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Subject: Addendum to Hearst Forests' Program Timber Environmental Impact Report

This memorandum documents an addendum to the Hearst Forests' Program Timber Environmental Impact Report (PTEIR). The addendum consists of the inclusion of the 2012 Demonstration of Maximum Sustained Production Update report (dated January 2013, revised 2/18/2013). CAL FIRE has prepared this addendum to the PTEIR per 14 CCR § 15164(b). It documents this necessary change in which none of the conditions described in PRC § 21166 or 14 CCR § 15162 calling for preparation of a subsequent PTEIR have occurred. CAL FIRE has chosen not to prepare a subsequent PTEIR for the following reasons:

1. The update provides current forest resource inventory and sustained yield planning information consistent with the reporting requirements contained in PTEIR Appendix B, Timber Inventory and Maximum Sustained Production Assessment. The report shows that current harvesting under Hearts Forests' PTEIR continues to show a non-declining harvest, a balance of growth and harvest, and adherence to an uneven-aged silvicultural regime. This is consistent with the original demonstration of maximum sustained production of high quality timber products contained in the PTEIR.

2. The update will not substantially change any provisions of the PTEIR due to any of the following:

    a. It will not result in substantial changes to the project that will require major revisions of the PTEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
    b. It will not result in substantial changes with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that will require major revisions of the PTEIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.

c. It does not constitute new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the PTEIR was certified as complete, that shows any of the following:
   A. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the PTEIR.
   B. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the PTEIR.
   C. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.
   D. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.
d. It does not constitute new information, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the environmental impact report was certified as complete.

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