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Date: March 5, 2021
 Ref: 1-20-00165 MEN

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Dear Mr. & Ms. Acredolo:

You submitted four emails to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) on September 26 and 27, 2020, and October 1, 2020, regarding Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) 1-20-00165-MEN. The Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) is located on timberland owned by KLM Investment Properties, LLC near Branscomb, California. The emails are listed below in chronological order. A list of abbreviations is provided for your benefit in understanding the Department's responses.

CAL FIRE	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection	PRC	Public Resources Code
CCR	California Code of Regulations	RPF	Registered Professional Forester
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	THP	Timber Harvesting Plan
NOI	Notice of Intent		

CONCERN:**PUBLIC COMMENT 20PC-00000387**

Hello, We are landowners adjacent to this proposed project (KLM Branscomb 1-20-00165) and want to be sure we have an opportunity to fully understand the scope and make objections/comments on the project as appropriate. We have significant concerns regarding the impact of the proposal on Kenny Creek and the South Fork of the Eel. When will public comments be accepted? Thanks very much, Brad and Kristin Acredolo

[Brad Acredolo; September 26, 2020]

PUBLIC COMMENT 20PC-00000388

Hello, this is a followup to my prior email. We have been contacting neighbors and no one has received an NOI nor seen any signs posted regarding this project despite what appears to be represented in the documentation. One neighbor, Ms. Pierson, whose property along the Eel will be directly and significantly impacted, was shocked when we relayed the news of this THP to her, and that the tentative close of public comment is listed as 10/9. This does not give anyone enough time to comment in a meaningful way. Again, the only reason we know about it is that I signed up for CalTrees notification. I trust that the NOI letters are "in the mail" and we should receive them shortly; however, several of the addresses listed in the initial memo of adjacent landowners are incorrect, which will further delay property owners from receiving timely notification.

Thank you so much. I am sure you understand how important this issue is to everyone in our neighborhood.

Kristin Acredolo
13130 Kenny Creek Rd
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[Kristin Acredolo; September 27, 2020]

PUBLIC COMMENT 20PC-000000393

Hello, I want to withdraw my prior concerns and comments regarding this project. I am totally satisfied that everything is in good order and all my original concerns have been addressed and abated. We have no objection to this project. I also want to make it clear that I had no intention of implying that I represent anyone's opinions but my own. I apologize for any inconvenience for anyone involved.

Kristin Acredolo
13130 Kenny Creek Rd
Branscomb, CA

[Brad Acredolo; October 1, 2020]

PUBLIC COMMENT 20PC-000000397

Team —

Thank you so much for your service and the very helpful and clear communication that I have shared with Sean Hedley.

Once again, we would like to express that we have no objections at this time to THP 1-20-00165-MEN. Our concerns at this time have been addressed and we are hopeful that we will have no need to be involved in the process beyond this point.

I would like to pass on an e-mail exchange from Mr. Kisliuk, indicating that we had concerns that valley landowners had been omitted from the contact list.

We have never indicated concerns over any omissions and were only concerned when it appeared that some addresses were outdated or incorrect. To the best of our knowledge, this has been clarified and there are no problems.

We respect KLM's right to harvest timber on their properties and only wish to be certain that established guidelines are observed.

Respectfully —

Brad Acredolo
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On Oct 1, 2020, at 7:51 PM, Acredolo <acredolo@sonic.net> wrote:

Hi — we didn't think anyone was omitted — just concerned that addresses were right. I think that has been clarified, there is no issue and all is well. We told the Calfire office via email that we had no further concerns and everything was fine as far as we are concerned. We are very confident now that the State & KLM are doing a great job and we do not need nor do we wish to be further involved at all unless something unforeseen develops. Best wishes, Kristin & Brad Acredolo
Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 1, 2020, at 4:53 PM, Tom Kisliuk <tkisliuk@mcn.org> wrote:
Hi,

Here is a map from the Assessor's Office.
I have been directed by Cal Fire to review the adjacent landowners on the NOI list.

Please indicate the landowner you feel was omitted on the list of landowners within 300' of
The KLM THP.

I am working on this item now and would be most grateful for a rapid reply.

Thank You,

Tom Kisliuk
RPF #2676

[Brad Acredolo' October 1, 2020]

RESPONSE:

There was a concern raised on September 26 and 27, 2020, that the Notice of Intent (NOI) was not posted and neighbors to the project had not been properly notified. These concerns were retracted on October 1, 2020. The Department received a revised NOI on October 9, 2020. The Department conducted a preharvest inspection on December 2, 2020. The Department's preharvest inspection report, dated December 7, 2020, states that "*the RPF posted two Notices of Intent for this THP. The first Notice of Intent was posted at the junction of Branscomb Road and Kenny Ridge Road. The second Notice of Intent was posted at the junction of Branscomb Road at the junction of the north access road. Both of these Notices of Intent were posted in conscious locations.*" Also, the report states that "*during the PHI, I observed that both Notices of Intent listed the required information in compliance with 14 CCR 1032.7.*" This rule section lists the specific information that must be included in the NOI.

There was concern raised on September 26 and 27, 2020, that the public comment period would close on October 9, 2020, and this would not allow sufficient time for public comment. This concern was retracted on October 1 and 2, 2020. The public comment period ended on February 16, 2020 as required by Forest Practice Rule 14 CCR 1037.4. No additional comments were submitted during this time-period.

The September 26, 2020 email stated “we have significant concerns regarding the impact of the proposal on Kenny Creek and the South Fork of the Eel.” These concerns were retracted on October 1, 2020. On December 2, 2020, a multi-agency review team conducted a field preharvest inspection of the THP. A significant amount of time involved the review of the effects of the THP on the watercourses within and downstream of the THP. The field inspection was attended by CAL FIRE, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Geologic Survey, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. These agencies evaluated the effects of the THP on water quality and biological resources and provided written recommendations to improve measures that safeguard these resources. The RPF agreed to the multi-agency review team recommendations and incorporated the changes into the THP.

Please consider this letter as the Department’s “Official Response to Significant Environmental Points Raised during Public Review of THP 1-20-00165 MEN.” The plan was found in conformance with the Forest Practice Act on March 5, 2021 and approved on that date.

Thank you for your input on the plan. I hope you will continue to support timber operations, which are done professionally and in compliance with the rules and regulations required by the Forest Practice Act.

Sincerely,



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cc: RPF, Unit, File; Timber Owner, Timberland Owner, and/or Submitter
CP, CDFW, DPR, & RWB through <https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/caltrees.aspx>