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General Manager

Truckee Tahoe Airport District
10356 Truckee Airport Rd.
Truckee, CA 96160

Re: Binding Letter of Agreement for Thinning of Forest

Dear Kevin,

Advisory Council

Martin Bern
Gene Bowles
Anne Chadwick
Kathleen Eagan
Bob Fink
Penny Fink
Ralph Hunt
Judy Mayorga
William McGlashan
Stefanie Olivieri
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Completing the needed forest-fuels reduction on Martis Creek Estates and the Martis Valley-Jones properties is the Land Trust's top stewardship priority for 2012. The following paragraphs explain the Land Trust's procedures for the forest-fuels reduction, how the procedures will be funded and other details.

Procedures

After consultation with Airport District Staff, Cal Fire, and fuels-reduction experts, the Land Trust proposes to thin the forest along the northern end of the property adjacent to Waddle Ranch Unit 5, and create a shaded fuel break between State Route 267 and the NV Energy power lines via mastication. The shaded fuel break is requested by Cal Fire as they consider the likely source of ignition for a fire in the area to be activities in the S.R. 267 corridor.

Executive Director

Perry Norris

In early May Land Trust staff, TTAD staff, TTAD's Forester Danielle Banchio, and a representative from Robinson Timber will meet onsite to walk the property and select areas in critical need of thinning.

Development Director

Kellie Wright

Stewardship Director

John Svahn

The Land Trust proposes to hire Robinson Timber Enterprises for the removal of the heavy timber and Cold Creek Land Services for the mastication and creation of the shaded fuel break. Both of these companies did an excellent job on Waddle Ranch preserve, maximizing the removal of fuels while being sensitive to the natural resources and recreation on the property. We have already completed needed road work for the forestry vehicles to access the property. The forestry work will commence when the roads are dry enough for travel.

Communications & Administration

K.V. Van Lom

Funding & Expenditure Limits

Through a grant from the Nature Fund and other available funds, the Land Trust has \$60,000 to contribute for the fuels reduction. Eighty percent of this funding, or approximately \$48,000, will be spent on forest fuels treatment in the 2012 calendar year. The remaining money, if any, will be spent on forest fuels treatment in the 2013 calendar year.

Contributions to the Truckee Donner Land Trust are tax-deductible under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code.

Celebrating over 20 years preserving and protecting historic, recreational and scenic lands in the greater Truckee Donner region.

(The Land Trust recognizes that treatment costs may vary between Martis Creek Estates and Martis Valley-Jones parcels. Accordingly, commensurate level of treatment will be allocated to each parcel through cooperative efforts between the District and the Land Trust that may not result in equal monetary allocation between the two.)

The Land Trust's commitment under this agreement shall continue until the \$60,000 the Land Trust has in reserve is depleted. After the \$60,000 is depleted the Land Trust shall have no further obligation under this agreement.

Permits

Through consultation with TTAD staff and Cal Fire, the Land Trust believes this project to be eligible for a 1038i forestry exemption permit from Cal Fire. In addition we will need an encroachment permit for travel on S.R. 267, an air quality permit from Placer County, and potentially a permit from Lahontan Regional Water Quality Board. The Land Trust will be the lead applicant.

TTAD Contribution

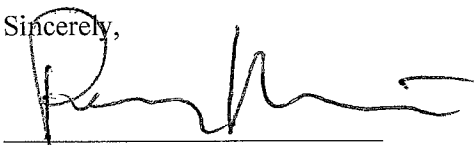
We appreciate the availability of your staff and their expertise as well as the Airport District's funding of the forester's time to mark the timber and help the Land Trust staff complete the permitting.

Timing

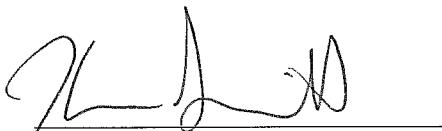
If the treatment work is significantly delayed the Land Trust will furnish a written explanation to the District.

Once signed by the parties, this letter shall have the force and effect of a legally binding contract.

Sincerely,



Perry Norris, Executive Director



Kevin Smith

Cc: Hardy Bullock, Phred Stoner, John Svahn