OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL POINTS RAISED DURING THE TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN EVALUATION PROCESS

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION (CAL FIRE)

TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN (THP) No:

SUBMITTER:

COUNTY:

END OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: DATE OF RESPONSE AND APPROVAL:

1-20-00152-HUM

Francis O. Stebbins TR

Humboldt County

March 29, 2021

June 4, 2021

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) serves as the lead agency in the review of Timber Harvesting Plans. These plans are submitted to CAL FIRE, which directs a multidisciplinary review team of specialists from other governmental agencies to ensure compliance with environmental laws and regulations. As a part of this review process, CAL FIRE accepted and responded to comments, which addressed significant environmental points raised during the evaluation of the plan referenced above. This document is the Director's official response to those significant environmental points, which specifically address this Timber Harvesting Plan. Comments, which were made on like topics, have been grouped together and addressed in a single response. 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, have not been addressed.

Sincerely,

James Strong

Forester II, Forest Practice

RPF #2680

JAMES STRONG No. 2689

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

To inform the public of this proposed Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) and determine if there were any concerns with the plan the following actions were taken:

- Notification of the receipt of a timber harvesting plan was sent to the adjacent landowner(s).
- Notice of the receipt of the plan was submitted to the county clerk for posting with other environmental notices.
- Notice of the plan was posted at the Department's local office and also at the regional office in Santa Rosa.
- Notice of the receipt of the THP was sent to those organizations and individuals on the Department's list for notification of plans in the county.
- A "Notice of the Intent to Harvest Timber" was posted near the plan site.

THP REVIEW PROCESS

The laws and regulations that govern the Timber Harvesting Plan review process are found in Statute law in the form of the Forest Practice Act which is contained in the Public Resources Code (PRC) and Administrative law in the rules of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (the Forest Practice Rules) which are contained in the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

The Forest Practice Rules are lengthy in scope and detail and provide explicit instructions for permissible and prohibited actions that govern the conduct of timber operations in the field. The major categories covered by the rules include:

- Timber Harvesting Plan contents and the Timber Harvesting Plan review process
- Silvicultural methods
- Harvesting practices and erosion control
- Site preparation
- Watercourse and lake protection
- · Hazard reduction
- Fire protection
- · Forest insect and disease protection practices
- Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas
- Use, construction and maintenance of logging roads and landings
- · County-specific rules

When a THP is submitted to the Department, it undergoes a multidisciplinary review consisting of several steps. In addition to CAL FIRE, the Review Team members include representatives of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW); the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB or RWB); California Geological Survey (CGS); the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR); the appropriate County Planning office; and if within their jurisdiction, the Coastal Commission (CC) (14 CCR §1037.5(a)). Once submitted the Director determines if the plan is accurate, complete, and in proper order, and if so, files the plan (14CCR §1037). In addition, the Review Team determines whether a Pre Harvest Inspection (PHI) is necessary, and what areas of concern are to be examined during the inspection (14 CCR §1037.5(g)(1)).

If the plan is accepted for filing, and a PHI is determined to be needed, a field review is conducted to evaluate the adequacy of the THP. All agency personnel who comprise the multidisciplinary Review Team are invited to attend the PHI as well as other experts and agency personnel whom the Department may request. During this field review, additional mitigation and/or recommendations may be formulated to provide greater environmental protection. These recommendations are forwarded to the RPF along with the Review Team member's PHI Report. The RPF will respond to the recommendations made and forward these to the Region office and Second Review Team Chair.

A Second Review Team meeting is held where members of the multidisciplinary Review Team meet to review all the information in the plan, and develop a recommendation for the Director (14 CCR §1037.5(g)(2)). Prior to and/or during this meeting they examine all field inspection reports, consider comments raised by the public, and discuss any additional recommendations or changes needed relative to the proposed THP. These recommendations are forwarded to the RPF. If there are additional recommendations, the RPF will respond to each recommendation, and forward his responses to the regional office in Santa Rosa.

The representative of the Director of the Department reviews all documents associated with the proposed THP, including all mitigation measures and plan provisions, written correspondence from the public and other reviewing agencies, recommendations of the multidisciplinary Review Team, and the RPF's responses to questions and recommendations made during the review period. Following consideration of this material, a decision is made to approve or deny a THP.

If a THP is approved, logging may commence. The THP is valid for up to five years, and may be extended under special circumstances for a maximum of two more years, for a total of seven years.

Prior to commencing logging operations, the Registered Professional Forester must meet with the licensed timber operator (LTO) to discuss the THP (CCR §1035.2); a CAL FIRE representative may attend this meeting. The Department makes periodic field inspections to check for THP and rule compliance. The number of inspections depends upon the plan size, duration, complexity, and the potential for adverse impacts. Inspections include but are not limited to inspections during operations pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) section 4604, inspections of completed work pursuant to PRC section 4586, erosion control monitoring as per PRC section 4585(a), and stocking inspection as per PRC section 4588.

The contents of the THP, the Forest Practice Act, and rules, provide the criteria which CAL FIRE inspectors use to determine compliance. While the Department cannot guarantee that there will be no violations, it is the Department's policy to vigorously pursue the prompt and positive enforcement of the Forest Practice Act, the Forest Practice Rules, related laws and regulations, and environmental protection measures that apply to timber operations on non-federal land in California. This enforcement is directed primarily at preventing forest practice violations, and secondarily at prompt and adequate correction of violations when they occur.

