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Martha,

I attended the Forestry Review Committee's (FRC) June 13 public meeting regarding the draft Forest Resources Policies for the General Plan Update. I found your presentation to be most informative. I was very impressed by your professionalism in the face of, unduely hostile, criticism by some of the speakers.

As a forest landowner, my primary interest in the draft policies lies in ensuring that the policies eventually adopted minimize the potential for conflict between residents and timber producers along the forestland/residential interface.

In 2000 the FRC clearly identified the issues associated with residential development adjacent to TPZ lands and recognized that working forestlands need to be protected from the conflicts that invariably follow residential development adjacent to working forestlands.

Continuing the 160 acre lot minimum in the TPZ, creating a requirement that staff review of TPZ rezoning requests take into consideration impacts on adjacent timber operations (including the use of haul roads) are ways to address the issues raised by the FRC in 2000.

Speaking both as a professional community planner and a forest landowner, it seems to me that the best way to limit sprawl and move towards a sustainable urban pattern in Humboldt County is to keep our forestlands in production.

I'm looking forward to working with you and the FRC as we move through the Plan Update process.

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