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RE: Humboldt County Plan Update
Chapter 5.3 Forest Resources

Dear Ms. Spencer:

The Department of Forestry And Fire Protection has reviewed the "clustering" of rural development proposal being considered for Timber Production Zone (TPZ) in the Forest Resources chapter of the Humboldt County General Plan update.

The Department does not support establishing more than one residence per TPZ parcel and hence does not support the "clustering" of rural development on individual TPZ parcels. Government Code 51104 (h) (6) of the California Timberland Productivity Act states " 'Compatible use' is any use which does not significantly detract from the use of the property for, or inhibit, growing and harvesting timber, and shall include, but not be limited to, any of the following, unless in a specific instance such a use would be contrary to the preceding definition of compatible:

(6) A residence or other structure necessary for the management of land zoned as timberland production."

Allowing more than one residence or other structure per parcel will likely detract from the use of the property for growing and harvesting of timber and will likely take land out of timber production.

Timberland, in zoning designations other than TPZ, could be considered for "clustering" of rural development. This would prevent the incremental erosion of TPZ.