The general means of enforcement of the Forest Practice Act, the rules, and other related regulations range from the use of violation notices, which require corrective action, to criminal proceedings through the court system. Timber operator and Registered Professional Forester licensing action may also be pursued. Most forest practice violations are correctable and the Department's enforcement program assures correction. Where non-correctable violations occur,

criminal action is usually taken. Depending on the outcome of the case and the court in which the case is heard, some sort of environmental corrective work is usually done. This is intended to offset non-correctable adverse impacts.

Once harvesting operations are finished, a completion report must be submitted certifying that the area meets the requirements of the rules. CAL FIRE inspects the area to verify that all aspects of the applicable rules and regulations have been followed, including erosion control work. Depending on the silvicultural system used, the stocking standards of the rules must be met immediately or in certain cases within five years. A stocking report must be filed to certify that the requirements have been met.

FOREST PRACTICE TERMS

CAL FIRE	Calif. Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection	NCRWQCB	North Coast Water Quality Control Board
CCR	California Code of Regulations	PHI	Pre-Harvest Inspection
CDFW	California Department of Fish and Wildlife	PRC	Public Resources Code
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	RPF	Registered Professional Forester
CGS	California Geological Survey	THP	Timber Harvesting Plan
DBH/dbh	Diameter Breast Height	WLPZ	Watercourse & Lake Protection Zone
LTO	Licensed Timber Operator		

[sic] Word used verbatim as originally printed in another document. May indicate a misspelling or incorrect word usage

BACKGROUND

Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) 1-20-00152-HUM is called Stebbins Warren Creek #2. The plan is 58 acres in size and is located in Humboldt County, near the town of Arcata, Ca. The legal description is Sections 15 and 22 of Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Base and Meridian, and is located on the Arcata North, USGS 7.5' Quadrangle. The THP is 58 acres in size and proposes 58 acres of Group Selection silviculture.

The THP was submitted by Francis O. Stebbins TR on September 4, 2020. The Registered Professional Forester (RPF) is Cameron Holmgren, RPF# 2929. The plan was found to be acceptable for filing and was filed on September 10, 2020. The plan originally proposed to use a road that crosses through adjacent property to the east, crossing a short bridge across a class I watercourse (Warren Creek), before entering the public road called West End Road. The road goes from the plan submitter's property (Stebbins) through Molly Fusi's property (Fusi) and then through Lavern Korb's property (Korb) before reaching West End Road according to the Reciprocal Easement and Road Maintenance Agreement (RERMA) provided by Ryan T. Plotz of The Mitchell Law Firm, LLP, the law firm retained by Molly Fusi, via public comment on March 29th, 2021. The bridge is on Fusi's property according to the RERMA.

The Pre-Harvest Inspection (PHI) was conducted on September 16, 2020. On the PHI, the bridge over Warren Creek was inspected by CGS Inspector Jim Falls. Mr. Falls took pictures of the bridge and commented on it in his PHI report, stating the following:

Although non-appurtenant and outside of the purview of the THP process, we consider this bridge suspect given that loaded log trucks will pass across it once operations begin.

The loadbearing capacity of the corroded truck chassis forming the main frame is an unknown, as are the condition of the abutments. We strongly recommend that this bridge be carefully evaluated by a Civil Engineer prior to log truck use.

On September 18, 2020, the first of three public comments came from Fusi (20PC-000000377). The first public comment expressed concerns about the bridge and made reference to the RERMA, although the RERMA was not attached to the public comment.

Due the recommendation from Mr. Falls, CAL FIRE informed the RPF via email on December 10, 2020 that a Civil Engineer would need to evaluate the bridge, unless the landowner chose to haul out a different direction thus avoiding the bridge. The Landowner hired a civil engineer and that evaluation was submitted to CAL FIRE and received on Feb 24, 2021. This information was determined to constitute Significant New Information per 14 CCR 895.1, and the plan was recirculated on February 26, 2021. The recirculation reopened the public comment period for an additional 30 days, and on March 29, 2021, two more public comments were received regarding the bridge (21PC-000000300 and 21PC-000000299). All three public comments mention the bridge and road, express concern about its use, and are from Fusi or her legal representatives. 21PC-000000299 included the RERMA which outlined specific terms of the agreement regarding use of the road and bridge in relation to commercial timber harvesting (see Sections 6 and 9 of the easement).

The Forest Practice Rules define Appurtenant Road as "a Logging Road under the ownership or control of the Timber Owner, Timberland Owner, Timber Operator, or plan submitter that will be used for log hauling."

Section 6 of the recorded RERMA states that "a Party shall promptly repair and/or replace, as necessary any damage to the Easement Area...The Parties shall be collectively responsible to conduct such maintenance and repair of the Easement Area as they deem necessary or advisable to maintain the Easement Area in good condition and repair for its use and enjoyment. Each party agrees to contribute one fifth (1/5th) of all reasonable maintenance costs, excepting the repairs necessitated by damage caused to the Easement Area as described in the first paragraph of Section 6 above, or section 9, below". Regarding the bridge, Section 9(d) of the RERMA states that "STEBBINS shall, at his sole cost and expense, promptly make any improvements necessary to put the bridge back to the condition it was in prior to the particular Timber Harvest Cycle".

After consulting with CAL FIRE's Legal Counsel, it is CAL FIRE's interpretation that the term "control" in the definition of Appurtenant Road means that the timber owner, timberland owner, timber operator, or plan submitter possesses more than a simple legal right to cross over a road located on the property of another. A road is "controlled" by a timber operator, timber owner, timberland owner, or plan submitter if one of these parties holds the right or responsibility for construction, reconstruction, or maintaining the road in a passable condition.

