Election Observer Plan for the November 2, 2010 Consolidated General Election - Plumas County

I. County and System Information

1. Name of County	PLUMAS COUNTY
2. Name of Contact	KATHY WILLIAMS
3. Contact's Phone	530-283-6255
4. Vendor and Voting Systems Used by County	PREMIER/ES&S ACCUVOTE OS & TSx DFM - EIMS
5. Date	October 19, 2010

II. Purpose

The purpose of an Election Observer is to:

1. Provide the public with the opportunity to observe and make suggestions on ways to improve the election process.
2. Help ensure the integrity of the election process.
3. Remove some of the mystery associated with the election process in an effort to build voter confidence and encourage more people to take part.

III. Invitation

Between E-60 and E-30, prepare letters of invitation (see attached) to the following:

1. County Grand Jury
2. Political Party Central Committee Members
3. League of Women Voters

Other groups or individuals expressing an interest in observing Election Day activities may also be included as an observer.

IV. Appointment Letters (for introduction to precinct workers)

After the groups have provided the names of interested observers, letters of introduction (see attached) will be prepared for the observer to use when visiting polling places on Election Day. Materials for each observer will include a listing of all polling places within the county for that specific election as well as the central counting site location and hours of operation. The General Rules for Observers will also be provided to each participant.

V. Mechanism for Feedback

Observers may summarize their experience at the polling places and at the central tally center on election night and provide written feedback for review by the elections official and staff.

General Rules for Observers

Observers may:

- Observe the proceedings at the polls, including the opening and closing procedures.
- Obtain information from the precinct index that is posted near the entrance.
- Make notes and watch election procedures.
- View election-related activities at the central counting site on Election Day.
- View the canvass of the vote activities following the election.
- View vote-by-mail and provisional ballot processing.
- Ask questions of poll workers or voters at the polls as long as they do not interfere with the conduct of any part of the voting process.
- Ask questions of supervisors at the central counting site as long as they do not interfere with the conduct of the election procedures.

Observers are responsible for:

- Checking in at each site, whether polling place or central counting site.
- Wearing an identification badge.
- Maintaining a professional manner while observing the election process.
- Ensuring they do not interfere with the election process.

Observers may not:

- Interfere, in the judgment of the elections official, with the conduct of the election.
- Physically handle any voting materials or equipment.
- Sit at the official worktables or view confidential voter information on any work terminal.
- Communicate with voters (within 100 feet of the entrance to a polling place) regarding the casting of a vote, or speak to a voter regarding his or her qualifications to vote. Discuss any candidate or their qualifications for office while in the polling place.
- Display any election material or wear campaign badges, buttons or apparel.
- Wear the uniform of a peace officer, a private guard, or security personnel.
- Use cellular phones, pagers, or two-way radios inside the polling place and/or within 100 feet of the entrance to the polling place.
- Talk to or attempt to stop the central counting site workers while they are processing ballots.
- Assist in operations at any polling place or the central counting site.
- Use the telephones, computers or other polling place facilities at polling places or the central counting site.
- Make physical contact with election personnel.
- Eat or drink in the polls or the central counting site.

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DATE: October 19, 2010

TO: Plumas County Media

FROM: Kathy Williams, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters

SUBJECT: Invitation to Observe Election Procedures

The Elections Division of the County Clerk's Office would like to provide you and members of your committee with the opportunity to participate as an Election Observer to observe activities associated with the November 2, 2010 Consolidated General Election. Representatives of the County Central Committees, the League of Women Voters, and the Grand Jury, as well as media representatives are invited to participate.

Typically, members visit one or more polling places on Election Day and then visit the ballot counting center to observe the tabulation of ballots on election night. Representatives are also invited to observe the Vote By Mail process at the Election Division.

If your organization would like to participate, please notify Kathy Williams by mail or email at kathywilliams@countyofplumas.com or by phone at 283-6255. Please respond by October 27th , 2010 with the name of your representative.

Thank you for your interest in participating in our electoral system.

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TO: Precinct Inspectors & Rangers

FROM: Kathy Williams, Plumas County Clerk-Recorder, Registrar of Voters

SUBJECT: Election Observers

This letter introduces _____, whom I have appointed as an Election Observer for the November 2, 2010 Consolidated General Election. Election Observers are invited to observe activities related to the administration of an election, including visiting polling places.

No person, including an Election Observer, may interfere with the operation of polling places. Election Observers may ask you to explain certain operations and procedures.

Please extend every courtesy to these Election Observers.

If you have any questions, please call me at 283-6255 or 283-6256.

Thank you for your cooperation and your service to our county's voters.