

**AB2494**

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**From** Peggy Backup [REDACTED]  
**Date** Wed 3/18/2026 3:42 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Esteemed Supervisors,

I urge you to unanimously and enthusiastically support AB2494 to change the management of JDSF from demonstrating commercial timber production to demonstrating watershed restoration, conversion of unnecessary roads to trails, closing destructive roads, carbon sequestration, recreation, protecting wildlife and plant habitats, and empowering indigenous co-management of these important resources. The current mandate requires timber harvest, often of very large trees, to pay for operations. The maximum tree size was set by sawmill limits, not sound forestry principles. Changing the mandate and restoration of JDSF will lead to more jobs per taxpayer dollar than the current mess.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of this inspiring bill. It reorders our priorities in recognition of what the majority want, moving forward.

Peggy Backup

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Sent from my iPad

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**From** Dot Brovarney [REDACTED]  
**Date** Tue 3/17/2026 4:25 PM  
**To** Bernie Norvell <norvellb@mendocinocounty.gov>  
**Cc** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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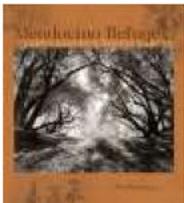
Dear Supervisor Norvell,

I would like the BOS to consider sending a letter of support for AB2494. I understand that the time is short, so I hope you will facilitate action on behalf of the citizens of CA, and especially us neighbors on the Mendocino Coast. The forest belongs to all of us, and with climate change wreaking havoc worldwide, this is the time to make a change right here in our neighborhood — at JDSF. Stewardship of and research in redwood forests is more important than ever. Sustainable recreation is also important and, at the same time, provides opportunities for state residents to learn about the forest's ecological needs and the ways scientists are meeting those needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dot Brovarney  
Fort Bragg, CA



Dot Brovarney  
Historian/Author/Publisher  
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**Support for AB 2494 bill**

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From Maeve Croghan 

Date Wed 3/18/2026 9:15 PM

To bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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

*Sincerely,*

*Maeve Croghan*



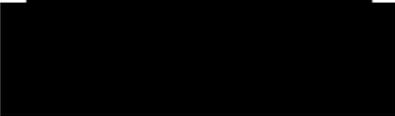
*Mendocino, Ca. 95460*

Maeve Croghan

~ Artist ~

Luminous Nature Paintings

Instructor



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**From** autumn faber [REDACTED]

**Date** Tue 3/17/2026 9:37 PM

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

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Dear Mendocino County BOS,

I am a constituent writing to request that you allow the Board of Supervisors to vote on a unified endorsement of AB2494 to change the management direction of Jackson Demonstration State Forest. The priority mandates of the original bill have far outlived their time and usefulness, and have been eclipsed by all current science on how we should treat our precious public resources. I am morally against creating private profits for the sale of commonly owned resources, and am 100% in support of meaningful, actual co-management of the forest with our tribal neighbors BEFORE any plans are made by State agencies. This is a pivotal moment for our environmental legacy in Mendocino County. Most Supervisors have indicated their support of a unified statement of support for AB2494; please join them.

thank you for your consideration,  
Autumn Faber  
Albion, Ca 95410

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## Support of AB2494

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From Terra Fuller [REDACTED]

Date Tue 3/10/2026 9:19 PM

To bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I want to communicate my support of AB2494 Modernizing State Forest as a Mendocino County resident for 21 years. Mendocino County contains more acres of redwoods than any other county yet has very little old growth and is almost entirely in private timber production with only very minor amounts protected. Due to excessive logging, publicly subsidized acquisition and conservation of large landholdings has taken place within the Usal watershed with the creation of Redwood Forest Foundation to restore these cut-over ecosystems. With the creation AB249 we have an opportunity to protect, enhance, and study what is left in our largest, most intact, second growth redwood habitat in our County which is managed by JDSF and is owned by the people of California.

Second growth redwood is almost as rare or rarer than old growth and given the successional timeframe redwoods take to develop characteristics similar to old growth habitats, restoration and recovery is critical. State public forests should not be harvested at the frequency or magnitude that does not improve ecological function. A forest is more than just trees.