CAL FIRE sent the RPF an email on April 30, 2020, requesting that the plan be revised to address the road and bridge identified in the RERMA as appurtenant.

On June 4th, 2021, the plan submitter agreed not to use the bridge or associated road, stating on revised page 37 (date June 3rd, 2021), "there shall be no timber operations of any kind on the Non-

Appurtenant Roads shown on the THP map except Hilton Ln." The plan submitter will haul logs out an alternate route thus avoiding the bridge and road in question.

All public comments surrounding the use of the bridge and its associated road have been mitigated through avoidance. Additional concerns brought up in the public comments are addressed below.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS AND RESPONSES

Concern 1: No copy of the timber harvest plan ever received.

CAL FIRE has no record of a copy of this Timber Harvesting Plan ever being requested. CAL FIRE does not send out THPs to the public unless a member of the public requests a copy.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) was posted near the plan area on or before September 16, 2020. The cost of receiving a copy of the plan from the CAL FIRE Review Team Office is provided on the NOI. The price is 37 cents for each page, \$2.50 minimum and \$64.75 for the entire plan. This plan was submitted on September 8, 2020 and on September 15, 2020 it was found acceptable for filing.

To access an online copy of the plan, please visit https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/caltrees.aspx

Once in the site, select "Search", then click on the "Document Number" dropdown and query for: 1-20-00152%

Select the document number correlating with the type "Timber Harvest Plan". Navigate to the various attachments associated with the plan. The Public Comments are labeled under status type and are in pdf format. The plan is composed of five public sections and a sixth section that is confidential. These sections were uploaded and have been available on CalTrees since September 8, 2020.

If you need assistance with the CalTrees interface, the phone number provided on the Notice of Intent is (707) 576-2959 and will connect you appropriately.

Concern 2: Assurance of CDFW's awareness of the clearcut.

This THP does not propose the clearcut silvicultural method of timber management. This plan proposes 58 acres of group selection silviculture. Clearcutting is an even-aged management method, while group selection is an uneven-aged management method.

Regardless of this misunderstanding, the multi-agency review process for THPs involves CDFW throughout. CDFW has made recommendations to this THP at First Review on September 15, 2020; the PHI on September 24th. 2020; and participated in Second Review on October 5th, 2020. The RPF responded to all the questions and concern raised by CDFW, submitted revised pages and these revisions were found to be appropriate. All of the RPF's revisions and responses to concerns and recommendations by CDFW have been incorporated in the final version of the THP.

Concern 3: Suitability of the access bridge.

On June 3rd, 2021, the plan submitter agreed not to use the bridge or associated road, stating on revised page 37, "there shall be no timber operations of any kind on the Non-Appurtenant Roads

shown on the THP map except Hilton Ln." The plan submitter will haul logs out an alternate route thus avoiding the bridge and road in question. All public comments surrounding the use of the bridge and its associated road have been mitigated through avoidance.

Concern 4: Water diversion at road point A.

The water diversion at road point A was discussed on the PHI and addressed specifically in item 77 in the PHI report dated September 24, 2020. CAL FIRE, CDFW and the landowner have all agreed to return the watercourse to its original diversion in order the alleviate and remove the issues created on the downstream landowner's property from the 1-06-151-HUM THP. Additionally, the RPF has provided revised pages 50 and 50.1 in response to CDFW's recommendation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SPECIFIC RESPONSES

The following is a record of the comment letters received during the public comment period. Each public comment is listed below, followed by a response.

Public Comment # 20PC-00000377:

It has recently come to my attention that you are planning to log your property located at sec.15 & 22 TGN, R1E;HB&M, Humboldt County USGS Quad: Arcata North (8851 West End Rd. Arcata, CA). As my properties are adjacent to yours, I have serious concerns concerning this endeavor.

An easement agreement is currently in place between me (Molly Fusi), Jeffery Stebbins, Lavern R., Vern Korbs, Elizabeth Cornwall and Zachary Fusi. (recorded2019-001038). I assume you have a copy of this contract.

To date, I have not seen or received copies of a Forestry Report nor a Harvest Plan pertaining this project. I will also need proof that Fish and Game has been notified as to the date of the clear cut (see sec. 9 and sec.12 on said agreement.)

In addition to these reports, you will need to have the wooden access bridge tested and approved to see if it will support a loaded logging truck, as well as proof of insurance that the bridge is covered in the event of collapse (see sec. 9).

Previously, when the senior Stebbins logged the property, a "temporary" culvert was installed with the understanding it would be removed upon the completion of logging. Instead it has been left in place for years, resulting in the flooding of Zachary's section of our property, deeming it uninhabitable. Additionally, erosion caused by the resulting flooding has loosened the soil causing trees to uproot and damage structures.

In order to rectify these problems, the culvert needs to be removed and pavement will be required on said easement to prevent damage to the driveway coming down the hill from West End Road.

I have included a copy of the signed agreement.

Please contact my daughter, Ramona La Londe at 415-755-5441 to discuss this matter.

[Molly Fusi; September 4, 2020]

Response:

See the response to Concerns 1-4 above.

Public Comment # 21PC-000000299:

This law firm, with the undersigned as principal attorney, represents Molly J. Fusi, who owns the property located at 8925 West End Road, Arcata, CA (APN 516-291-003). A small, narrow driveway extends from West End Road, through my client's property before it enters the property where the timber harvest is proposed under the abovereferenced THP. This driveway includes a small wooden bridge that crosses Warren Creek.

