

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0502

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The Honorable Tom Cole
Chair
House Appropriations Committee
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1036 Longworth Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the **Acquisition of Track Chipper and Fuels Reduction Equipment** project in fiscal year 2027. The entity to receive funding for this project is **Trinity Public Utilities District (TPUD)**, located at 26 Ponderosa Lane, Weaverville, CA 96093.

The funding would be used to acquire a compact track chipper, and related equipment (excavator, masticator head, truck and trailers) to provide TPUD and Trinity County partners with chipper access in forested areas in Trinity County that have been difficult to access due to the rugged terrain. TPUD's entire 2200 square mile service area is classified in either Elevated or Extreme Fire Threat Districts according to the CPUC High Fire-Threat District Map. acquisition of this.

This project has a federal nexus because it is for the purposes authorized in Section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a).

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because the use of this track chipper and related equipment b will remove substantial amounts of hazardous fuels from the County, significantly mitigating wildfire risk for the citizens of Trinity County and the region.

I certify that neither I, nor my immediate family, have any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,



JARED HUFFMAN
Member of Congress