We have an opportunity to improve our environment while developing more recreational opportunities for our community and visitors. The restoration economy is here to stay, with significant financial investment in terrestrial and aquatic habitats, especially for the recovery of salmoids. Developing a blue and green economy is where the County needs to go to grow and AB249 is consistent with State policy and climate appropriate management.

Sincerely,

Terra Fuller

Resident of Fort Bragg

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**strong Support for AB 2494, stopping commercial logging in Jackson State Forest**

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**From** Rachele Hayward [REDACTED]  
**Date** Fri 3/6/2026 11:43 AM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>  
**Cc** Mo Mulheren <mulherenm@mendocinocounty.gov>; John Haschak <haschakj@mendocinocounty.gov>; Bernie Norvell <norvellb@mendocinocounty.gov>; Ted Williams <williamst@mendocinocounty.gov>; Madeline Cline <clinem@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisor Williams, Supervisor Norvell, and other Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Rachele and I am a Mendocino Coast local for the past 7 years, and a working mother raising two young daughters in Gualala where my husband grew up. I am reaching out to voice my strong support for Assemblymember Chris Rogers' Assembly Bill 2494, which would modernize the management plan for our local Jackson "Demonstration" State Forest by finally moving away from industrial, commercial logging.

It is long past time for the state of California to stop profiting from logging the oldest, tallest, and most carbon-sequestering trees on the planet, our Northern California redwoods. Instead of "demonstrating timber production," the focus in Jackson State Forest should be on recreation like hiking, mountain biking and camping; restoration of streams, special trees like tanoaks and redwoods, plants, and wildlife; and co-governance with the Pomo Indigenous people whose land this has always been.

Recently, CAL FIRE approved the AMEX Timber Harvest Plan (THP 1-25-00044-MEN) that would clear-cut redwoods in a patchwork across nearly 500 acres in Jackson Demonstration State Forest, going back on the agency's previous commitment to pause new Timber Harvest Plans until there is a modernized Forest Management Plan. The AMEX Timber Harvest Plan has no criteria for protecting mature, large redwood trees in its "group selection harvest," and allows logging near the Camp 20 parking lot.

State legislation like Assembly Bill 2494 is clearly needed to hold CAL FIRE accountable and to reflect our community's strong desire for Tribal co-governance, current ecological science and adaptation to the climate crisis, and increased recreational access in Jackson State Forest.

As our Mendocino County coastal communities suffer collapsing abalone and other fisheries, grey whale die-offs, "atmospheric rivers," wildfires, and other clear harms of the climate crisis, the hypocrisy and harm of "timber harvest" operations in Jackson State Forest have become intolerable. Please support AB 2494 and let's start Demonstrating Climate Justice.

Sincerely,  
Rachele Hayward  
Gualala, CA



**In Support of AB 2494**

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**From** Glenn Martin [REDACTED]  
**Date** Wed 3/18/2026 11:06 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Hello Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I am a Mendocino County resident who has appreciated Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) for decades. I strongly support AB 2494, introduced by Assemblymember Chris Rogers. I believe that passage of the bill would result in a beneficial change to the management objectives and funding for our state forests. There have been many times when I've been in JDSF and desired that it be managed in a manner consistent with that specified in AB 2494.

Thank you,  
Glenn Martin

To: Mendocino County Board of Supervisors  
From: Evan Mills, Ph.D.  
Subj: Support for California Assembly Bill 2494 - Modernizing our State Forest System  
Date: March 3, 2026

As a Mendocino resident, frequent user of Jackson Demonstration State Forest, and retired environmental scientist from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, I write to encourage you to support AB-2494 (Assemblymember Chris Rogers). This bill updates legislation dating from 1949.

The Bill stands to dispel suggestions of a false choice in which modernized management would somehow harm the local economy and forest health. Indeed the opposite is true. According to research funded by Cal Fire, a serious slowdown of redwood tree growth across the state (including Jackson and two other State Demonstration Forests) points to the ecological AND economic unsustainability of current practices. The issues are outlined in detail in our recent report entitled "Greenwashing in the Redwoods: A critical look at Cal Fire's management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest" (see <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1e3a-4L1VeWKb1GI35Nxp7ailbTZ2dUJa/view>).