Mr. Stebbins, the property owner of the property proposed to be harvested, has an easement for residential ingress and egress over the driveway and the bridge. A copy of the Easement is enclosed with this letter. The Easement requires that Mr. Stebbins use the easement in a reasonable manner to not damage my client's property, including the bridge. The Easement authorizes the use of the bridge for timber harvesting purposes subject to the following conditions:

- (a) For each Timber Harvest Cycle (as defined below), STEBBINS shall provide at least 60-days' prior written notice to all Parties of his intent to use the Easement Area to transport timber. The notice shall provide all Parties the dates during which timber harvesting will be conducted and the date(s) timber may be transported through the Easement Area.
- (b) STEBBINS shall obtain and provide all Parties written approval from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the County, and any other government agency having jurisdiction over the harvesting and transportation of timber to use the Road (including crossing the creek) for timber hauling purposes. STEBBINS shall provide the written approvals to the Parties prior to use of the Easement Area for timber hauling purposes.
- (c) Before each Timber Harvest Cycle, STEBBINS shall retain, at his sole costs and expense, a licensed engineer to inspect the bridge and provide his or her written opinion as to the structural integrity of the bridge to support timber hauling. If the retained engineer is of the opinion that the bridge is not capable of supporting such use, STEBBINS shall not use the bridge to haul timber unless and until structural improvements are made to the engineer's satisfaction at STEBBINS' sole cost and expense. STEBBINS shall provide all Parties the engineer's written opinions prior each Timber Harvest Cycle.
- (d) At the completion of each Timber Harvest Cycle, STEBBINS shall retain the same engineer used at the outset of the Timber Harvest Cycle to inspect the post-hauling structural integrity of the bridge. STEBBINS shall, at his sole cost and expense, promptly make any improvements necessary to put the bridge back to the condition it was in prior to the particular Timber Harvest Cycle.
- (e) During each Timber Harvest Cycle, STEBBINS shall maintain general commercial liability insurance covering the timber harvest operations, including the use of hauling trucks through the Easement Area in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. Said policy shall name

FUSI as an additional insured. Proof of such insurance shall be delivered to FUSI prior to commencing any timber hauling.

- (f) During each Timber Harvest Cycle, STEBBINS shall employ reasonable dust control measures to reduce the amount of dust caused by the hauling of timber through the Easement Area and shall promptly repair any damage to the Easement Area caused by timber hauling in the Easement Area.
- (g) For purposes of this Section 9, the term, Timber Harvest Cycle shall mean a period of time beginning on the date timber is first transported through the Easement Area and ending on the date that is six months from the start date. For purposes of example, if a timber is first hauled through the easement area on September 1, 2018, the Timber Harvest Cycle shall be September 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019. Thereafter, the next use of the Easement Area for timber hauling will commence a new Timber Harvest Cycle.

As of the date of this letter, Mr. Stebbins has not complied with the conditions listed above, including "a", "b", "c", and "d". My client will exercise her right to obtain injunctive relief in the event Mr. Stebbins commences timber harvesting using the easement without strict compliance with the conditions. My client is very concerned about the structural integrity of the bridge. The bridge was built for residential ingress and egress, not commercial purposes. The Arcata Fire Protection District will not cross the bridge, nor will the local garbage company. I urge Cal Fire to deny the THP or, at minimum, require full and complete compliance with the Easement, including strict compliance with the conditions listed therein. My client reserves all rights in this matter.

Note: The attachment submitted with this comment is included at the end of this Official Response.

[Ryan T. Plotz, March 29, 2021]

Response:

See the response to Concerns 1-4 above.

Public Comment # 21PC-00000300:

Note: The comment included an attachment highlighting §503.2.6 of the 2019 California Fire Code, which states:

503.2.6 Bridges and elevated surfaces. Where a bridge or an elevated surface is part of a fire apparatus access road, the bridge shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) HB-17. Bridges and elevated surfaces shall be designed for a live load sufficient to carry the imposed loads of fire apparatus. Vehicle load limits shall be posted at both entrances to bridges. Where elevated surfaces designed for emergency vehicle use are adjacent to surfaces which are not designed for such use, approved barriers, approved signs or both shall be installed and maintained when required by the Fire Code Official.

[Ryan T. Plotz, March 29, 2021]

Response:

See the response to Concerns 1-4 above.

Please consider this letter as the Department's "Official Response to Significant Environmental Points Raised during Public Review of THP 1-20-00152 HUM." The plan was found in conformance with the Forest Practice Act on June 4, 2021 and approved on that date.

Attachments: Reciprocal Easement and Road Maintenance Agreement (RERMA) submitted with Public Comment # 21PC-000000299

Recording Request By: Molly Fusi

When Recorded Return To:

FLOYD LAW FIRM 819 Seventh Street Eureka CA 95501

2019-001038

Recorded - Official Records Humboldt County, California Kelly E. Sanders, Recorder Recorded by: FLOYD LAW FIRM

Pages: 19

Recording Fee: \$ 292.00 Tax Fee: \$0 Clerk: sc Total: \$292.00 Jan 18, 2019 at 09:38:41



RECIPROCAL EASEMENT AND ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

This Reciprocal Easement and Road Maintenance Agreement (this "Agreement") is made as of _________, 2018, by MOLLY J. FUSI ("FUSI"), LAVERN R. KORB, as Trustee of the Korb 1995 Family Trust UDT date 9/14/1995 ("KORB"); the Estate of WANDA E. CORNWELL-SHANDEL ("SHANDEL"); JEFFREY STEBBINS ("STEBBINS"); and ZACHARY FUSI ("ZACHARY"). The parties are collectively referred to herein as the "Parties" or individually as a "Party".

