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Kevin Sankey <kevin.sankey@gm... Mon, Jul 26 at 1:56 PM To: Tom Cooley, Jeanne Cc: Eastern Plumas Rural Fire

Tom,

In the absence is EPRFD Chair. Jeanne Graham, and in my capacity as Vice Chair I will be attending the LESSG meeting on July 27. Please understand that my role will be largely information gathering to pass along to Jeanne. In other words please don't expect me to comment much, I need to get up to a better speed on this group before speaking

It has come to the attention of several of our board members that the USDA has proposed changes to the agreement with each fire department. We are aware that Joe Waterman is working with USDA through the Chiefs association to gather more information on these changes. We have noted that there is an agenda item (#10) on the agenda for the LESSG meeting on July 27 concerning these changes. This item is inappropriate as a topic of discussion for the LESSG; as the LESSG has no voice in the matter. Each department either by a vote of their BOD or by authority granted to the Fire Chief will need to consider these changes based upon it's merits and input from constituents. If Portola and Gold Mtn had their own standing fire departments the discussion would still not be appropriate for this group, it is even more inappropriate since they do not and need to communicate through proper channels with their contracted agencies in a public forum. This appears to be a campaigning attempt by Beckwourth Fire Chief Russell who has been very outspoken on this matter. The purpose of this group is to study the feasibility of creation of a new fire district. If a new district is formed all existing agreements would become void and the new district would be able to negotiate new agreements, and this should be done with public comment under the Brown Act. Further there is already much street talk and rumor about the LESSG conducting "secret" meetings and having a very specific agenda for the benefit of a few. It is this type of thing that has and will feed these rumors. For all the reasons stated above we object to this agenda item are asking you as Chair of the LESSG remove the item from the agenda.

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