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Date: January 5, 2021
Reference: 1-20-00160 SON
Subject: Official Response to Significant Environmental Points from Public Comment

Sarah Ahles
(sarah.ahles@gmail.com)

Dear Sarah Ahles and Derek Baker,

You submitted a letter to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), through email received at the Northern Region Headquarters Office in Santa Rosa, CA on October 7, 2020 regarding Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) 1-20-00160 SON. The primary concern was the use of Willow Creek Road for the proposed THP. Below is a summary of that concern and response. The original letter has also been scanned and is available through the attachments of this THP online in CalTREES.

CONCERN: Use of Willow Creek Road

Public Comment # 20PC-000000400 letter text – *I am a homeowner at 17885 Willow Creek Road. I received information today that MRC has submitted an application for Timber Harvesting - application #1-20-00160-SON.*

We would like to understand what is required of MRC for protection of our dead end, small country road, that is our neighborhood's only access in and out to Coleman Valley Road.

With the past and current fire dangers we want to make sure that the safety of our small road is a high priority and not affected by regular large truck traffic coming in and out during the project.

Additionally, there are many blind corners on this road and there are many residents that use the road for walking, cycling and running. Their safety is of utmost concern.

We would like to understand the duration of the project, the schedule, vehicle requirements and traffic safety plan.

We would also like to know if there will be public comment or a meeting for MRC to present their plan.

Thank you for any further information you can provide.

*Best,
Sarah Ahles & Derek Baker*

RESPONSE: The RPF contacted the commenters and discussed the timeline of the Plan and traffic safety for the THP. It was concluded that there will be no logging trucks on Willow Creek Road. The concern has been resolved. In Section III, page 63 of the THP, Item 38 states the following:

No log truck traffic shall occur on Willow Creek Road.

Please consider this letter as the Department's "Official Response" to Significant Environmental Points Raised during Public Review of THP 1-20-00160 SON. The concerns brought up by your public comment letter have been addressed. The Plan was found in conformance with the Forest Practice Act on January 5, 2020

Thank you for your comments with this 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shawn Headley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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cc: RPF, Unit, File; Timber Owner, Timberland Owner, and/or Submitter
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