Recitals

A. FUSI is the owner of that certain real property commonly referred to 8925 West End Road, Arcata, California (APN 516-291-003), as more particularly set forth in *Exhibit A*, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Fusi Servient Tenement").

- B. FUSI is the owner of that certain additional real property commonly referred to as 8961 West End Road, Arcata, California (APN 516-291-015), as more particularly set forth in *Exhibit B*, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Fusi Dominant Tenement").
- C. ZACHARY is the owner of that certain real property commonly referred to as 8955 West End Road, Arcata, California (APN 516-291-016), as more particularly set forth in *Exhibit C*, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("ZACHARY Property").
- D. STEBBINS is the owner of that certain real property commonly referred to as 8851 West End Road, Arcata, California (APN 516-282-012), as more particularly set forth in *Exhibit* **D**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Stebbins Property").

- E. SHANDEL is the owner of that certain real property commonly referred to as 8943 West End Road, Arcata, California (APN 516-291-017), as more particularly set forth in *Exhibit E*, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Shandel Property").
- F. KORB is the owner of that certain real property commonly referred to as 8821 and 8833 West End Road, Arcata, California (APN 516-282-017), as more particularly set forth in *Exhibit F*, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference ("Korb Property").
- G. A road exists which begins at West End Road and continues across the south-east corner of the Korb Property and then across the northern portion of the Fusi Servient Tenement (the "Road"). The Road provides a means of ingress and egress to the Fusi Servient Tenement, the Fusi Dominant Tenement, the Zachary Property, the Stebbins Property, the Shandel Property, and the Korb Property.
- H. By way of this Agreement, KORB desires to grant to FUSI, ZACHARY, STEBBINS, and SHANDEL an ingress and egress easement over and across that portion of the Road located upon the south-east corner of the Korb Property for the benefit of the Fusi Servient Tenement, the Fusi Dominant Tenement, the Zachary Property, the Stebbins Property, and the Shandel Property.
- I. By way of this Agreement, FUSI desires to grant to FUSI, ZACHARY, KORB, STEBBINS, and SHANDEL an ingress and egress easement over and across that portion of the Road located upon the northern portion of the Fusi Servient Tenement for the benefit of the Fusi Dominant Tenement, the Zachary Property, the Stebbins Property, the Korb Property, and the Shandel Property.
- J. By way of this Agreement, the Parties desires to set forth the terms and conditions upon which the Road shall be maintained.

AGREEMENT

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties agree as follows:

Section 1. Grant of Easement

(a) KORB hereby grants to FUSI, ZACHARY, STEBBINS, and SHANDEL an easement over, within and through that portion of the Road located upon the Korb Property ("Easement Area"), for the Easement Purposes, as defined in Section 2 of this Agreement, subject to all matters and encumbrances of record affecting the Korb Property, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

- (b) FUSI hereby grants to FUSI, ZACHARY, KORB, STEBBINS, and SHANDEL, an easement over, within and through that portion of Road located upon the Fusi Servient Tenement ("Easement Area"), for the Easement Purposes, as defined in Section 2 of this Agreement, subject to all matters and encumbrances of record affecting the Fusi Servient Tenement, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.
- (c) FUSI, ZACHARY, KORB, STEBBINS, and SHANDEL are collectively referred to as Grantees.

Section 2. Easement Purposes

"Easement Purposes" collectively means use of the Easement Area as is necessary, desirable or advisable for the following purposes: vehicular and pedestrian ingress and egress by Grantees, and their respective successors, assigns, tenants, and invitees, and the invitees of such tenants to the Grantees' respective real properties.

Section 3. Character of Easement

The Easement is nonexclusive and appurtenant to the Fusi Dominant Tenement, the Zachary Property, the Korb Property, the Stebbins Property, and the Shandel Property and includes the absolute right of Grantees to use the Easement for the Easement Purposes, which use must not be disturbed, interrupted or impeded in any manner while this Agreement is in effect.

Section 4. Term

The Easement will be an easement in perpetuity for the benefit of Grantees, and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 5. No Impediment to Use

During the term of this Agreement, no walls, fences or barriers of any sort or kind whatsoever that prevent or impair the use of the Easement Area, or the exercise or performance of any of the Easement Purposes, will be constructed, maintained, or permitted in the Easement Area, or any portion thereof, by any Party.

Section 6. Reasonable Use; Maintenance and Repair

Any entrance upon or movement across the Easement Area by any person authorized by this grant to use the Easement Area shall be conducted in a reasonable manner such that it does not damage the servient tenements, including but not limited to, the Easement Area, the Road, or any improvements constructed thereon. The Parties, and their respective successors, assigns, tenants, and invitees, and the invitees of such tenants, shall not use or permit the Easement Area to be used in such a manner that unreasonably

increases the burden on the Easement Area. A Party shall promptly repair and/or replace, as necessary any damage to the Easement Area (and the servient tenement upon which it is located) caused by such Party, or his or her successor, assign, tenant, or invitee, or the invitees of such tenants unreasonable use of the Easement Area.

Grantees accept the Easement Area in its "AS IS" condition without any warranty or representation from KORB or FUSI as to the suitability of the Easement Area for the Easement Purposes.

