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DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors and Executive Office,

The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (Board), which is responsible for developing forest policy and regulation for the State and, together with CAL FIRE, carrying out the Legislature's mandate to protect and enhance the State's unique forest and wildland resources, is currently in the process of updating its list of county Authorized Designees to review less than three-acre conversion exemptions. This list, which is resultant from the Board's regulations related to such conversions in Section 1104.1(a)(1)(D) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, is necessary in order to ensure that proposed projects conform to county requirements, and the Authorized Designee is necessary to ensure that these projects are reviewed under the appropriate authority.

Your county is receiving this mailing because, to the Board's knowledge, Mendocino County has either not appointed a designee or, if such an appointment has been made, the Board is unaware of the designee.

The Board began outreach on this issue roughly two years ago and included in this mailing is a copy of the original contact letter along with supporting documentation and additional information. While the Board recognizes that some counties may not engage in this process often, we are asking all counties to appoint a designee to ensure that the counties are aware of all proposed timberland conversion activities, that timberland conversions conform with all applicable county regulatory requirements, and ultimately to provide an effective mechanism for counties to increase control over land use within their jurisdiction.

Responses, questions, or comments may be submitted to:

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Sincerely,

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