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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**DENNIS D. MURPHY** 

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE; TOM TIDWELL, in his official capacity as Chief of the United States Forest Service; and NANCY J. GIBSON, in her official capacity as Forest Supervisor of the United States Forest Service,

**Defendants** 

CASE NO. 13-cv-02315-TLN-AC

STIPULATION AND ORDER FOR 30-DAY STAY TO CONCLUDE SETTLEMENT EFFORTS

For some time, the parties have been actively engaged in settlement efforts. It now appears that the parties are close to reaching resolution, and they wish to dedicate their efforts to reaching an agreement in the next 30 days, rather than responding to the pending summary judgment motions. Therefore, the parties hereby stipulate to, and seek an order from this Court, to

- 1. Vacate the April 21, 2016, hearing date for the pending motion for summary judgment;
- 2. Stay this case for 30 days, up to and including April 4, 2016, so that the parties can reach a resolution in this matter; and
- 3. Provide for a status report to be filed on or before April 1, 2016, advising the Court of the status of the case.

If the parties are unable to conclude the matter within the time period, they shall advise the Court of their proposal going forward, which would likely include a new hearing date and briefing schedule on the pending motion, as well as other deadlines. If the parties reach an agreement in principle, they will so advise the Court in keeping with the provisions of Local Rule 160.

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The parties further note that the Forest Service halted the project some time ago (though there is a dispute regarding the ongoing environmental impacts of previously implemented Project actions), and authorization for the challenged Project has been withdrawn. There is thus good cause for the continuance, and the Court should grant it.

Respectfully submitted,

DATED: March 3, 2016

By /s/Paul S. Weiland (auth. March 3, 2016)

Attorney for Plaintiff

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By:

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 7, 2016

Troy L. Nunley

/s/ Gregory T. Broderick

GREGORY T. BRODERICK Assistant United States Attorney

**United States District Judge**