

March 27, 2002

Bureau of Land Management  
Attn: Mike Truden  
355 Hemsted Drive  
Redding, CA 96002

RE: BLM Property/Land use of upper Salt Creek

Dear Mike:

As we discussed on March 26, 2002, the Shasta Community Services District, in conjunction with local residents, are interested in either the retention in BLM holdings or the acquisition of a portion of property belonging to the Bureau. The property is located in the north east corner of section 6 (T-3/ N R-5W) also known as the upper Salt Creek area. I understand it is actively being considered for sale or trade and the Shasta Community Services District Board and the Shasta Guild urgently request the Bureau put a hold on any trade of this property.

A committee was formed to contact your agency to explore any and all options that may be available to protect this area of the Salt Creek Watershed. The committee discussed various uses of this area that are within the mission of Shasta Community Services District. They include current uses by hikers, bikers and equestrians and preserving the historic value of the Great Clear Creek water ditch and mining sites that reflect the history of our community. This property could also benefit the community if Shasta Community Services District could continue the fire hazard reduction efforts that have already been made on nearby properties. Salt Creek is also a salmon and steelhead habitat stream. The existing trails on this property could easily connect the Westside Trails and the Sacramento River trail proposed by BLM in the ACEC across from the archery range on Swasey Drive. The committee is interested in protection this area of Salt Creek for these particular reasons.

I am eager to meet with you at your earliest convenience and discuss the many potential benefits of this property and to receive your recommendations on how our committee can proceed. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Kaufman  
General Manager

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