Berkeley, California City Council

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SUPPORTING SIERRA CLUB EFFORTS TO URGE CONGRESS TO RESTORE NEEDED PUBLIC FUNDING TO THE FOREST SERVICE AND OTHER FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS AGENCIES FOR THEIR RECREATION PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, the new National Recreation Fee Demonstration Program would require trail users in National Forest wilderness areas to pay user fees; and

WHEREAS, this move is seen as the first step in a broad public-private partnership that would lead to increased commercialization of the country's public lands; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council opposes the current Congressionally-mandated recreation fee demonstration program, except for National Park System lands; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley City Council opposes any efforts to privatize, commercialize, and motorize recreation on public lands.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Berkeley City Council supports efforts by the Sierra Club to urge Congress to restore needed public funding to the Forest Service and other Federal public lands agencies for their recreation programs.