington, D.C. 20510

11           Mike Dombeck, Chief, USDA Forest Service, P.O. Box 96090, Washington  
12           D.C. 20090-6090

13           Brad Powell, Acting Regional Forester, USDA Forest Service, 1323 Club  
14           Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592.



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Resolution urging the United States Forest Service to adopt a well considered plan for the eleven national forests in the Sierra Nevada region.

March 29, 1999 Board of Supervisors — ADOPTED

Ayes: 11 - Ammiano, Becerril, Bierman, Brown, Katz, Kaufman, Leno, Newsom, Teng, Yaki, Yee

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was ADOPTED on March 29, 1999 by the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco.

Gloria L. Young  
Clerk of the Board

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Date Approved

Mayor Willie L. Brown Jr.