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Official Response to Significant Environmental Points Raised During the Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) Evaluation Process

From the Director of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)

THP NUMBER: 1-25-00040-DEL

SUBMITTER: Mike Russell

COUNTY: Del Norte

END OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 3, 2025

DATE OF OFFICIAL RESPONSE/DATE OF APPROVAL: November 4, 2025

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) serves as the lead agency, among an interdisciplinary review team of specialists from other governmental agencies, in the review of Timber Harvesting Plans (THPs) to ensure compliance with environmental statutes and regulations. As a part of this review process, CAL FIRE accepts and responds to public comments. This document is the Director's Official Response (OR) to significant environmental points raised during the evaluation of the above-referenced THP. Remarks concerning the validity of the review process for timber operations, questions of law, or topics and concerns so remote or speculative that they could not be reasonably assessed or related to the outcome of a timber harvesting operation, will not be addressed.

What is (and is not) Answered in an Official Response

The OR is an explanation of how the plan was or was not revised by CAL FIRE within the context of the comments received. The OR is limited to only substantial environmental concerns [ref. PRC §21080.5(d)(2)(D) & 14 CCR §§1037.8 & 15088] and does not address issues that are outside of CAL FIRE jurisdiction, involve points of law, or policy.

Public Comments

Comment #1 (25PC-000000017):

Bostwick, Robert C. Trust is questioning how the proposed timber plan will remove the trees once they have been timbered. The map that you enclosed with timber plan indicates

an access road. There is no access road, nor has there ever been one. The trustee, at this time will not allow the timber to be removed through our property.

Response:

CAL FIRE regulates Timber Operations [ref. PRC § 4527(a)(1) on Timberland [ref. PRC § 4526], which includes the use of Appurtenant Roads [ref. 14 CCR § 895.1] for log hauling. While issues regarding the use of non-appurtenant roads, which are located outside of the Logging Area [ref. 14 CCR § 895.1], are of a civil nature and beyond CAL FIRE's jurisdiction, it should be noted that the approval of a THP does not permit trespass or any other form of property right infringement or violation of law.

Summary and Conclusions

All concerns raised were reviewed and addressed. Along with the framework provided by the Forest Practice Act and the Rules of the Board of Forestry, the Department has determined that there will be no significant adverse impacts resulting from the implementation of this THP.