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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Sagehen Forest Project for the Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Award.

I recently moved from the tech sector in the Bay area to start a new private sector organization based in Truckee aiming to accelerate efforts to make California's forests and watersheds more resilient to the impacts of temperature, disease, and human impacts. Having now studied dozens of organizations working on ecosystem restoration and resilience efforts, I can tell you that Sagehen is one of, if not the, leading innovator on forest restoration in the Sierra. They are widely seen as having created the model for forest restoration that now needs to be implemented at scale, which is starting to happen through Sagehen's leadership and involvement in multiple collaborative efforts across the Northern Sierra region.

Sagehen is also engaging with world class artists to translate science into consumable, often eye-popping information/art that helps the public understand the issues and engage with resilience challenges.

Finally, Sagehen is teaching younger generations in the region's schools about how these ecosystems work and the importance of forest health, which is critical to long term forest appreciation and management.

We wholeheartedly support Sagehen Creek Field Station as a worthy recipient of this award. They are a shining example of the award's intent.

Best Regards,

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