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September 11, 2012

Mr. Douglas Bosco
 Chairman
 State Coastal Conservancy
 1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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Sent via E-mail

Re: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness—Public Trails Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to you to express my support for the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council's request to the State Coastal Conservancy for grant funding that will enable construction of two public hiking trails. The trails will provide increased wilderness recreational opportunities within the Sinkyone Wilderness in Mendocino County.

The proposed trails will begin at points along the Usal Road (Mendocino County Road #431), and will traverse the privately-owned InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land, and will connect with the Lost Coast Trail network in the adjacent Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, situated to the west of the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land.

The Sinkyone Wilderness is one of the marvels of our State. Many visitors travel to Sinkyone throughout the year to enjoy the unparalleled hiking and camping experiences available in this protected coastal wilderness area. The Council's hiking trails will make such wilderness recreational experiences more widely available to the public.

I urge you to approve funding that will enable the Sinkyone Council to construct these trails that will provide recreational benefits for the public. If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office.

Sincerely,

WESLEY CHESBRO
 Assemblyman, 1st District

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cc: Hawk Rosales, Executive Director, InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council

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Douglas Bosco
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Re: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness—Public Trails Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

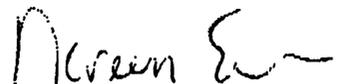
I am writing in support the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council's request for State Coastal Conservancy funding to construct two public hiking trails in the Sinkyone Wilderness. The trails will provide increased wilderness recreational opportunities within this wilderness area of Mendocino County.

The proposed trails will be constructed on the privately-owned InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land and will connect to the Lost Coast Trail network in the adjacent Sinkyone Wilderness State Park to the west of the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land.

The Sinkyone Wilderness is one of California's natural wonders. Many people travel great distances to enjoy unrivaled the hiking and camping experiences offered by this coastal wilderness area. The project will provide increased opportunities for public enjoyment of this remarkable region.

I ask that you award the Sinkyone Council the funding needed for the construction of these hiking trails, which will provide important recreational benefits to the public.

Sincerely,


 Noreen Evans

cc: Hawk Rosales, Executive Director, InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council

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September 25, 2012

Douglas Bosco
Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
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(Sent via E-mail)

Re: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness—Public Trails Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

We are writing to express our unanimous support for the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council's request for State Coastal Conservancy funding that will enable construction of two new public hiking trails in the Sinkyone Wilderness. These trails are consistent with the Council's long-term plan for public access in the Sinkyone Wilderness.

The Sinkyone Wilderness is the nation's first intertribal wilderness. It was created on a 3,845-acre parcel of redwood forestland located along the Lost Coast, north of Fort Bragg. The InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land is only a small portion of the original indigenous Sinkyone Indian territory.

From the mid-1800's to the early-1900's, the Sinkyone people were massacred and driven from their land. Some Sinkyone survivors became members of neighboring tribes. This land has great cultural significance for Indian peoples of the region who in the mid-1980's helped stop further logging of the land's last old growth redwoods and then formed the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council to acquire and conserve the property. The Council's management includes a preservation and restoration program focusing on stewardship of forest, salmon, and other culturally important resources.

The proposed trails will traverse InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land and connect with a branch of the Lost Coast Trail in the adjacent Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, which lies to the west of InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land. These additions will provide increased recreational opportunities within the Sinkyone Wilderness area.

We urge the State Coastal Conservancy to approve the \$220,000 in grant funding that will enable the Sinkyone Council to construct the two hiking trails.

Sincerely,

John McCowen, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

cc: Hawk Rosales, Executive Director, InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council

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Mr. Douglas Bosco
Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Public Trail Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing today to express our support for the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council's request for State Coastal Conservancy funding to enable the construction of two new public trails in the Sinkyone Wilderness.

The proposed trails will link the Sinkyone Wilderness with a portion of the Lost Coast Trail in the King Range National Conservation Area. A new trail would significantly enhance the recreation opportunities and public access to the Sinkyone Wilderness by creating this linkage. The Sinkyone InterTribal Wilderness is also adjacent to the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. Providing an opportunity to construct new, low impact trails will significantly enhance public access and recreation opportunities into the InterTribal Wilderness from both the King Range Conservation Area and the Sinkyone State Park.

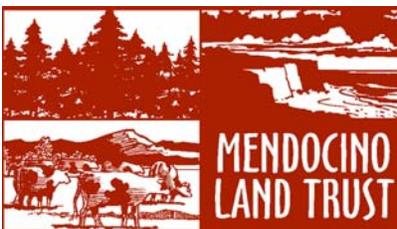
The InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council has been a partner with Pacific Forest Trust since 1996. The 3845 acre Sinkyone InterTribal Wilderness is protected by a conservation easement funded by a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to protect it from development, and ensure the wild characteristics of the landscape would be protected in perpetuity. The easement terms specifically envisioned the development of the trails proposed by the current grant. Granting this request for funding to construct new trails will provide great opportunities for the quiet enjoyment of this wild and scenic area for the residents of California and thousands of recreating visitors.

We would greatly appreciate your favorable consideration of this project. Please contact me if I can be of assistance to you during your consideration of this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Constance Best". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Constance Best
Co-CEO



September 13, 2012

Douglas Bosco
Chairman
California State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Sent via E-mail

Re: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness—Public Trails Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I would like to express Mendocino Land Trust's support for the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council's request for State Coastal Conservancy funding that will enable construction of two new public hiking trails in the Sinkyone Wilderness.