AB-2494 stands to capture a wide range of benefits for Mendocino county:

- **Improving Budget and Job Stability, and Creating a Pathway for Growth:** Cal Fire's operation of Jackson and 13 other state forests is to be financed through the existing Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund rather than commercial logging. This actually provides far more stability for Cal Fire employees, and less conflict with the public and the revenue uncertainties that creates. It also opens up new potential revenue streams. For example, the management changes make the lands eligible for participation in the state's 30 x 30 program. That said, the proposed changes do not ban economic activity in the forest, as some may suggest. Rather the new approach centers on what might be thought of as a "restoration economy". A concrete example is provided in our recent report (link above) for the ill-fated Caspar 500 timber harvest plan (targeting large trees), which was to generate a little over \$2 million in revenues. An alternative plan for the same location finds that a larger number of smaller and truly overstocked trees could be harvested for the same revenue, while much more effectively moving the forest towards old-forest characteristics.
- **Creating Jobs:** As traditional logging-related jobs are falling, there are arguably far more jobs (including for Native peoples) in the new approach. AB-2494 allows for employment and revenue generation from harvesting overcrowded small trees. There are additional potential jobs in processing and manufacturing using these new feedstocks, restoration of waterways, removal of invasive plants, decommissioning unneeded roads, mitigating abandoned legacy logging residues, ongoing beneficial fire programs, performing research, and supporting recreation.
- **Boosting the Recreation Economy:** There is enormous unrealized potential for recreation in Jackson, which is already a larger source of economic activity in the county than logging. Currently, maps are deficient, trails are dilapidated, many campgrounds are closed, and promotion is weak. Logging activities also routinely limit access and create visual blight that discourages recreation. A new mission recenters recreation.
- **Improving Fire Prevention:** There is now an enormous literature showing that many current forestry practices in Jackson (and elsewhere) often actually compound fire risk, while science-based restoration (including beneficial fire) substantially reduces the risk. Consider that much of Jackson is today stocked with 400-600 trees per acre — a direct result of past logging practices that artificially "thinned" small numbers of large trees — while mature old-growth forests

may have only 20 or so giants per acre. AB-2494 appropriately realigns the management of the state forests with Cal Fire's primary mission. The shift towards beneficial fire intrinsic in a restoration-driven strategy is far more effective at avoiding wildfires than logging large trees (which also fosters dangerous, dense regrowth widely visible throughout Jackson today).

- **Reducing Climate Risk:** The roughly 2000 logging trucks rolling out of Jackson in an average year (with a claimed potential of 8000 trucks at maximum sustained yield allowed by the current governing legislation) represent an ongoing heavy loss of carbon. According to research in JDSF *funded by Cal Fire*, the forest today holds only 1/10th of the carbon it did prior to the era of logging. Under the current management paradigm of indefinitely maximizing yield, this massive carbon loss will never be recovered, which works at cross purposes to the state's climate goals. AB-2494 seeks to instead maximize durable (stable) carbon storage, which goes hand-in-hand with retaining and nurturing large trees and shaping a forest that is more resilient to the already-present ravages of climate change.

For the reasons listed above, this win-win legislation will simultaneously benefit the forest and the economy.

That said, the legislation can and should be further strengthened. Foremost is its use of the feel-good term "restoration" without defining it. Cal Fire can be expected to claim that their current management practices already achieve restoration. Restoration must be defined so as to avoid the extensive greenwashing we see today. Established science must be recognized and incorporated in management far more so than at present. Research conducted on State Demonstration Forest lands must be more rigorously planned and reprioritized to address modern concerns. A trust-but-verify approach must be taken to set concrete management goals, targets, and measures of progress that are regularly verified. Focused effort is needed to actually build the restoration economy envisioned in AB-2494. In support of all these aspirations, far more transparency and consistent disclosure of the effects of management practices is needed with respect to management practices, operations, and financial reporting, and more active and earnest consideration of public input must be ensured. Some of these improvements may need to be addressed through other mechanisms such as the Forest Management Plan, The Forest Practices Act, and realigning the Jackson Advisory Group with this exciting new vision.

