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Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council (RVMAC)
PO Box 243
Redwood Valley, CA 95470

Re: Fire Prevention, Trailer Chain Safety – SUPPORT

Dear Redwood Valley Municipal Advisory Council,

The County of Mendocino supports your efforts to raise awareness and improve education on wildfire prevention and the importance of proper trailer and towing practices.

The public plays a crucial role in preventing wildfires, as 87% of all wildfires each year are caused by human activities. Many of these fires can be avoided. Educating the public and promoting simple safety measures can meaningfully reduce the occurrence of preventable wildfires. These measures include using outdoor equipment correctly, safely burning debris, as well as properly maintaining vehicles, and towing responsibly.

It is recognized that motorists cause numerous wildfires. Educating the public on properly securing chains and safe towing practices is essential, as dragging chains can create sparks, which can be avoided by using safety pins and hitch balls to secure chains.

For these reasons, the County of Mendocino will continue to support public education and engagement in vehicle safety practices for wildfire prevention.

Sincerely,

Maureen Mulheren, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

CC: The Honorable Jim Wood, 2nd District
The Honorable Mike McGuire, 2nd District

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