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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CENTER FOR SIERRA NEVADA
CONSERVATION, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY, and FOREST ISSUES GROUP,
non-profit corporations,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

RAMIRO VILLALVAZO, in his official capacity
as Forest Supervisor for the Eldorado National
Forest, UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE,

Defendants,

and

CALIFORNIA ASSOC. OF 4 WHEEL DRIVE
CLUBS, *et al.*,

Defendant-Intervenors.

Case No. 2:09-cv-2523-LKK-JFM

**PLAINTIFFS' AND FEDERAL
DEFENDANTS' STIPULATION AND ORDER
REGARDING THE DEADLINE FOR MOTION
FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS**

Whereas by order dated November 5, 2012, the Court stayed briefing on Plaintiffs' petition for costs and attorney fees until December 28, 2012 by which time the Parties are to advise the Court on the status of the their settlement discussions. Dkt. No. 130;

Whereas Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants have engaged in substantive good-faith discussions attempting to negotiate a settlement of the issue of costs and attorney fees;

Whereas Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants desire more time to explore settlement of the cost and attorney fee issue;

Whereas Defendant-Intervenors have not participated in the negotiations, and thus have not formed a position but have been consulted regarding this stipulation and do not oppose any request that the primary parties continue negotiations;

Accordingly, Plaintiffs and Federal Defendants stipulate and agree, and request that the Court

1 enter an order staying for 60 days, until February 26, 2013, the deadline for Plaintiffs to file a motion for
2 attorneys' fees, costs, and other expenses at which time the Parties will advise the Court on the status of
3 the their settlement discussions. If no agreement appears forthcoming, the Parties will submit a proposed
4 schedule for briefing the fee petition. By entering into this Stipulation, Defendants do not waive any
5 defenses as to whether Plaintiffs are entitled to any attorneys' fees, costs or expenses in this case.
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7 Respectfully submitted on December 27, 2012.

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1 **ORDER**

2 This matter having come before the Court upon Plaintiffs' and Federal Defendants' stipulation
3 and proposed order regarding the deadline for motion for attorneys' fees and costs, and the Court being
4 fully advised in the premises and good cause appearing;
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6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that briefing on Plaintiffs' application for fees and costs is stayed
7 for 60 days until February 26, 2013, at which time the Parties will advise the Court on the status of the
8 their settlement discussions. If no agreement appears forthcoming, the Parties will submit a proposed
9 schedule for briefing the fee petition.

10 Dated this 2nd of January 2013.

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14 LAWRENCE K. KARLTON
15 SENIOR JUDGE
16 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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