

**Public Comment on AB 2494**

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From Shanti Valse [REDACTED]

Date Fri 3/20/2026 5:25 AM

To bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to request that you send a letter of support for AB 2494 on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for Mendocino County.

According to Mendocino County's legislative platform, the county aims to "support policies to advance tribal stewardship, ecological restoration, and outdoor access at State Demonstration Forests." Given that AB 2494 aligns directly with these stated goals, I believe a formal letter of support from your office is a necessary step in advancing these priorities.

For several years, the Mendocino community has urged CAL FIRE to adopt a management approach that centers tribal co-management, biodiversity, climate mitigation and resiliency, and outdoor access as opposed to profit-driven logging. This bill provides a clear pathway to providing a much-needed update to the framework of management for all Demonstration State Forests. AB 2494 would also provide a stable source of funding for CAL FIRE's Demonstration Forest operations through the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund and allow lands to count towards California's 30x30 conservation goals. Finally, the bill would stimulate rural economic development by increasing tourism through enhanced recreation opportunities and increased restoration projects.

This is a bill with great support from many of us living on the Mendocino Coast. I hope you can join us in support of this bill by submitting your letter of support.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our community.

Shanti Balsé

Sent from my iPhone

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**From** Lani Bouwer [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 3/22/2026 3:33 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisors,

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According to Mendocino County's legislative platform, the county aims to "support policies to advance tribal stewardship, ecological restoration, and outdoor access at State Demonstration Forests." Given that AB 2494 aligns directly with these stated goals, I believe a formal letter of support from your office is a necessary step in advancing these priorities.

For several years, the Mendocino community has been vocal and taken action to urge CAL FIRE to adopt a management approach that centers **tribal co-management, biodiversity, climate mitigation and resiliency, and outdoor access as opposed to profit-driven logging.**

This bill is a clear and necessary update to the framework of management for all Demonstration State Forests. AB 2494 would also provide a stable source of funding for CAL FIRE's Demonstration Forest operations through the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund and allow lands to count towards California's 30x30 conservation goals. This while also importantly including and centering tribal co-management- which has been ignored for far too long.

Finally, the bill would stimulate rural economic development by increasing tourism through enhanced recreation opportunities and increased restoration projects. This would help small businesses in our area, while stewarding the land.

This bill has a lot of support from those of us who call the Mendocino Coast home. Join us in support of this bill by submitting your letter of support and stand with your constituents.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our community.

Lani Bouwer  
Point Arena, 95468

**Forest protection #R11**

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**From** Pam Brown [REDACTED]

**Date** Sun 3/22/2026 9:56 PM

**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Please support assembly bill 2494. Your leadership is obviously crucial for this bill to move forward in Mendocino County. The ecological importance of this can't be overstated. Thanks, Pamela Brown

**AB 2494**

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**From** Pat Dunbar [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 3/22/2026 12:50 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>  
**Cc** Ted Williams <williamst@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Hello, all - please support, as a board, AB 2494. This important bill will reorient our state demonstration forests to prioritize recreation and carbon sequestration, instead of logging, which often results in devastating clear cuts.

Climate change is upon us; it already has negative effects on our county. Jackson is the largest state demonstration forest, and so has the most to benefit from this bill; consequently, these changes for Jackson also offer the most benefit to Mendocino County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Pat Dunbar

Albion, CA

Sent from my iPad

**AB 2494**

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**From** Carrie Durkee [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 3/22/2026 6:08 AM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Hello

I Support AB2494  
And  
Am in favor of the idea of the BOS supporting it.

