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SAVE YOUR COUNTY

The future of California's Sierra Nevada counties is being decided right now. These are your counties, but they won't be under your control unless you act now. Heed the warnings of Siskiyou County's [Frank Tallerico](#) and [Tom Wetter](#) as to the severe economic consequences of inaction.

HERE'S HOW

► **Defeat The Frogs and Toads Listing** The Fish and Wildlife Service proposes to close off 2 MILLION more acres of California's forests (an area 30% larger than Delaware) that span 14 counties (Alpine, Amador, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Madera, Mariposa, Mono, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sierra, Tulare, and Tuolumne) and 9 national forests. *Reference:* [information and map](#), [overview](#), [talking points](#), [article 1](#), [article 2](#).

- Challenge the [Listing](#) and the [Habitat Designation](#). Virus, trout, and possibly herbicides are the problem. Habitat is not the problem or the solution. Also, a listing is not necessary as current regulatory measures are adequate.
- By June 10, every county to submit a public hearing request. [template](#).
- Before June 24, every person, organization, and county planning to submit written requests to extend the submission deadlines 45 days for both the Listing and the Habitat Designations. [template](#)
- By June 24, every person, organization, and county to submit a written response, which must contain "substantive commentary" to be legally binding.
- Hire and jointly fund Doyel Shamley to submit a written response. [example](#).

► **Reopen The Forests** The most direct path to restoring county prosperity and services is to keep open, or reopen, the forests to prudent commercial forest management. This also preserves recreational uses, and adds 1 million acre-feet of water to California's water supply for agricultural and ecological use.

- Each county Board to pass 2 resolutions [Declaring of a state of emergency](#) and [Authorizing the reopening of closed forest roads](#).

► **Support the Natural Economy** The Next Economy is a proposal to turn the economic planning of El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties over to Sacramento-based "stakeholders," to be funded in part by local bonds. The People will pay, but have no say.

- Vote down the Next Economy. [Here is the complete analysis](#).

► **Create A Permanent Defense** The attack on Rural America will not end. Yet, the counties have done little to recognize this threat, and thus remain on the defensive.

- Each county, jointly or severally, to hire a qualified professional to monitor all upcoming federal and state actions, and prepare responses, working with the county supervisors and sheriffs.

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