I encourage the Board of Supervisors to support the legislation as proposed and push for added "guardrails" to avoid co-option of the new legislation.

Sincerely,  
Evan Mills, Ph.D  
Mendocino, California

### **Chat with Scott Alonso - March 2, 2026**

Grateful for your taking some time for us. Do you have a hard stop in 30-min? We'd like to start with some questions about mechanics of how the Bill moves along, and then shift to substance of language.

Bill must be in print 30d before referral to Nat Resourcescommittee ( until 3/20)

**Public Comment on AB 2494**

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**From** Sarita Pockell · [REDACTED]  
**Date** Wed 3/18/2026 2:44 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Sarita Pockell

AB 2494

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From Nina Ravitz [REDACTED]  
Date Thu 3/19/2026 7:59 AM  
To bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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*Sincerely,*

*Nina Ravitz*

*Fort Bragg Resident*

**AB2494**

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**From** Ellen Saxe [REDACTED]  
**Date** Wed 3/18/2026 2:00 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear hard working Boad of Supervisors ,Please support AB2494 . Many Thanks,Ellen Saxe  
Sent from my iPhone

**AB 2494, Jackson State Forest**

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**From** Marcy [REDACTED]  
**Date** Sun 3/8/2026 7:36 PM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Marcy Snyder, and I am a Mendocino local for the past fifty years.

I am reaching out to you to voice my support for the recently introduced AB 2494, which would modernize the management plan for our local Jackson Demonstration State Forest. This proposed legislation would shift the management focus of the Jackson Demonstration State Forest away from industrial, commercial timber production to focus on restoration, recreation, wildlife, and tribal co-governance. I believe that having increased recreational access, tribal co-governance, and a more restorative lens for the forest would be meaningful to the community. In addition to this, we would be storing more carbon in our forests, thus improving our climate crisis response. Refocusing these priorities will strengthen our local economy by enhancing recreation opportunities and providing jobs through true restoration and research projects. Thank you for taking the time to consider my comments.

Sincerely,  
Marcy Snyder

## Support for AB 2494

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**From** robyn spector mccallister [REDACTED]  
**Date** Thu 3/19/2026 8:46 AM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisors,

I have a horse training business and am an avid equestrian. My clients and I use the Demonstration Forest trails weekly.

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.

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**AB2494**

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**From** Kara Morris <[REDACTED]>

**Date** Tue 3/17/2026 9:48 PM

**To** Bernie Norvell <norvellb@mendocinocounty.gov>; bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisor Norvell and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to respectfully urge you and the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors to support legislative bill AB 2494. As a long-term coastal resident, I have witnessed our local industries evolve over time, adapting and forging new paths toward a more sustainable future. This is our moment to transform JDSF's management practices.

This is an incredible opportunity to recognize the forest's ecological, cultural, and educational significance, while supporting CAL FIRE in transitioning toward stewardship grounded in sustainability, climate resilience, inclusivity, and expanded public access.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors will submit a letter in support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,  
Kara Starkweather

## In Support of AB 2494

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From Chad Swimmer [REDACTED]

Date Wed 3/4/2026 1:07 PM

To bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisors of Mendocino County--

I am writing in support of AB 2494, Chris Rogers' bill to modernize the management of the state forest system. I realize that you as Mendocino County Supervisors only have so much power over state assembly bills, but I want you to know that I am in support of anything you can do to make the management of Jackson Demonstration State Forest (JDSF) more accountable to the public and more in line with the challenges of climate change.

