

STEWARDS OF THE SEQUOIA

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Lyon County Commissioners
Lyon County NV

Opposition to proposed Wilderness additions in Sequoia National Forest

Dear Commissioners,

We support the proposed Lyon County Resolution to NOT support the Lyon County Lands Bill. We urge you to UNANIMOUSLY approve the RESOLUTION to not have a Lyon County Lands Bill.

We are concerned that the proposed designation of more lands as Wilderness will be harmful to the environment by prohibiting active management, harmful to the economy by reducing ranching & public access & will eliminate the historic uses of these lands.

Stewards of the Sequoia through their parent organization California Trail Users Coalition have a Memorandum of Understanding with Sequoia National Forest for stewardship. We care about the health of the land & the trails. Our award winning Trail Appreciation program is the largest on the ground volunteer program in Sequoia National Forest & our motorized volunteers have performed maintenance on over 900 miles of trails since 2004 to keep multiple use trails in good condition & protect the environment, as verified by Forest Staff. Closures will discourage volunteerism, which will further reduce trail maintenance & cause resource damage.

Thank you for standing up to special interests who want to lock the public out of their own public lands.

Sincerely,

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