

RESOLUTION NO. 2608

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF PORTOLA OPPOSING THE LOCAL IMPACTS TO FOREST HEALTH AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION THAT WILL RESULT FROM FEDERAL FUNDING AND STAFFING CUTS TO OUR PUBLIC LANDS

WHEREAS; Plumas County is a rural county in the Sierra Nevada region of California;

WHEREAS; Wildfires in California have grown and destructiveness due to extreme weather which will be exacerbated by fuel accumulation in forests, mostly managed by the federal government. Several costly fires have occurred in Plumas County wildlands and the residents of Portola will continue to face this threat;

WHEREAS; Maintaining the health of our National Forests through fuel reduction projects is essential to mitigate the risk of catastrophic fires in our communities;

WHEREAS; Recent federal staffing cuts will severely impact our public lands and communities. These cuts include emergency response teams and wildfire mitigation personnel are vital for public safety;

WHEREAS; Local and federal fuel reduction efforts must work together to protect our communities and public lands. Without broad mitigation on federal lands, local investments will be less effective;

WHEREAS; A reduction in funding for public lands will result in:

- Fewer personnel to monitor and respond to wildfires;
- Fewer resources for fuels reduction projects;
- Fewer personnel to gather the on-the-ground data that informs wildfire monitoring;
- Delays in FEMA approval of Hazard Mitigation Plans, affecting grant eligibility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; The City Council for the City of Portola opposes the significant impacts to forest health and wildfire mitigation from federal funding and staffing cuts to the United States Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Army Corps of Engineers. We urge our Federal representatives to restore funding and staffing to these agencies.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: _____

NOES: _____

ABSTAIN: _____

ABSENT: _____

Jim Murphy, Mayor

ATTEST:

Malachi Mansfield, Deputy City Clerk

I, Malachi Mansfield, Deputy City Clerk of the City of Portola, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Portola at a regular meeting thereof held on April 9th, 2025.

Malachi Mansfield, Deputy City Clerk