



# COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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August 1, 2007

Planning Commission  
County of Santa Cruz  
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**Agenda Date: October 10, 2007**  
**APN: 105-301-05**  
**Application: 07-0262**  
**Item #: 12**

**Subject: A public bearing to consider a proposal to rezone a single lot of record from the Agriculture with Open Space (A-0) designation to the Timber Production (TP-0) zone district.**

Members of the Commission:

On May 23, 2007, the County Planning Department accepted this application for a rezoning to Timber Production (TP). This is a proposal to rezone a 17-acre parcel from the Agriculture with Open Space (A-O) zone district to the Timber Production (TP-O) designation. The uses on the property consist of a single family residence.

### Background

This project qualifies for a rezoning under California Government Code Section 51113. This section allows a property owner to petition the County to rezone land to the TP zone. The requirements for this type of rezoning are listed in Government Code section 51113(c)<sup>1</sup>. The County may not place any additional requirements on this petition to rezone the property to TP. County Code Section 13.10.375(c) – "Zoning to the TP District" implements Government Code section 51113 and specifies the six criteria which must be met in order to rezone to TP.

<sup>1</sup> c) On or before March 1, 1977, the board or council by ordinance shall adopt a list of criteria required to be met by parcels being considered for zoning as timberland production under this section.

The criteria shall not impose any requirements in addition to those listed in this subdivision and in subdivision (d). The following shall be included in the criteria:

(1) A map shall be prepared showing the legal description or the assessor's parcel number of the property desired to be zoned.

(2) A plan for forest management shall be prepared or approved as to content, for the property by a registered professional forester.

The plan shall provide for the eventual harvest of timber within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the preparer of the plan.

(3) (A) The parcel shall currently meet the timber stocking standards as set forth in Section 4561 of the Public Resources Code and the forest practice rules adopted by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for the district in which the parcel is located, or the owner shall sign an agreement with the board or council to meet those stocking standards and forest practice rules by the fifth anniversary of the signing of the agreement. If the parcel is subsequently zoned as timberland production under subdivision (a), failure to meet the stocking standards and forest practice rules within this time period provides the board or council with a ground for rezoning of the parcel pursuant to Section 51121

(B) Upon the fifth anniversary of the signing of an agreement, the board shall determine whether the parcel meets the timber stocking standards in effect on the date that the agreement was signed.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 4 (commencing with Section

51130), if the parcel fails to meet the timber stocking standards, the board or council shall immediately rezone the parcel and specify a new zone for the parcel, which is in conformance with the county general plan and whose primary use is other than timberland

(4) The parcel shall be timberland, as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 51104.

(5) The parcel shall be in compliance with the compatible use ordinance adopted by the board or council pursuant to Section 51111.

(d) The criteria required by subdivision (c) may also include any or all of the following:

(1) The land area concerned shall be in the ownership of one person, as defined in Section 38106 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and shall be comprised of single or contiguous parcels of a certain number of acres, not to exceed 80 acres.

(2) The land shall be a certain site quality class or higher under

Section 434 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, except that the parcel shall not be required to be of the two highest site quality classes

In accordance with County Code Section 13.10.375(c), the project meets the following six criteria for rezoning to Timber Production:

1. A map has been submitted with the legal description or assessor's parcel number of the property to be rezoned.
2. A Timber Management Plan, undated, prepared by a registered professional forester has been submitted for the property (Exhibit E).
3. The parcel currently meets the timber stocking standards as set forth in Section 4561 of the Public Resources Code and the Forest Practice Rules for the district in which the parcel is located (see Exhibit E).
4. The parcel is timberland, as the entire parcel is capable of producing a minimum of 15 cubic feet of timber per acre annually and is almost entirely located within a mapped Timber Resource area.
5. The uses on the parcel are in compliance with the Timber Production Zone uses set forth in Section 13.10.372.
6. The land area to be rezoned is in the ownership of one person, as defined in Section 38106 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and is comprised of at least five acres in area.

This project qualifies for a statutory exemption (Exhibit D) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the County Environmental Review Guidelines (Article 17, Section 1703).

### **Conclusion**

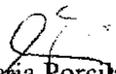
All of the criteria have been met for rezoning this parcel to the Timber Production zoning designation. All required findings can be made to approve this application and the rezoning is consistent with the General Plan policies and land use designations.

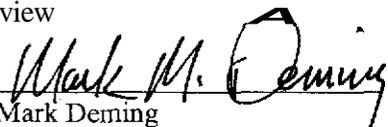
### **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that your Commission adopt the attached Resolution (Exhibit A), sending a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for approval of Application No. 07-0262 based on the attached findings (Exhibit B).

### **EXHIBITS**

- A. Planning Commission Resolution, with Ordinance/ Findings
- B. APN Map
- C. Location, Current Zoning and General Plan Designation Maps
- D. Notice of Exemption from CEQA
- E. Timber Management Plan by Roy Webster, dated May 23,2007

  
Maria Rorcia Perez  
Project Planner  
Development Review

Reviewed By:   
Mark Deming  
Assistant Planning Director

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

On the motion of Commissioner  
duly seconded by Commissioner  
the following Resolution is adopted:

PLANNING COMMISSION RESOLUTION  
SENDING RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
ON PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE

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WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has held a public hearing on Application No. 07-0262, involving property located on the north side of Haines Road (a private, unmarked right of way) approximately 0.8 miles east of the three-way intersection of Haines Road with Rider Road and Rider Ridge Road, and the Planning Commission has considered the proposed rezoning, all testimony and evidence received at the public hearing, and the attached staff report.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission recommends that the Board of Supervisors adopt the attached ordinance amending the Zoning Ordinance by changing property from the Agriculture with Open Space Easement (A-O) zone district to the Timber Production with Open Space Easement (TP-O) **zone** district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission makes findings on the proposed rezoning as contained in the Report to the Planning Commission.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Planning Commission of the County of Santa Cruz, State of California, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS  
NOES: COMMISSIONERS  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS  
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
MARK DEMING, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY COUNSEL

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13  
OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY CODE  
CHANGING FROM ONE ZONE DISTRICT TO ANOTHER**

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The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

**SECTION I**

The Board of Supervisors finds that the public convenience, necessity and general welfare require the amendment of the County Zoning Regulations to implement the policies of the County General Plan and Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan regarding the timber resource property located on the north side of Haines Road (a private, unmarked right of way) approximately 0.8 miles east of three-way intersection of Haines Road with Rider Road and Rider Ridge Road; finds that the zoning to be established herein is consistent with all elements of the Santa Cruz County General Plan and the Santa Cruz County Code, as modified by the *Big Creek* decision; and finds and certifies that the project is subject to a statutory exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**SECTION II**

The Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the Zoning Plan Amendment as described in Section III, and adopts the findings in support thereof without modification as set forth below:

1. The proposed zone district will allow a density of development and types of uses which are consistent with the objectives and land use designations of the adopted General Plan; and
1. The proposed zone district is appropriate for the level of utilities and community services available to the land; and
2. The character of development in the area where the land is located has changed or is changing to such a degree that the public interest will be better served by a different zone district; and
3. The property meets the requirements of Government Code section 51113 or 51113.5 and County Code Section 13.10.375(c).

**SECTION III**

Chapter 13.10- Zoning Regulations of the Santa Cruz County Code is hereby amended by amending Section 13.10.210 - Zoning Plan to change the following properties from the existing zone district to the new zone district as follows:

<u>Assessor's Parcel Number</u>	<u>Existing Zone District</u>	<u>New Zone District</u>
105-301-05	Agriculture with Open Space Easement (A-O)	TP-O

**SECTION IV**

This ordinance shall take effect on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the date of final passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2007, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Cruz by the following vote:

- AYES: SUPERVISORS
- NOES: SUPERVISORS
- ABSENT: SUPERVISORS
- ABSTAIN: SUPERVISORS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

