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To: Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant Program

Re: Operation Lake Co Ready Application

On behalf of the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lak (a federally recognized Native American Tribe of the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs) to express our wholehearted support for the application submitted by the Lake County Sheriff's Office of Emergency Services and Lake County Fire Chief's Association to the Cal Fire Wildfire Prevention Grant Program Project: *Operation Lake Co Ready*.

If granted, Operation Lake Co Ready will play a crucial role in fortifying our community's resilience against wildfires and disasters. The provision of essential fire prevention education and supplies to the various fire districts in Lake County is paramount, especially given the high fire severity zones identified by Cal Fire and the economic challenges faced by our county. The OES could play a crucial role in supporting our tribal community events focused on emergency preparedness, providing educational materials, hands-on tools, and live demonstrations of fire extinguisher usage. Hosting workshops or training sessions on emergency response and evacuation procedures would also contribute to community education and resilience. Collaborating with local schools, businesses, and community groups can enhance the impact of these initiatives.

We, the Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake Tribe believe that this project's outreach initiatives, including community events and the distribution of fire prevention supplies, will significantly contribute to educating residents about wildfire prevention measures. Moreover, addressing the specific needs of our elderly and disabled population is of utmost importance.

The proactive approach outlined in Operation Lake Co Ready aligns with our commitment to fostering a safer environment for our residents. We are hopeful that you will consider this application favorably, recognizing the positive impact it can have on our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Sherry Treppa
Chairperson
Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake