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Subject : 5300 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Attached are the Final Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report (PTEIR), the CEQA Findings, project approvals and Notice of Determination for the Weaverville Community Fuel Reduction Project. This project will treat vegetative fuels on over 4000 acres of private forestland in the Weaverville Basin thereby increasing fire protection for the community. Proposed activities will reduce both horizontal and vertical fuels through treating ground fuels; thinning; commercial tree harvesting; and, establishing fuels breaks. Where commercial tree harvesting is proposed by a landowner the Timber Harvest Plan requirements will be met through the simplified, Program Timber Harvest Plan (PTHP) process as specified in the Forest Practice Rules. The PTHP will substantially reduce the cost of timber harvest planning while protecting the environment through implementing the mitigation measures identified in the PTEIR.

Per CEQA, the lead agency for a proposed project must certify the final EIR, issue findings and approve the project. Your signature on the accompanying documents will complete the approval process for this project.

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Attachment

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