Carrie Durkee  
[REDACTED]  
Albion

[REDACTED]

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**PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO PROTECT THE LAST ANCIENT TREES OF JACKSON FOREST, SOME OF THE VERY LAST ANCIENT REDWOOD TREES ON EARTH!!!!!!**

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**From** Loriel Golden Hawk [REDACTED]

**Date** Fri 3/20/2026 4:44 PM

**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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**Dear Board of Supervisors,**

**JACKSON STATE FOREST IS HOME TO OUR VERY LAST 3% REMAINING OF ANCIENT REDWOOD TREES.**

**TREES DRIVE THE WATER~AIR CYCLE FOR PLANET EARTH, AS THEY PROVIDE HOMES TO OUR VERY LAST BIRDS, OUR VERY LAST ANIMALS, OUR VERY LAST INSECTS.**

**NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO DESTROY AND DISRUPT LIFE ON EARTH.**

**WILL YOU USE YOUR AVAILABLE POWER TO EXERCISE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE A WELL FUNCTIONING PLANET FOR YOUR OWN PROGENY AND EVERYONE ELSE'S DO EARTH CAN HAVE A FUTURE?**

**WE ALL DEPEND ON YOUR DECISION TO EXERCISE STRENGTH OF COMMITMENT TO DO WHAT YOU WERE ELECTED TO DO.**

**I REQUEST TO RECEIVE YOUR RESPONSE.**

**THANK YOU.**

**MAY PEACE, LOVE, COURAGE AND COMMON SENSE PREVAIL,  
LORIEL GOLDEN**

**May Love of Truth, Justice & Courage  
Prevail**

Loriel Golden  
**TIMELESS SOUND**  
*Music Productions*

*Concerts for the Trees*

**LIFE FORCE PROTECTION FUND**

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**From** Barbara/Rob Goodell [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 3/20/2026 10:05 AM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to request that you send a letter of support to the Assembly for AB 2494 on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for Mendocino County.

According to Mendocino County's legislative platform, the county aims to "support policies to advance tribal stewardship, ecological restoration, and outdoor access at State Demonstration Forests." Given that AB 2494 aligns directly with these stated goals, I believe a formal letter of support from your office is a necessary step in advancing these priorities. It would also protect our natural resources and sequester carbon while making our Demonstration Forests a positive model.

For several years, the Mendocino community has urged CAL FIRE to adopt a management approach that centers tribal co-management, biodiversity, climate mitigation and resiliency, and outdoor access as opposed to profit-driven logging. This bill provides a clear pathway to providing a much-needed update to the framework of management for all Demonstration State Forests. AB 2494 would also provide a stable source of funding for CAL FIRE's Demonstration Forest operations through the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund and allow lands to count towards California's 30x30 conservation goals. Finally, the bill would stimulate rural economic development by increasing tourism through enhanced recreation opportunities and increased restoration projects.

This is a bill with great support from many of us in Mendocino County, not just the coast. A healthy, sustainable forest benefits us all. I hope you can support of

this bill by submitting your letter of support.

Thank you for your time and serious thought on this important issue.

Barbara Goodell

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**AB 2494**

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**From** Liz Helenchild [REDACTED]

**Date** Mon 3/23/2026 12:52 AM

**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>; Ted Williams <williamst@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisors,

I urge you to send a letter of support to the State Legislature for Assemblymember Chris Rogers' AB 2494, which would modernize the operations of the demonstration state forest system, notably JDSF, our local treasure. This bill advocates for consistent, sustainable funding for JDSF through the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund. It delineates a shift away from commercial logging (which has not been profitable for several years due mostly to community opposition) toward valuing the forest for its scenic & recreational values.

Quoting Evan Mills, in his recent commentary published in the Mercury News: "A new analysis shows that today's Demonstration Forests provide only 1% of timber industry jobs and 0.0002% of all jobs statewide. By emulating public-private collaborations such as Redwood Rising within today's budget, AB 2494 would generate up to four times more jobs for workers with similar skillsets. This work involves new tree-harvesting strategies, processing and manufacturing using smaller trees, fish habitat restoration, invasive plant removal, decommissioning abandoned dirt roads, clearing legacy logging residues and conducting controlled burns."

Tribal co-management provisions in AB 2494 would modernize extractive, outdated forest practices.

Thank you for considering my request to support this comprehensive, innovative, foresightful bill.

