

December 3, 2009

Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
135 Ridgeway Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

To CAL FIRE,

Please enter our comments to the administrative record for 1-08NTMP-009MEN, the Bower NTMP.

We live in Gualala and are extremely concerned about protecting our wildlife habitat. The remaining stands of old growth forest within the Gualala River watershed provides important habitat. These important trees should not be harvested.

The forester claims that, since others were allowed to harvest old growth trees in the past, the Bowers should be allowed to do so also. We hope that we have progressed in our understanding of the importance of old growth forests and the habitat they provide. The value of the board feet of these trees is but a small portion of this large logging plan. The value of the old growth Redwoods is priceless.

We support the Department of Fish and Game's recommendations to protect the Doty Creek Old Growth Grove. We hope you will give a permanent protection to the entire old growth habitat in Unit 9 as identified by DFG as a condition for approval of the Bower NTMP.

Sincerely,

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