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From: Friends of Enchanted Meadow <info@friendsofenchantedmeadow.org>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2013 3:26 PM
To: Browder, Chris@CALFIRE
Subject: MRC PTEIR

Dear Mr. Chris Browder,

Your're aware MRC's PTEIR, proposed eighty year Habitat Conservation Plan is several hundred plus pages of in-house-techno-data and daunting for the public to review.

Is it true the PTEIR required many employed individuals to research and took nearly ten years to produce? If so, why is such little time allowed for the public to comment on plan of this magnitude? When the public comments on a THP or HCP, they're volunteering, it's done after their day jobs are over and usually takes time from their families.

If approved, the results of the PTEIR will be realized long after our deaths. Our grandchildren's children will have to deal with its impacts.

If approved, the PTEIR will remove the precautionary "red tape" that enforces humility from the BIG TIMBER industry.

MRC clones redwood seedlings to plant, due to lack of seed trees. Will a day come when we begin cloning endangered species? In 2010, MRC admitted there we no longer Pt. Arena Mountain Beavers on their lands, they became extinct under MRC's watch. Where's MRC's incentive to protect any endangered species they cross in the future if they're allowed to "take" them and self regulate their own timber operations?

If this was practice in 1992, there wouldn't be a Ravens' Call today. LP would have harmed, taken or displaced the nesting osprey during timber operations on THP 1-89-145. This unique forest stand would be gone.

MRC holds title to 213,244 acres of Mendocino County's natural resources: uses poisonous chemicals, contaminates our forests, air and water quality. Wildlife, community members and MRC employees are at potential risk due to harm from herbicide exposure.

Title today demands environmental encumbrances that minimizes profit, slows production and requires operational accountability. To approve the proposed PTEIR would eliminate these encumbrances. Theoretical promises on paper don't always actuate in the field.

MRC has an inherited entitlement based on our county's logging history and it geographically large holdings within a small area.

Their influence by purchase dominates Mendocino County politics and determines the ecological integrity of its watersheds. Such power warrants a checks and balance system greater than their PTEIR proffers.

MRC is on the right track with long term planning, but eighty years is excessive. Please consider the following recommendations: shorten the time length of the plan significantly, ban use of poisonous herbicides and deny all "incidental take" authorization for endangered plant and wild life species. Please forward these comments to the appropriate federal agencies.

Thank you.
Yours truly,

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