Liz Helenchild, 50+ year Mendocino resident

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## Support of AB 2494

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From Isaiah Vlcek - [REDACTED]

Date Sat 3/21/2026 8:48 AM

To bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Hello,

I moved to the Mendocino Coast about four and a half years ago, and in that time I've seen how much this community cares about the way these forests are stewarded. There's a real desire here to move toward tribal co-management, ecological restoration, and greater public access.

AB 2494 feels like it aligns directly with those values, as well as Mendocino County's own stated priorities. Because of that, I believed a letter was necessary to invite support from your office.

From what I've experienced, people here aren't just asking for change—they're ready for a more sustainable and community centered approach to these lands. This bill creates a pathway for that, while also supporting restoration work, recreation, and the local economy.

There's strong support for this across the Mendocino Coast, many of my friends have already reached out. I'd really appreciate you standing with us.

Peace,

Isaiah

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**In Support of AB 2494 — Restoring Jackson Demonstration State Forest for All Californians**

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**From** Chet Jamgochian [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 3/20/2026 10:10 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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March 20, 2026

Mendocino County Board of Supervisors  
501 Low Gap Road  
Ukiah, CA 95482

RE: In Support of AB 2494 — Restoring Jackson Demonstration State Forest for All Californians

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing in support of AB 2494, which would update the management objectives of California's Demonstration State Forests to prioritize ecological restoration, research, and recreation. Arguments circulating in opposition raise several points that deserve a direct, factual response.

#### **AB 2494 Does Not End Timber Harvest**

The opposition characterizes this bill as converting JDSF into a State Park and shutting down all logging. That is not accurate. Timber sales may still occur under AB 2494, but in service of restoration and research goals rather than as a commercial production mandate. The bill modernizes a statutory framework written in 1947, when demonstrating maximum yield was the explicit mission. AB 2494 updates what is being demonstrated, not whether the forest can be actively managed.

#### **This Board Has Already Called for This Reform**

In November 2021, this Board voted unanimously 5 to 0 to ask Governor Newsom for a scientific review of JDSF management in light of California's climate goals. That resolution drew over 800 public comments, with fewer than six percent in opposition. AB 2494 is a direct legislative response to the concerns this Board already raised. Supporting the bill is consistent with this Board's own record.

#### **Self-Sufficiency Is Not the Same as Sound Stewardship**

The opposition argues the current model is fiscally superior because timber revenues fund forest operations. But a management structure that pays for itself by mandating commercial extraction from public land is not automatically virtuous. Carbon sequestration, watershed health, wildlife habitat, and tribal cultural stewardship do not appear on a timber revenue report, yet they are real public goods with lasting value to Mendocino County. AB 2494 does not eliminate the forest's funding base; it redirects priorities toward the full range of values these public lands can provide.

#### **The Science Points Toward Reform**

Decades of peer-reviewed research documents how timber harvest increases sedimentation and harms aquatic species including coho salmon and steelhead, fish that were once central to the Mendocino Coast's ecology and economy and are now federally-listed under the Endangered Species Act as endangered and threatened, respectively. Roads and logging are some of the leading causes of sedimentation in our local streams. There needs to be a greater focus on decommissioning past skid roads and restoring the land to decrease sediment loads.

The effects of climate change are here today and are affecting the forest, slowing growth rates, increasing risk of disease, and increasing the risk of wildfire. The current management practices need to be updated to focus on resiliency and longevity, ensuring that the forest can withstand these new and rapidly evolving threats.

**Tribal Voices Deserve a Seat at the Table**

The opposition does not mention that JDSF sits on the ancestral territory of the Northern Pomo and Coast Yuki peoples, who have been formally excluded from co-managing their own homeland. AB 2494 opens the door to tribal co-management agreements, a step that reflects both justice and sound ecological stewardship and is also in line with California's own state policies.

