



April 9, 2026

Mike Wilson, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

825 5th Street, Room 111

Eureka, CA 95501

RE: Director Vacancy - Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA) Board

Chair Wilson:

The Buckeye Conservancy respectfully requests the Board to consider Supervisor Julia Bownfield of Trinity County as a candidate for one of the vacant positions on the Great Redwood Trail Agency Board of Directors. The supervisorial district represented by Supervisor Brownfield is the only section of the proposed Great Redwood Trail to impact Trinity County. Therefore, we feel that it is crucial for their constituents to have representation on the Great Redwood Trail Agency Board of Directors.

The Buckeye Conservancy is an organization of ranchers, timberland owners, and resource professionals from the North Coast. We were organized in 2000 with the commitment to support working landscapes. The Buckeye's vision is that working lands and open spaces in Northwestern California are viable and conserved in perpetuity for future generations and our mission is to promote stewardship of working landscapes through shared experience, hands-on education, and collaboration.

The Buckeye has been working with Supervisor Madrone regarding our concerns of potential impacts from trail construction and use on the environment, landowners, and cultural resources. We have appreciated his willingness to meet with our members and facilitating communications with the GRTA staff and understand how critical it is for communities to have representation and the ability to develop a working relationship with a Great Redwood Trail Board of Director. We hope that you consider the value that a representative from Trinity County would bring to the agency's Board and would like to express our support of Supervisor Brownfield serving on the GRTA Board.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Hannah Van Duzer

Executive Director