

August 9, 2022

Mono County Board of Supervisors
c/o Clerk of the Board
PO Box 715
Bridgeport, CA 93517

Dear Mono County Supervisors,

RE: Bodie Hills Permanent Protection

The Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) supports Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership's pursuit of permanent protection for the Bodie Hills. Multiple recent mineral extraction proposals underscore the urgency to move forward with this protection effort as these development activities threaten the natural, cultural, and recreational values many Mono County residents and visitors treasure. The Bodie Hills Conservation Partnership represents a diverse group of organizations that have been working toward permanent protection of this area for decades. The RPAC requests that the Board of Supervisors consider any actions that support achieving this goal.

The Bodie Hills is a unique and diverse landscape. Located at the nexus of the Eastern Sierra and western edge of the Great Basin, the Bodie Hills is an important wildlife migration corridor. Canyons, streams, and high elevation plateaus support pinyon pine, juniper, aspen, willow, and many other native plants. Pronghorn, mule deer, pika, mountain lion, bear and a distinct and critical population of the Bi-State Greater Sage-grouse can be found here. The Bodie Hills are also home to rich cultural and archaeological resources spanning thousands of years.

Mono County residents and visitors explore the quiet, wild nature of the Bodie Hills to hike, watch birds, enjoy the plant habitats, take in the wide expansive vistas, and be in an area that feels remote and connected to its rich, historical past, whether that of the early settlers of the town of Bodie or of the traditional ways of the Indigenous people who first lived there and whose presence continues to this day.

The Mono Basin Community Plan specifically prioritizes protection of healthy, natural environments and preserving historical cultural resources of the Mono Basin. The Bodie Hills are a unique and valuable area and worthy of formal, permanent protection. Establishing this protection would ensure a healthy and sustainable future for the Bodie Hills.

Thank you for considering such an action.

Sincerely,


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