

December 8, 2025

The Honorable Tom McClintock
U.S. House of Representatives
2256 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Rep. McClintock,

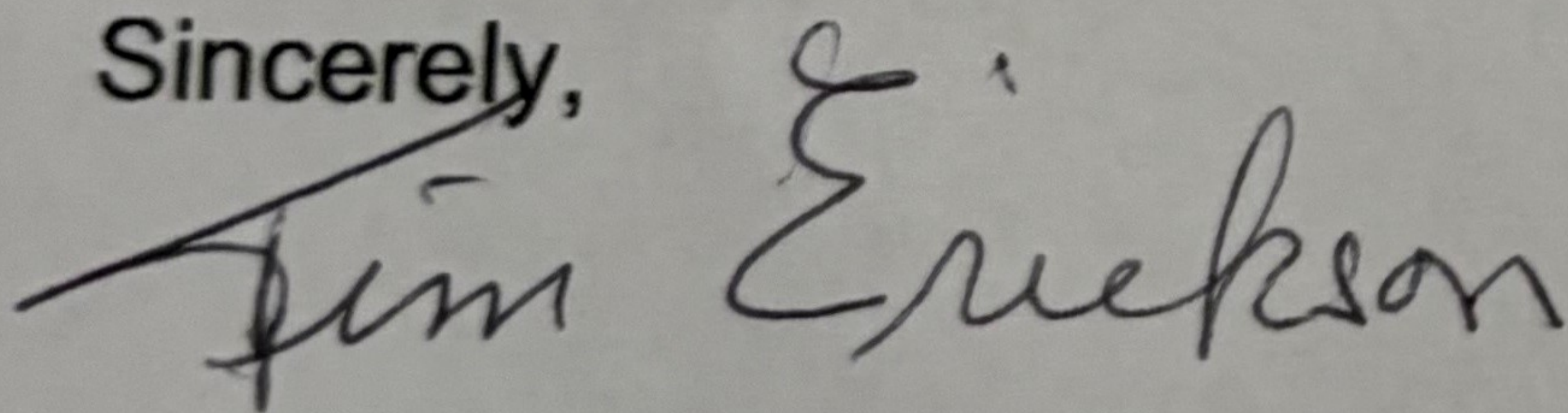
I'm writing to support legislation implementing the Ackerson Meadow Land Interchange, a bilateral transfer of administrative jurisdiction between the US Forest Service and the National Park Service to improve management and reduce jurisdictional issues. This exchange will transfer approximately 170 acres to the Stanislaus National Forest and about 160 acres to Yosemite National Park.

The area in question, Ackerson Meadow, is one of California's largest mid-elevation meadows which had been owned by my family since 1890. My sister, Paula Crauthers, sold it to Robin and Nancy Wainwright and they sold it to YNP. The Erickson family still holds and utilizes the grazing lease on the adjacent USFS allotment, which includes a portion of the lower meadow.

The land swap between the USFS and National Park Service will consolidate their respective land management areas, decrease jurisdictional complications, and align with our grazing lease. Completing this swap will reduce checkerboard land management and simplify the management of my family's grazing operation. In my opinion the exchange will square up the YNP property lines, Evergreen Road will not run through the Park, and negate the need for fencing and installation of cattle guards by the Forest Service and grazing allotment owner.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter, which will improve management of some of California's most scenic public lands.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tim Erickson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Tim Erickson