

## **COUNTY OF MENDOCINO**Board of Supervisors

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US Department of Interior Secretary Doug Burgum 1849 C Street, N.W. Washington DC 20240

Subject: Support for BLM's Acquisition of the 15-Acre Keiser Parcel, providing access to Folsom Ranch for Public Access.

Dear Sec. Burgum:

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors for the County of Mendocino, I am writing to express our support for BLM's acquisition of the 15-acre Keiser Parcel adjacent to BLM's planned 4,000-Acre Folsom Ranch acquisition in Mendocino County. We recognize the potential of the Folsom Ranch acquisition to not only protect the environment, to open new public access, and to complete an important ancestral land return to local tribes.

The Mendocino Land Trust (MLT) is working on behalf of and in partnership with all the participating Tribes, BLM, and The Conservation Fund on the Folsom Ranch acquisition that will provide multiple use public access on the 4,000-Acre BLM portion of the Ranch and multi-benefit nature-based solutions and limited public access on the 3,000-Acre tribal portion of the Ranch. The tribal portion will be conserved using CNRA Tribal Nature-Based Solutions funding by conserving and protecting traditional tribal lands, employing Traditional Ecological Knowledge, expanding economic opportunities, increasing public and recreational access, and advancing ecological connectivity and protection of important ecosystems.

We believe that the acquisition of the Folsom Ranch presents a unique opportunity to ensure the conservation of these lands while providing new public access opportunities on a landscape scale.

Please feel free to reach out to us at the contact information below if you need any information or to discuss this project in more detail. We eagerly anticipate the positive impact that the Folsom Ranch acquisition could have on the environment, the public, and our shared future.

Sincerely,

John Haschak, Chair Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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