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**Re: Final Report 2008-2009 – Butte County Grand Jury – Wildfire and Safety Considerations for Butte County General Plan 2030**

On October 20, 2009, the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) received a letter from the Grand Jury referencing Penal Code 933.05 and the need to respond to certain sections of the 2008/09 Butte County Final Report. As required BCAG's responses are as follows:

Finding F1 – F10:

BCAG agrees with the findings and has one clarification in regards to any assumptions of BCAG's authority over Forest Highway 171. The project for improvements to the 9.6 mile roadway between Inskip and Butte Meadows is managed by BCAG. Distinctions as to the use and purpose of the roadway remain the jurisdiction of Butte County.

Recommendations R1 – R10:

BCAG agrees with all the recommendations and has one clarification. R2 states the need to "Review the limitations of Forest Road 171, such as traffic speeds, volume of cars...." The project design accommodates traffic speeds and volumes as determined by a traffic study for the roadway operating under normal seasonal circumstances, which is required for the development of the project design criteria. Volumes and speeds associated with fire events are not included as design criteria.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Final report. Should you have any questions, please contact me at 879-2468.

Sincerely,

Andy Newsum  
Deputy Director/Project Manager