The forests of Mendocino County belong to all Californians and to the generations that will follow us. Updating how they are managed in line with current science, community values, and the Board's own stated goals is not an attack on the timber industry. It is responsible public stewardship. I urge this Board to support AB 2494.

Respectfully,

Chet Jamgochian  
Little River CA  
Mendocino County

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**From** cliffkuhnllloyd@gmail.com [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 3/20/2026 12:40 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to request that you send a letter of support for AB 2494 on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for Mendocino County.

I was so grateful to see this bill come up, as are so many in our community who desire an updated plan for how we steward and relate to these precious, cherished, and limited natural spaces.

According to Mendocino County's legislative platform, the county aims to "support policies to advance tribal stewardship, ecological restoration, and outdoor access at State Demonstration Forests." Given that AB 2494 aligns directly with these stated goals, I believe a formal letter of support from your office is a necessary step in advancing these priorities.

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Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our community.

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Thank you for fighting for our forests! 

Sincerely,  
Cliff Kuhn-Lloyd

**Public Comment on AB 2494**

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**From** Debra Leschyn [REDACTED]  
**Date** Thu 3/19/2026 10:37 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our community.

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Thank you for fighting for our forests! 

Debby Leschyn  
Board Member  
Northern California UU Camps and Conferences

## Support for AB 2494

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**From** Laura Bianchi Limbird [REDACTED]  
**Date** Thu 3/19/2026 8:29 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

Thank you for taking the time to consider endorsement of AB 2494.

I am writing to express my personal support for this important legislation. As a lifelong resident of Mendocino County, I care deeply about the health and future of our local forests.

I appreciate Assemblymember Chris Rogers for introducing legislation that modernizes the role of California's demonstration forests. AB 2494 redefines forest management to prioritize biodiversity, carbon storage, climate resilience, recreation, wildlife habitat, and research—benefits that directly support local residents and visitors alike.

The bill also ensures that timber harvests occur only when tied to ecological restoration or research, allowing forests like Jackson to function as true demonstration sites where sustainable practices can be studied and shared.

Passing AB 2494 is vital to our community, and I respectfully urge your support in moving this legislation forward.

Laura Bianchi Limbird

Fort Bragg, CA

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**AB 2494**

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**From** Steve Oliveria [REDACTED]  
**Date** Mon 3/23/2026 6:53 AM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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*Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our community.*

**Stephen Oliveria**

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## Support for AB 2494

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**From** Felicia Rice [REDACTED]  
**Date** Thu 3/19/2026 9:58 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Mendocino County Supervisors,

I demand that the Board take a unified stance to support healthy forests and tribal sovereignty in forest management in a letter of support for AB 2494. It has been fifty years since the management of State Demonstration Forests has changed. Your own 2026 Legislative Platform explicitly included supporting "policies to advance tribal stewardship, ecological restoration, and outdoor access at State Demonstration Forests." This bill opens up new possibilities for changes that have been repeatedly requested by the public and repeatedly rejected. AB 2494 would shift the management focus of the Jackson Demonstration State Forest away from industrial, commercial timber production to the restoration, recreation, wildlife, and tribal co-governance of this treasure.

Please join together in creating a better future for all.

Sincerely,

Felicia Rice

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[REDACTED] Mendocino CA 95460 [REDACTED]

Scott Roat

[REDACTED]  
Mendocino, CA  
95460

March 16, 2026

Isaac Bryan, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources  
California State Assembly  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2494 - Demonstration State Forest Management  
Position: Support

Dear Chair Bryan,

I support AB 2494 and the effort to rethink how Jackson Demonstration State Forest is managed.

For decades the “demonstration” has largely been about timber production. Our community and economy have changed. Today the forest is just as valuable for recreation, restoration, research, and public access - uses that increasingly support our local economy.

Visitors come to Mendocino for its forests, trails, and landscape; expanding those opportunities strengthens both the forest and the community that surrounds it.

Sometimes the best demonstration is showing what a forest can be in the future, not just what it was in the past.