The Parties shall be collectively responsible to conduct such maintenance and repair of the Easement Area as they deems necessary or advisable to maintain the Easement Area in good condition and repair for its use and enjoyment. Each Party agrees to contribute one-fifth (1/5th) of all reasonable maintenance costs, excepting the repairs necessitated by damage caused to the Easement Area as described in the first paragraph of Section 6, above, or Section 9, below. The remedies for failure of any Party to pay their one-fifth (1/5th) share of the road maintenance shall be governed by Civil Code section 845. Before any costs are incurred for maintenance, notice shall be sent to each Party (or their successors) giving at least 15 days' notice of any intended maintenance and the estimated cost thereof. Before costs are incurred relating to maintenance, at least 3/5th of the property owners must to agree on the need for the maintenance and the maintenance costs, emergencies exempted.

Section 7. Indemnity.

Each Party agrees to indemnify and defend all other Parties, and their respective agents, representatives, heirs, successors, insurance carriers, and assigns, against any and all claims, actions, or demands, costs or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, arising out of or in any way connected to any activities of the Party's, or his or her agents', representatives', heirs', successors', assigns' or invitees' use of the Easement.

Section 8. No Removal Obligation

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, upon termination of this Agreement, Grantees have no obligation to remove any improvements constructed within the Easement.

Section 9. Use of Road for Commercial Timber Harvesting.

Subject to the limitations and conditions set forth herein, STEBBINS' may use the Easement Area for the vehicular transportation of timber harvested on the Stebbins Property; provided, however, that STEBBINS shall comply with all of the following conditions:

(a) For each Timber Harvest Cycle (as defined below), STEBBINS shall provide at least 60-days' prior written notice to all Parties of his intent to use the Easement Area to transport timber. The notice shall provide all Parties the dates during which timber harvesting will be conducted and the date(s) timber may be transported through the Easement Area.

- (b) STEBBINS shall obtain and provide all Parties written approval from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, the County, and any other government agency having jurisdiction over the harvesting and transportation of timber to use the Road (including crossing the creek) for timber hauling purposes. STEBBINS shall provide the written approvals to the Parties prior to use of the Easement Area for timber hauling purposes.
- (c) Before each Timber Harvest Cycle, STEBBINS shall retain, at his sole costs and expense, a licensed engineer to inspect the bridge and provide his or her written opinion as to the structural integrity of the bridge to support timber hauling. If the retained engineer is of the opinion that the bridge is not capable of supporting such use, STEBBINS shall not use the bridge to haul timber unless and until structural improvements are made to the engineer's satisfaction at STEBBINS' sole cost and expense. STEBBINS shall provide all Parties the engineer's written opinions prior each Timber Harvest Cycle.
- (d) At the completion of each Timber Harvest Cycle, STEBBINS shall retain the same engineer used at the outset of the Timber Harvest Cycle to inspect the post-hauling structural integrity of the bridge. STEBBINS shall, at his sole cost and expense, promptly make any improvements necessary to put the bridge back to the condition it was in prior to the particular Timber Harvest Cycle.
- (e) During each Timber Harvest Cycle, STEBBINS shall maintain general commercial liability insurance covering the timber harvest operations, including the use of hauling trucks through the Easement Area in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.00 per occurrence. Said policy shall name FUSI as an additional insured. Proof of such insurance shall be delivered to FUSI prior to commencing any timber hauling.
- (f) During each Timber Harvest Cycle, STEBBINS shall employ reasonable dust control measures to reduce the amount of dust caused by the hauling of timber through the Easement Area and shall promptly repair any damage to the Easement Area caused by timber hauling in the Easement Area.
- (g) For purposes of this Section 9, the term, Timber Harvest Cycle shall mean a period of time beginning on the date timber is first transported through the Easement Area and ending on the date that is six months from the start date. For purposes of example, if a timber is first hauled through the easement area on September 1, 2018, the Timber Harvest Cycle shall be September 1, 2018, through February 28, 2019. Thereafter, the next use of the Easement Area for timber hauling will commence a new Timber Harvest Cycle.

Section 10. Successors and Assigns

The provisions of this Agreement are intended to and will run with the land, and, until their expiration or termination in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, will bind, be a charge upon and inure to the benefit of Grantor and Grantee, their respective successors and assigns.

Section 11. Attorney's Fees

If any legal action or proceeding arising out of or relating to this Agreement is brought by either party to this Agreement, the prevailing party will be entitled to receive from the other party, in addition to any other relief that may be granted, the reasonable attorney's fees, costs, and expenses incurred in the action or proceeding by the prevailing party.

Section 12. Notices

All notices given pursuant to this Agreement must be in writing and by personal delivery, U.S. Mail or established express delivery service, such as Federal Express, with postage or delivery charge prepaid, return receipt requested, and addressed to the person and address designated below:

If to FUSI:

Molly J. Fusi

HCR34, Box 2A

Burnt Ranch, CA 95529

If to ZACHARY:

Zachary Fusi

4515 Gators Way

Unit 6

Billings, MT 59106

If to STEBBINS:

Jeff Stebbins

621 Hunts Drive

McKinleyville CA 95519

If to KORB:

Vern and Donna Korb

P.O. Box 147

Arcata, CA 95518

If to SHANDEL

Estate of Wanda E. Cornwell-Shandel

P.O. Box 125

Comptche, CA 95427

Section 13. Miscellaneous

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Grantor and Grantee relating to the Easement. Any prior agreements, promises, negotiations, or representations not expressly set forth in this Agreement are of no force and effect. Any amendment to this Agreement will be of no force and effect unless it is in writing and signed by Grantor and Grantee or their respective successors or assigns. This Agreement will be effective upon the date it is recorded.

Section 14. Signature/Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which will be deemed an original, but all of which together will constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first set forth hereinabove.

