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RE:1-08NTMP-009MEN

Please add this comment and observation to our previous comments on 1-08NTMP-009MEN.

Two members of the Friends of the Gualala River steering committee attended the 2nd review meeting for the Bower NTMP.

We believe it is important to note for the record that towards the end of the meeting, disputed growth yield data was being discussed by a member of the Sierra Club, CAL FIRE and the RPF.

At that time we remember the RPF, John Williams, stating that it was not the landowner's intent to manage the property as late seral forest.

If the landowner will not manage the land to recruit and preserve late seral habitat, then over time irreplaceable late seral habitat elements on the property will be degraded or eliminated and unreasonable harm to the environment will occur.

The plan as written should not be approved.

John Holland
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