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Date: July 6, 2020
 Ref: 1-20-00074-HUM

Larry Lampi
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Dear Mr. Lampi:

You submitted a letter to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) on May 5, 2020 regarding Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) 1-20-00074-HUM, located on Green Diamond Resource Company property. 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
LTO	Licensed Timber Operator	WLPZ	Watercourse and Lake Protection Zone

Public Comment # 20PC-00097

Harvest plan: GDRCo THP #19-1902/McKay R-5

Dear Cal Fire;

I am in receipt of "Notice of intent to Harvest Timber" concerning the above plan. My property on Lentell Road lies to the East adjacent to unit B. To the immediate south is the Call property. Very near the intersection of the three properties, and just inside Green Diamond property (approximately two to three feet) are located three fairly large Redwood trees that have been marked for harvest. My spring fed water source is located downhill approximately 150-200 feet. These trees stand on the crest of a gulch, my water source is at the bottom/head of the gulch. This water source has been functioning continuously since 1947 when the property came into my family. I have no science to back this up but it is my belief that the trees that surround this water source are the reason it has been reliable for so many years.

I toured the area with the project Forester, Robert East, and he was very generous with his time and knowledge and though we did not discuss this group of trees in particular we did discuss my concerns about a potential negative impact on the water source due to tree harvesting. I was heartened to learn from Mr. East that a 20' "buffer zone" would be implemented on a portion of my property line and this lies well to the North and downhill from this group of trees. I propose extending this "buffer zone" to South from where it currently stops, to the corner of the intersecting properties I referred to earlier. It would not need to be 20 feet, 10 feet would be fine. The total reduction of trees would be three or four.

Thank you for your consideration.

"The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection serves and safeguards the people and protects the property and resources of California."

[Larry Lampi; May 5, 2020]

RESPONSE:

On May 13, 2020, CAL FIRE received the RPF's responses to the First Review Questions, and page 3 of the RPF's letter describes Mr. Lampi's concern, and a meeting that the RPF had with Mr. Lampi:

Comment was submitted by adjacent landowner Larry Lampi after he received his NOI notification from Calfire. He also emailed me a similar copy of the letter (attached). I met with Mr. Lampi on the morning of May 7th and we looked over the trees in Unit B (7-8 trees) that were in question and I agreed not to harvest them. They are now marked with pink paint which indicates they are not to be cut during logging of the unit. I also checked on the distance from Mr. Lampi's well which he also referenced in his letter. When I had met earlier with Mr. Lampi during the initial visit we had after he had received his 1000 ft. downstream potential water users letter earlier this year we had looked at the pump house but not the well. The pump house is more than 150 feet from Unit B. The well is slightly within 150 ft of the harvest unit. I extended the WLPZ that was already flagged to the north to include this. Additional WLPZ flagging was hung approximately 10-15 feet on the Green Diamond side of the property line for an additional 40 [feet] south of the existing no harvest WLPZ to the north. The wells location and the additional WLPZ were added to the Unit B THP Detail Map. No changes to acreage totals were deemed necessary due to the minuscule size of the change (less than a 1/10 of an acre). Mr. Lampi seemed satisfied with the unmarking of the trees and had no other comments at the conclusion of the meeting. Please see revised pages 90.3 and 219, in addition to new pages 266.1-266.3 which include the original letter from Mr. Lampi (2-6-2020) and the May 6, 2020 email which reiterates his public comment.

On May 14, 2020, the Review Team conducted a PHI of the proposed THP. Domestic water supply protection was evaluated during the PHI. Page 9 of the Multi-agency PHI Report states that:

Public Comment was submitted by Lari Lampi 5/5/2020 regarding his domestic water supply and silvicultural practices adjacent to his property. This area was inspected during the PHI. The "Three fairly large redwood trees" described in Lari Lampi's letter were marked to be retained by the RPF. The proposed plan area adjacent to Larry Lampi's domestic water supply is selection silvicultural, and will be cable yarded. The plan as proposed appears to adequately protect Larry Lampi's domestic water supply.

On July 6, 2020, Dominik Schwab requested that the RPF include the language from page 3 of the RPF's responses to the First Review Questions in THP Section II, Item #28(c). The requested revision was received on July 6, 2020.

Given that 1) the RPF has consulted with Mr. Lampi, 2) that the CAL FIRE Inspector evaluated the domestic water protection measures on the PHI and found them to be appropriate, and 3) that the THP has been revised to include the protection measures for the domestic water supply, CAL FIRE believes that Mr. Lampi's domestic water supply will be protected from the proposed Timber operations.

Please consider this letter as the Department's "Official Response to Significant Environmental Points Raised during Public Review of THP # 1-20-00074-HUM." The plan was found in conformance with the Forest Practice Act on July 6, 2020 and approved on that date.

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>