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Dear Ike:

Enclosed is a summary of the exchange which took place between the Supervisor of the Sierra National Forest and the Madera County Board of Supervisors when the Forest Service announced their new position on the Minaret Summit Highway issue.

This was prepared by my wife from notes she took at the meeting. I thought you should have a copy, especially since your name came up during the meeting. (See page two.)

Because of your interest in trying to plan for the Sierra Nevada as a whole, rather than on a piecemeal basis, I thought you would be especially interested in the Sierra National Forest Supervisor's attitude toward the question of wilderness classification. Because his particular forest happens to have a relatively high percentage of wilderness, compared to other National Forest lands throughout the state, he feels that his forest should not have any more. He apparently is not willing to consider the fact that population pressures on wilderness are much higher in central California than they are in the northern part of the state.

This is particularly pertinent because of the pending Forest Service review of defacto wilderness, and selection of new study areas. It seems particularly important that the Sierra National Forest recommend the Minarets corridor (San Joaquin defacto wilderness) for study, but indications seem to be that they will not do so.

I hope you can guide their thinking in a more favorable direction through your contacts with the Forest Service Regional Office.

Sincerely,

George W. Whitmore

cc. Ray Sherwin