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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors, we are pleased to offer our support for the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) proposed acquisition of the Cooskie Mountain property located just east of the King Range National Conservation Area (NCA) and the King Range Wilderness Area.

This 246-acre parcel provides critical access to the northern portion of the King Range, an area currently lacking public or administrative access. The road that traverses the property from the main county road offers a vital connection to the wilderness and NCA boundary. BLM's acquisition of this land would significantly enhance its ability to manage this remote portion of the King Range, improving land stewardship, resource protection, and public safety.

In addition to the access benefits, the property contains a diverse ecosystem and a significant segment of Fourmile Creek, a key tributary to the Mattole River. Protecting this land will contribute to regional watershed health, habitat conservation, and climate resilience, all of which align with the County's environmental and conservation goals.

The King Range NCA is a cornerstone of our region's outdoor recreation economy, attracting hikers, campers, and nature enthusiasts from across the state and beyond. Expanding protected public lands will bolster opportunities for outdoor recreation, support local businesses, and reinforce our county's commitment to conservation-minded growth. Moreover, these acquisitions will help safeguard critical habitats for native wildlife, promote watershed health, and maintain the integrity of our coastline and forests for future generations.

I encourage the Bureau of Land Management to proceed with this acquisition and fully integrate these lands into the King Range NCA. Humboldt County stands in support of efforts that prioritize conservation, responsible land management, and public access to our treasured landscapes.

Thank you for your consideration of this important initiative. Please do not hesitate to reach out if further support or engagement is needed.

Sincerely,

Michelle Bushnell, Chair Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

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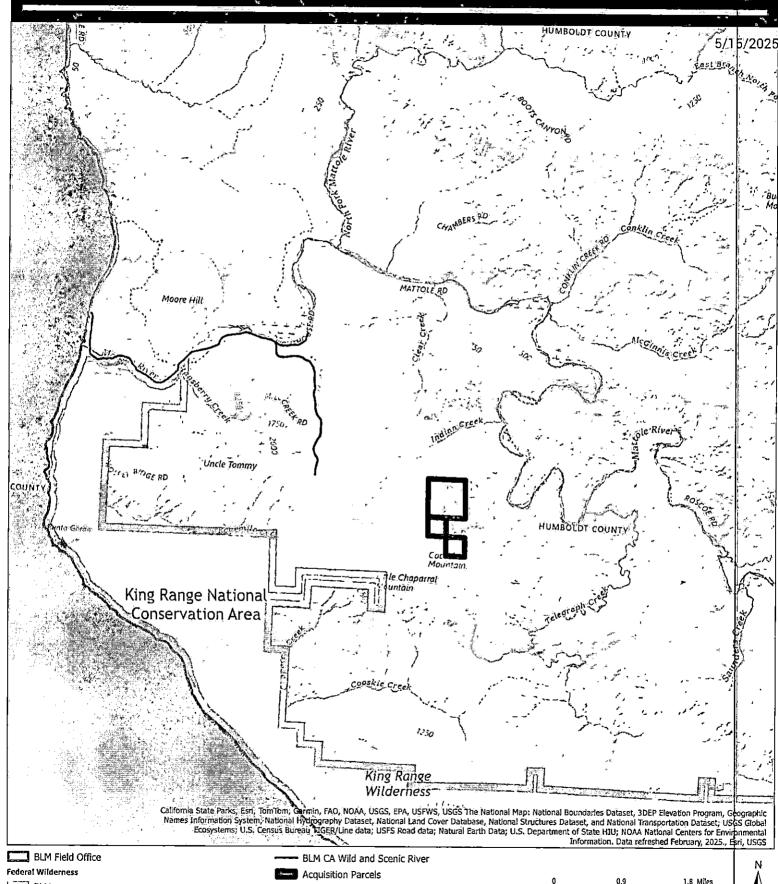
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Cooskie Parcel

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