FUSI:
Mally & Fusi Molly J. Fusi
Lavern R. Korb, as Trustee of the Korb 1995 Family Trust UDT date 09/14/1995
SHANDEL:
, Authorized Representative of the Estate of Wanda E. Cornwell-Shandel
STEBBINS:
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SHANDEL:

William H. Small, Authorized Representative of

the Estate of Wanda E. Cornwell-Shandel

STEBBINS:

Jeffrey Stepbins

ZACHARY:

Zachary Fusi

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)	
)	SS.
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT)	

On <u>Necember 4</u>, 2018, before me, <u>Anastaca l Neuman</u>Notary Public, personally appeared <u>Zachar w Fusi</u>, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Anastacia L. Neuman
Comm. #2169928
Notary Public California
Humboldt County
Comm. Expires Nov. 25, 2020

Place Notary Seal Above

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
) ss
COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT)

On <u>December 27</u>, 2018, before me, <u>Anastacia L Neuman</u>, Notary Public, personally appeared Molly J. Fosi, who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the person(s) acted, executed the instrument.

I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct.

WITNESS my hand and official seal. anastana L Neman

Anastacia L. Neuman Comm. #2169928 Notary Public California **Humboldt County** Comm. Expires Nov. 25, 2020

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State of California County of Humboldt	
On January 4, 2019 before me,	Gina M. Emery, Notary Public (insert name and title of the officer)
	(insert name and title of the officer)
subscribed to the within instrument and acknow his/her/their authorized capacity(ies), and that be person(s), or the entity upon behalf of which the	vidence to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are reledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument the e person(s) acted, executed the instrument.
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under t paragraph is true and correct.	he laws of the State of California that the foregoing
WITNESS my hand and official seal.	GINA M. EMERY Commission # 2119288 Notary Public - California Humboldt County My Comm. Expires Jul 13, 2019

A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document.

State of California County of Mendocino	
On January 14, 2019 before me, Suzanna (insert name	e Balocock Notary Public ome and title of the officer)
personally appeared	the person(s) whose name(s) is/are that he/she/they executed the same in signature(s) on the instrument the
I certify under PENALTY OF PERJURY under the laws of the paragraph is true and correct.	State of California that the foregoing
WITNESS my hand and official seal.	SUZANNE BABCOCK COMM. #2206856 Notary Public - California
	Mendocino County My Comm. Expires July 24, 2021

EXHIBIT A

The real property situated in the County of Humboldt, State of California, described as follows:

PARCEL ONE

BEGINNING at a point on the West side of the county road, where it is intersected by the North line of Section 22, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Meridian; said point being 660 feet West of the corner common to Sections 14, 15, 22, and 23 said Township and Range;

and running thence West along said section line, 337.33 feet to a point, which is 322.67 feet East of the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 22;

thence South, 135 feet;

thence East, 417.33 feet to the West side of said county road;

and thence along the West side of said county road, North 33 degrees 40 minutes West, 83 feet and North 27 degrees 15 minutes West, 74.2 feet to the point of beginning.

PARCEL TWO

BEGINNING on the section line at a point, which is distant thereon 322.67 feet East from the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Meridian; and running

thence South 135 feet to the true point of beginning of the parcel of land to be herein described;

and running thence from the true point of beginning, South 14 feet;

thence North 89 degrees 38 1/2 minutes East, 390 feet, more or less, to the West line of the parcel of land deeded to the City of Eureka, by deed dated September 28, 1935 and recorded April 29, 1936 in Book 223 of Deeds page 314 Humboldt County Records;

thence North 35 degrees 1 minute West along said West line to a point, that bears North 89 degrees 38 1/2 minutes East from the point of beginning;

and thence South 89 degrees 38 1/2 minutes West to the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING FROM Parcels One and Two above, that portion conveyed to Isaac Minor, Sr., for railroad purposes, by deed recorded February 15, 1911 in Book 113 of Deeds, page 347, Humboldt County Records.

APN: 516-291-003

EXHIBIT B

Real property in the unincorporated area of the County of Humboldt, State of California, described as follows:

TRACT A

PARCEL ONE:

BEGINNING ON THE SUBDIVISION LINE AT A POINT WHICH IS DISTANT THEREON 229 FEET SOUTH FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HUMBOLDT MERIDIAN, WHICH POINT IS THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE TRACT OF LAND CONVEYED TO JESSE E. VANDERVORT AND WIFE BY DEED RECORDED JULY 10, 1956; AND RUNNING

THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 38-1/2 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID VANDERVORT PARCEL, 642.09 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF;

THENCE SOUTH 41 DEGREES 28 MINUTES EAST, 98.31 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 70 DEGREES 16-1/4 MINUTES WEST, 751.29 FEET TO THE SUBDIVISION LINE;

AND THENCE NORTH ON SAME, 323.25 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PARCEL TWO

ALSO A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR RIGHT OF WAY FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS AND FOR PUBLIC UTILITIES OVER A STRIP OF LAND 20 FEET WIDE THE EAST LINE OF WHICH BEGINS ON THE NORTH LINE OF THE PARCEL CONVEYED TO JESSE E. VANDERVORT AND WIFE BY DEED RECORDED JULY 10, 1956 IN BOOK 400, PAGE 393, HUMBOLDT COUNTY RECORDS, AT A POINT DISTANT SOUTH 89 DEGREES 38-1/2 MINUTES WEST 64.54 FEET FROM THE NORTHEAST CORNER THEREOF AND RUNS SOUTH 0 DEGREES 44-1/2 MINUTES WEST, 80.01 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE PARCEL FIRST ABOVE DESCRIBED.