I understand that you are getting pushback, with statements that this is a direct attack on the timber industry, that the bill would turn state forests into state parks, and that state parks, which give priceless joy, health, and relaxation to the citizens of California, are a drag on the state economy. I understand the fears of people who believe their jobs are on the line and fear for the future of their lives' work, but this is not what's at stake. It has been over twenty five years since JDSF has constituted a substantial portion of the timber harvest in the county. In as much as it has had more of an effect on the industry than its land base would represent, it is only because private timberlands have been cut unsustainably for 160 years. Meanwhile, in JDSF the unattended-to cleanup post logging operations--which could be referred to as deferred maintenance--has drastically altered many once pristine stands while increasing the fire danger substantially. AB 2494 would help avoid that this fate continues here, would help to keep this gem of a forest and all the other demonstration forests in as good shape as could be hoped for. Please throw your weight behind this noble effort.

Thank you, Chad Swimmer

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**AB 2424**

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**From** Karin Uphoff [REDACTED]  
**Date** Thu 3/19/2026 8:25 AM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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To the board of Supervisors who we voted on to represent us,

At the end of last year, you approved the 2026 Legislative Platform, which explicitly included supporting “policies to advance tribal stewardship, ecological restoration, and outdoor access at State Demonstration Forests.” You demonstrated clear intent to support legislation that advances a modern vision for Demonstration State Forests. It is a shame that supervisor Bernie Norvell failed to sign a letter on behalf of the entire Board in support of AB 2494. This inaction conflicts with the 2026 Legislative Platform and the majority of the Board and contradicts **years of community pushes to change the commercial logging mandate at Jackson Demonstration State Forest. Nearly the entire community is calling for JDSF management to align with climate change commitments by the State while enhancing scientific, recreational, and economic opportunities.**

PLEASE DO YOUR JOB AND STAND UP FOR SUPPORTING AB 2494 - this is for current health of our forests and community and for generations to come!

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**Karin C. Uphoff**  
author of Botanical Body Care  
[REDACTED]

## Support AB2494

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From Arinna Weisman [REDACTED]

Date Thu 3/19/2026 7:30 AM

To bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to ask you to support AB2494.

AB 2494 (Rogers) is a bill sponsored by the Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) to modernize management over Demonstration State Forests statewide. The bill would transition these forests from demonstrating commercial industrial logging to achieving conservation goals under 30x30 with tribal co-management while supporting rural economic development through forest restoration and increased ecotourism.

A letter of support from you would strongly boost support for this bill in the State Legislature. The Board's 2026 Legislative Platform explicitly included supporting "policies to advance tribal stewardship, ecological restoration, and outdoor access at State Demonstration Forests." Although a majority of the Supervisors support this bill, not all members have signed a letter of unified support for AB 2494.

Thank you

Arinna Weisman

[REDACTED]  
Little River, CA 95456  
[REDACTED]

**Please send a letter of support for AB 2494 from the Board of Supervisors**

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**From** Terri Wilde [REDACTED]

**Date** Tue 3/17/2026 11:04 PM

**To** Bernie Norvell <norvellb@mendocinocounty.gov>; bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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It is long past time to pass this bill (AB 2494) to support what we now know of the importance of maintaining healthy forests with an understanding of the benefits of living forest ecosystems to so much of our lives.  
Please send a letter of support for AB 2494 from the Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,  
Terri Wilde

**Please support AB 2494**

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**From** Chris Wuest [REDACTED]  
**Date** Thu 3/19/2026 11:24 AM  
**To** bos <bos@mendocinocounty.gov>

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

as a resident of Mendocino County and a frequent user of the Jackson forest, I urge you to support the AB 2494. The benefits to our county and state are much better if we keep the forest alive than logging it with no significant benefit to the people. We have a treasure, so let's not destroy it for the sake of some minor profit, wherever that profit might accumulate. There are so many dead trees in this state that could be harvested and used instead of depleting the precious stands of Redwoods along the coast, that have cultural and climate significance and will in the long run do more for the economy in the county and the state than cutting down the last big trees or the next generation that will grow into big trees some day if we let them. Rather than a patchwork of trees and clearcuts or heavily "managed" areas, let us have a wholly integrated complex forest of a critical size to make a difference.

Thank you for your support,

Chris Wuest