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Mr. Mike Pool
State Director
Bureau of Land Management
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Dear Director Pool:

I was recently contacted by the Shasta Resources Council (SRC) regarding the processes for acquiring public lands through a direct purchase that the Bureau of Land Management has identified for disposal.

Specifically, the SRC is interested in learning more about a provision in the Federal Land Policy and Management Act that allows the BLM to sell land by direct purchase and reinvest 100% of those funds into the acquisition of land that have been identified locally as having extraordinary resource value. I understand that this particular process requires the consent of the Secretaries of Agriculture and Interior.

I would like to request that the BLM provide my office with past examples of such transactions, and inform me of the steps that would need to be taken to pursue this option. You may send your response to the attention of my Deputy State Director, Stacey Smith, in my Sacramento office.

In advance, I thank you for your attention to this matter and prompt reply to my request.

Sincerely,



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