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Comment Letter I-371

**From:** Angela Sousa <asousa@gia.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 14, 2017 3:01 PM  
**To:** Smith, Ashley  
**Subject:** Newland Sierra DEIR

Dear Ms. Smith:

Please see attached letter regarding the Newland Sierra DEIR project. Below is a summary from the attached letter.

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Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Newland Sierra Development. After reviewing the document, I have a list of questions and concerns outlined below:

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- Traffic
  - Caltrans must be allowed to complete its analysis before current plans are given the green light. All arterial roads west of the I-15 connecting to Dear Springs are already vastly overburdened. This is a well-established fact that I believe everyone is aware of.
  - Consecutive projects with utilizing Buena Creek Rd., Twin Oaks Rd., and other secondary arterial roads have contributed little or no improvement to infrastructure. This trend must stop.
- Fire Hazard
  - As a resident the impacted area I live in "Very High Fire Hazard Zone" once completed this development will put numerous residents at risk. Fire routes are already overburdened to say the least. This is a recipe for a future disaster that could have been avoided.
- Wildlife
  - There are numerous species including California mountain lions and Bobcats that rely on this corridor for survival. This project will dissect a precious habitat that makes this area so rare and desired.
- General Plan
  - Finally, after 10 years of meetings between County residents and staff, not to mention the millions of the dollars spent on the development of General Plan, the County Board of Supervisors approved the County's General Plan. When the plan was approved, the Supervisors not only agreed this area to protect this area from over-development, but they agreed to downzone the entire property to 99 units from 200 units. In an effort to support and respect the integrity provisions of the General Plan, I urge you to recommend against the Newland Development and continue to safeguard this sensitive rural corridor.

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Thank you for your consideration,

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