EXCEPTING FROM THE ABOVE THAT PORTION THEREOF CONVEYED TO ISAAC MINOR SR. BY DEED RECORDED FEBRUARY 15, 1911 IN BOOK 113 OF DEEDS PAGE 347 HUMBOLDT COUNTY RECORDS.

PARCEL THREE

A NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT OVER A STRIP OF LAND 20 FEET IN WIDTH FOR MOLLY J. FUSI, THE SOUTH LINE OF WHICH BEING THE SOUTH LINE OF LANDS CONVEYED TO JOSEPH M. FUSI AND MOLLY J. FUSI, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS IN DEED RECORDED FEBRUARY 28, 1974 IN BOOK 1228, PAGE 461, HUMBOLDT COUNTY RECORDS. THE NORTHERLY AND SOUTHERLY LINES THEREOF SHALL BE EXTENDED AND/OR SHORTENED TO INTERSECT THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF WEST END ROAD AND THE NORTHWESTERLY

EXTENSION OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY LINE OF THE EASEMENT DESCRIBED HEREINABOVE AS PARCEL TWO.

TRACT B

BEGINNING ON THE SUBDIVISION LINE AT A POINT WHICH IS DISTANT THEREON 552.5 FEET SOUTH FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 6 NORTH, RANGE 1 EAST, HUMBOLDT MERIDIAN; AND RUNNING THENCE NORTH 70 DEGREES 16-1/4 MINUTES EAST, 643.29 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 21 DEGREES 47-3/4 MINUTES EAST, 85.78 FEET TO THE CENTER OF A GULCH; THENCE FOLLOWING THE CENTER OF SAID GULCH SOUTH 54 DEGREES 48 MINUTES WEST, 30.7 FEET;

THENCE CONTINUING ALONG THE CENTER OF SAID GULCH SOUTH 55 DEGREES 32 MINUTES WEST, 56.1 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 56 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST, 51.2 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 87 DEGREES 04 MINUTES WEST, 46.4 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 80 DEGREES 16 MINUTES WEST, 67.9 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST, 48.9 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 42 DEGREES 05 MINUTES WEST, 49.7 FEET;

THENCE SOUTH 46 DEGREES 10 MINUTES WEST, 28.5 FEET; AND THENCE SOUTH 66 DEGREES 15 MINUTES WEST, 360 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER OF NORTHEAST QUARTER; AND THENCE NORTH ON THAT LINE, 196.7 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

APN: 516-291-014-000 and 516-291-015-000

EXHIBIT C

The following described property in the unincorporated area of Arcata, County of Humboldt, State of California:

BEGINNING on the subdivision line at a point which is distant thereon, 149 feet South from the Northwest corner of Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Meridian; and running

thence North 89 degrees 38-1/2 minutes East, 571.78 feet;

thence South 41 degrees 28 minutes East, 106.18 feet;

thence parallel with first course South 89 degrees 38-1/2 minutes West, 642.09

feet to the West line of said Northeast Quarter of Northeast Quarter;

thence North along that line, 80.0 feet to the point of beginning.

EXCEPTING that portion thereof conveyed to Isaac Minor Sr. by deed recorded February 15, 1911 in Book 113 of Deeds, page 347, Humboldt County Records.

APN: 516-291-016-000

EXHIBIT D

The real property situated in the County of Humboldt, State of California, described as follows:

PARCEL ONE

The Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 Township 6 North, Range 1 East of Humboldt Meridian.

PARCEL TWO

A right of way 14 feet wide across the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 22, as granted by Robert Ball, et al, to Bert D. Walker by Deed dated January 29, 1903, and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of said County in Book 81, page 539 of Deeds.

PARCEL THREE

That portion of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Meridian, described as follows:

COMMENCING at a point 1320 feet South of the section of Section 15;

thence South 1320 feet to the South line of said Section 15;

thence East on the section line 396 feet to the true point of beginning;

thence East on the section line, 924 feet;

thence North 208.56 feet;

thence North 63 degrees 30 minutes west, 1032.24 feet;

thence South 669.24 feet to the true point of beginning.

APN: 516-282-012

EXHIBIT E

The real property situated in the County of Humboldt, State of California, described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Meridian;

thence East 322.67 feet;

thence South 149 feet;

thence South 89 degrees 38 ½ minutes West 322.67 feet to the subdivision line; thence North along the subdivision line, 149 feet to the point of beginning.

APN: 516-291-017

EXHIBIT F

The real property situated in the County of Humboldt, State of California, described as follows:

PARCEL ONE

COMMENCING at a point in the center of the county road distant 5.35 chains northwesterly thereon from the point where the center of said road crosses the south line of southeast quarter of southeast quarter of Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Meridian;

and running thence south 58 1/4 degrees west about 4.78 chains to a point 10 feet distant from the center of the Warren Creek railroad track and on the easterly side of same;

thence northerly about 6.06 chains to an iron pin in the middle of said county road; and thence southeasterly along middle of said road 5.17 chains to the point of beginning.

Being the same parcel conveyed by Isaac Minor to Frances Rose, by deed recorded March 4, 1912, in Book 118 of Deeds page 38, Humboldt County records.

PARCEL TWO

COMMENCING at a point where the south line of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 15, Township 6 North, Range 1 East, Humboldt Meridian, intersects the middle line of the county road;

and running thence northwesterly along the middle line of said road 5.35 chains; thence south 58 degrees 15 minutes west 4.94 chains to the old railroad track; thence following said railroad track southeasterly 3.75 chains to said south line of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 15;

and thence easterly along said south line 5.25 chains to the point of commencement..

APN: 516-282-017