Sincerely,



Scott Roat

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**Please Give Unified Support for AB2494**

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From Mike Sellers [REDACTED]

Date Sun 3/22/2026 6:18 PM

To bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to request that you send a letter of support for AB 2494 on behalf of the Board of Supervisors for Mendocino County. I am a neighbor of JDSF and strongly believe CalFire would be a better and more responsive land manager(neighbor) as a result of this bill. A more stable funding budget and a focus toward forest health up front will allow long overdue restoration of impacted watersheds that get neglected year after year waiting for the next Timber Harvest Plan to come along, open up the decrepid skid roads and repeat the destructive cycle over again. According to Mendocino County's legislative platform, the county aims to "support policies to advance tribal stewardship, ecological restoration, and outdoor access at State Demonstration Forests." Given that AB 2494 aligns directly with these stated goals, I believe a formal letter of support from your office is a necessary step in advancing these priorities. For several years, the Mendocino community has urged CAL FIRE to adopt a management approach that centers tribal co-management, biodiversity, climate resiliency and outdoor access as opposed to industry style Timber Harvest Plan "Demonstrations" of profitable large Redwoods. This bill includes a clear pathway to providing a much-needed update to the framework of management for all Demonstration State Forests. AB 2494 would also provide a stable source of funding for Forest Management Operations through the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund and allow lands to count towards California's 30x30 conservation goals. Finally, this bill would stimulate the countys' economic development by increasing the tourism opportunities (guide and shuttle companies), newly deveolping forest restoration jobs and continued logging for fire mitigation and forest health management. This is a bill with great support from your constituents living on the Mendocino Coast. I hope you can join us by submitting your letter of unified support for AB2494. It's time for our State Forests to Demonstrate the values of Californians, not the the special interests of the timber industry.

Thank you for your time and for your dedication to our community,

Mike Sellers  
[REDACTED]

Fort Bragg, CA 95437

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## Urging Support by Supervisors for Assembly Bill AB 2494

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**From** Jeff Stanford [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 3/20/2026 2:36 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

We are writing to urge all of you to go on record supporting AB 2494.

Mendocino County, through Visit Mendocino County messaging, has been presented as Eco-Driven since the advent of the "Mushroom Madness" some 26 year ago. Promoted as the California's center for the "real" wine country with sustainable vineyards, organic farming, and meaningful GMO resistance, etc.

Under AB 2494 Jackson State Forest can be a model for forest restoration and provide educational opportunities as well as recreational access for residents and visitors. Forests are essential for reversing climate change and the damages that we are seeing now. The loss of income from Demonstration Forests, in particular Jackson State Forest, will be offset by increasing "meaningful" tourism, which is a growing trend. At the Stanford Inn we are seeing growth in participation in guided nature hikes, garden tours and classes in which we demonstrate Willit's John Jeavon's GROW BIOINTENSIVE. We host John's internationally known program for training instructors in the practices found in his book *How to Grow More Vegetables Than You Ever Thought Possible*. Visitors to the county are looking for meaningful experience.

Thank you for reading and please support this Bill.

Sincerely,

Joan and Jeff Stanford, Innkeepers

Stanford Inn by the Sea - Historic Farm & Eco-Resort  
Catch A Canoe & Bicycles, too!  
Big River LTD - Nurseries on the site of the Historic China Gardens

[REDACTED]  
Mendocino, CA 95460  
[REDACTED]

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**support AB2494**

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**From** Merry Winslow [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 3/20/2026 8:55 AM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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PLEASE support this effort to reform Forest Practices to reflect the current priorities of 30-30-30 in California.

Costs to operate the demonstration forests can be met by other means besides cutting the largest trees still standing.

Preserve a legacy that cannot be restored once the trees are gone. Make a difference for the future and bravely oppose any attempt to circumvent the will of the public who overwhelmingly desire to be a model for future generations.

I ask that you SUPPORT AB 2494.

Thank you,

Merry Winslow  
Mendocino