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RESOLUTION R22-01

A RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO STEVE NELSON FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE COLLABORATIVE PLANNING TEAM

WHEREAS, Steve Nelson has served as Field Manager of the Bureau of Land Management's Bishop Office since 2013 and previously served in a variety of capacities with the BLM Bishop Office since 1988; and

WHEREAS, in these various positions, Steve has been a consistent collaborator, providing valuable support to the Mono County Collaborative Planning Team over many years. As an example, in the early 1990's Steve lent his technical expertise to overlay wetlands data from agencies and entities in a GIS format, creating the first definitive wetlands map for a Mono County community accepted by all relevant agencies; and

WHEREAS, Steve supported Mono County on many other projects and issues, including general plan coordination with the BLM resource management plan, geothermal and mineral resource planning and permitting, community expansions and land tenure adjustments, emergency access routes, environmental analysis on development projects with public land implications, hazard planning, transmission corridor planning, transportation and rights of way, and grazing policy, just to name a few; and

WHEREAS, no species has benefitted more from Steve's leadership than the Bi-State Sage Grouse; Steve has been the heart and soul of the Bi-State sage-grouse conservation effort and has helped nurture the movement from just a few agency biologists to an extraordinary public-private collaboration that is touted as a national model for conservation; Steve was known to sleep out overnight in the snow to count leks pre-dawn, well before it was trendy to do so; and

WHEREAS, Steve's low-key demeanor—accompanied by a ready smile—belies the significant positive influence he has had on our region; and

WHEREAS, Steve retired from the BLM in December 2021; through his work there and in his many roles, he is recognized as a truly collaborative leader for whom the public interest is always paramount.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mono County Collaborative Planning Team expresses its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Steve for his tireless efforts and contributions to collaborative planning in the Eastern Sierra and wish him all the best in his retirement.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of January 2022, by the Mono County Collaborative Planning Team.

Bob Gardner, Chair