This new trail will connect with the Save The Redwoods League's Shady Dell trail project, also being considered for the Conservancy's support. It will provide increased recreational opportunities for visitors to the Sinkyone Wilderness area.

These new trails will traverse InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land and connect with a branch of the Lost Coast Trail in the adjacent Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, which lies to the west of InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land. Trailheads and picnic tables at the Usal Road will give visitors new access to the Council's land and the Lost Coast.

We believe that these trails will afford access to wilderness land and to our coast, a very significant benefit we are sure hikers will treasure. We request the Conservancy approve \$220,000 in grant funding to the Sinkyone Council to build these two trails.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Winston Bowen".

Winston Bowen, President

cc: Hawk Rosales, Executive Director, InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council



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Janelle R. Beland, Acting Director

Douglas Bosco
Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Sent via E-mail

Re: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness—Public Trails Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The California State Parks North Coast Redwoods District supports the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council's request for State Coastal Conservancy funding to construct two public hiking trails in the Sinkyone Wilderness. The trails will provide increased recreational opportunities within this wilderness area.

The trails will traverse InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land and connect with a branch of the Lost Coast Trail in the adjacent Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, which lies to the west of InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land.

The Sinkyone Wilderness is the State's only designated coastal wilderness area. It is visited by people from all over, who enjoy unsurpassed wilderness hiking and camping experiences there. The project provides for increased opportunities for public enjoyment of this remarkable region. It represents a continuation of the collaboration between the Sinkyone Council and California State Parks to protect and provide recreation in this wilderness area.

We respectfully request that you approve funding for the Sinkyone to construct these trails that will provide increased recreational opportunities for the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dana Jones".

Dana Jones
District Superintendent
North Coast Redwoods District

cc: Hawk Rosales, Executive Director, InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council



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September 13, 2012

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
1330 Broadway, 13th Floor
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness — Public Trails Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Save the Redwoods League (League) strongly supports the request of the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council (ITSWC) for State Coastal Conservancy (SCC) funding that will enable construction of two new hiking trails in the Sinkyone Wilderness. We are thrilled to see that both the League and the ITSWC have independently and simultaneously been working towards a common/shared goal of providing the public with new coastal hiking opportunities on the California Coastal Trail. California residents and visitors from other parts of the world will benefit from the completion of these two segments of limited public hiking trails and the League's Shady Dell trail segment.

The two limited public hiking trails will traverse the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land and connect to the Lost Coast Trail system in the adjacent Sinkyone Wilderness State Park. The trails will depart from points along the Usal Road (north of the Usal Campgrounds) and head west through private InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness land, thence to the Hotel Gulch Trail in the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park, with connection from there directly to the Lost Coast Trail. Parking space, day-use picnic tables and signage will be installed at each of the two trailhead locations adjacent to the Usal Road.

The vision for a continuous trail open to the public along the length of the Lost Coast is close to being realized with the completion of these segments. This wild, rugged, and spectacularly beautiful section of coast is one of the true gems of California, and we are fortunate to have partners such as the ITSWC and the SCC that want to see them more widely appreciated. Thank you for your support of these projects in northern California and within the Lost Coast.

Sincerely,

Ruskin K. Hartley, Executive Director

cc: Hawk Rosales, Executive Director, ✓
InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council



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September 19, 2012

Sent via E-mail

Douglas Bosco, Chairman
State Coastal Conservancy
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Oakland, CA 94612

Re: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness—Public Trails Project

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I am writing to express Sanctuary Forest's strong support for the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council's request for State Coastal Conservancy funding to enable construction of two new public hiking trails in the Sinkyone Wilderness. This is an extremely worthwhile project that will offer visitors to the North Coast a very rare chance to gain new opportunities for hiking through the majestic backcountry of California's Lost Coast.

Sanctuary Forest is the holder and trustee of a conservation easement that protects the unique natural and cultural resources of the InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness, the 3845-acre tract that the InterTribal Council owns and that lies between the Usal Road and the Sinkyone Wilderness State Park (SWSP). For 15 years, we have been a close partner with the Council in their efforts to steward and restore this property, and we have seen them serve as exemplary caretakers of this land.

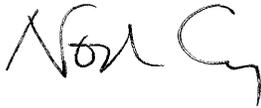
In that capacity, we have been in communication with the Council about their efforts and plans to develop these two public access trails for many years, as part of our duty to monitor any activities on this property that may impact its protected natural resources. We went on record in 2005 in support of the Council's request for funding to complete a full Environmental Assessment of the project, and have been provided with copies of that environmental review. We are satisfied that all stages of planning this project have been done with great care, with the goal of protecting the conservation resources of this property while creating the best opportunity for new trails that will allow the public, for the first time, to cross the InterTribal Wilderness from the (public) Usal Road and thereby connect with the Lost Coast Trail through the SWSP.

Exhibit 5: Project Letters

There are very few good opportunities to create new public trails and new recreational opportunities in this spectacular wilderness area. This is one that will allow more of the public to experience and learn about the Lost Coast, its remarkable natural character, and the unique conservation partnerships that have protected and restored it.

The Coastal Conservancy has been the state agency that has done more than any other to create this coastal wilderness area over the past three decades. We urge you to help complete that legacy by providing the funding that will allow these two new public trails to become a reality. Please call me if I can answer any further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noah Levy". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Noah Levy
Lands Program Director

cc: Hawk Rosales, Executive Director, InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness Council