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Comments: Mendocino Redwood Company Draft Environmental Impact Statement-Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report and Habitat Conservation Plan-Natural Communities Conservation Plan

The very thought of planning an environmental and forest community for eighty years without initial specifications and a performance/quality plan in league with local communities is patently ridiculous. Furthermore, any planning effort which involves 235,000 acres and does not have the protection of community is guaranteed to be an outright disaster in the not too distant future.

The following are irrefutable elements of executing such a plan:

1. Initial specification must include a long collaboration period between the land owners, public officials, and the community in an honest and open effort intended to create and maintain a sustainable/recoverable forest environment at least half as healthy as its pristine condition.
2. There can be no decrease in ecological values during continuing logging of the forest.
3. The results must be binding and have penalties for mis-performance on all parties.
4. The ongoing process must include modeling and adjustments for changing weather/climate by modeling and model update on a continuing basis with the results continuously available to the community.

Until a community committee is formed and acts for the forest, the fate of the Mendocino forests is in jeopardy. forest politics has shown that moneyed interests (and state officials) have no interest, nor intention to seek justice for the land and forest. This is clearly the forest's sad history since the beginnings of our country, and is obvious in contrast with the intent of the Forest Practice Act of 1976. Since that legislation, these forests were cruelly abused at the hands of private interests and the state of California. To expect the public to acquiesce under these conditions is truly bizarre and unthinkable to responsible communities.

A current plan (638 acres) demonstrates the perversity of our land management – Community pressure on MRC “corrected” an herbicide prescription by converting to a tractor removal plan on very steep land that is dramatically out of conformance with the will and wisdom of the community. Other options arose from the community but were scorned as too expensive or unworkably costly. MRC management response to community process and wisdom indicating in strong terms that MRC will not listen to the community and will do as it likes regarding the forest.

This demonstrates the need for a specific process that includes the community involvement in sustainability and recovery of local forests. Failing our duty and responsibility to the forest is just unacceptable, terribly immoral and probably deadly.

I hereby request no approval action from our agencies until the community involvement process is defined and underway. Mendocino is a precautionary principle county.

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Reference: http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_EPRP_PTEIR_MendocinoRedwoodCo.php