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Mr. Jim Branham, Executive Director
The Sierra Nevada Conservancy
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RE: Conservation community support for Sustainable Sierra Forest Initiative

Dear Mr. Branham,

We are writing as members of the conservation community working in the Sierra Nevada with comments on the Conservancy's proposed "Sustainable Sierra Initiative." We appreciate the leadership that the Conservancy has demonstrated in developing the initiative and offer in the attached document some changes to the language that the conservation community can support.

We support the idea of developing a sound framework for restoration of Sierra forests that will restore their ecological health and function, help protect our communities from unmanaged wildfires, and promote the utilization of wood generated from restoration activities. This project has the potential to build a restoration forest economy, based on sound restoration principles that will lead to long-term economic stability and living wage jobs for forest workers in our communities.

We look forward to working together to promote this new vision for the management of the Sierra range into the future.

Sincerely,

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