Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

On April 13th, 1999 the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors voted 5-0 to oppose the Adventure Pass program and, consequently, its parent: the Recreational Fee Demonstration Program (Fee Demo).

The Supervisors sent the following letter written to President Clinton, Senators Boxer and Feinstein, the County Congressional Delegation and the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture:

"We support ending the Forest Service's Adventure Pass Program within the Angeles National Forest and are requesting restoration of the needed forest maintenance funds in the Forest Service budget.

Two years ago, Congress authorized the creation of the Forest Adventure Pass as a means to shore up funding for the Angeles National Forest. The $5.00 per day or $30.00 per year pass permits individuals to park their vehicles within the National Forest when they hike or camp in the Forest.

Unfortunately, the program has proven to have been a mistake and it is time that Congress reverse itself and end the program. The Board is not aware of any program that has encountered as much anger and done as much to discourage use of the Forest, particularly by our lower income families, as this misguided program. Paying the fee is bad enough, but finding a location that sells the permits is equally frustrating.

Therefore we request an end to the Forest Service's Adventure Pass Program and request restoration of the much needed maintenance funds in the Forest Service budget."