

Dear County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to you in regard to the THPs planned In Mendocino county on Mitchell Creek, Caspar 500, Big River Watershed, and Jughandle. My concerns are both for the local and widespread environmental impacts, as well as the loss of community public space. As a resident of Mendocino, I enjoy the use of our local trail system on a regular basis. I also appreciate the value of the ecosystem for endemic species, and the importance of green spaces without extensive human impact, worldwide.

I am fortunate to find myself in our local public spaces on a weekly basis. I also work in the service industry, and serve many visitors from out of the area that come to enjoy our trails. The loss of access to the natural beauty of Mendocino would impact our economy, and the quality of life for local residents.

The local ecological impacts of the forest are of a greater concern to us all. Many species depend on these properties for their survival. Loss of habitat is a cause of extinction and lack of diversity, and impacts the health of the planet. We must do what we can locally, where we have the most impact, to offset the destruction of our environment.

I deplore you to reconsider the importance of preserving what natural spaces remain after the extensive logging in the area over the past century.

Respectfully,

~Robyn McCallister