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Senator Whitsett, Rep. Garrard and Rep. McClane:

We are writing regarding SB 189 which "authorizes Klamath County to expend forest reserve moneys received from federal government for patrolling county roads."

We oppose this bill for several reasons:

- (1) While enforcement of our laws is important to all citizens, it is inappropriate to remove these dedicated funds from the road fund to use for any other purpose. These funds have already been reduced because our County Commissioners chose to spend millions of dollars building a new road shop that the majority of the citizens of Klamath County were opposed to. Their own Road Committee opposed this and several of that committee then resigned because the Commissioners would not listen.
- (2) We have known for several years that funding from the federal government was going to decrease. Unfortunately there was no plan put in place by our elected officials regarding how the county would deal with that. Now the issue is compounded with the economic downturn. There will be a tax levy measure on our May ballot to fund law enforcement. The voters must now make the decision about the level of law enforcement they are willing to pay for.
- (3) This bill does not limit how much can be transferred or how often. It does not sunset until 1-2-2014. The fact that there is no limit placed on how much can be transferred, this could be used without citizen oversight, to make up for budget shortfalls in the future.

We respectfully ask that you vote NO on SB 189.

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