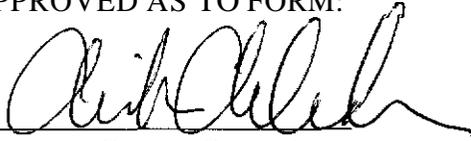
  
Assistant County Counsel

Exhibit: Rezoning Map

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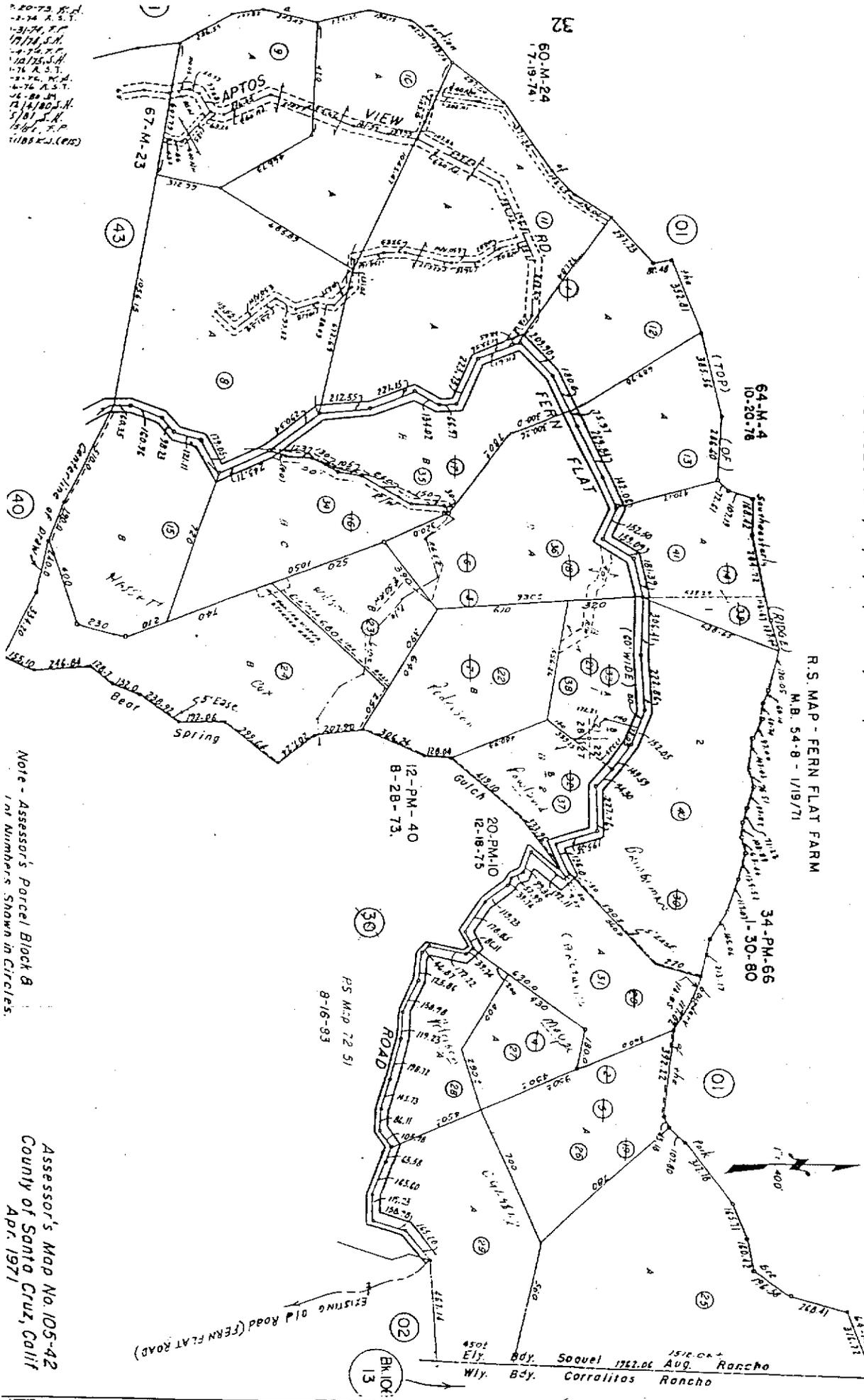
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FOR SECS. 21, 22, 27, 28, T. 10S, R. 1E, M.D.B.M. PROJ.

R.S. MAP - FERN FLAT FARM  
M.B. 54-8 - 1/19/71

Tax Area Code  
69-042

105-42

EXHIBIT 0



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 11-08 J.P. (P.S.)

Note - Assessor's Parcel Block A  
 1st Numbers Shown in Circles.

Assessor's Map No 105-42  
 County of Santa Cruz, Calif  
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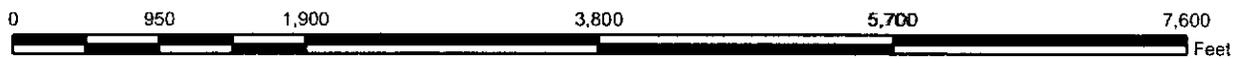
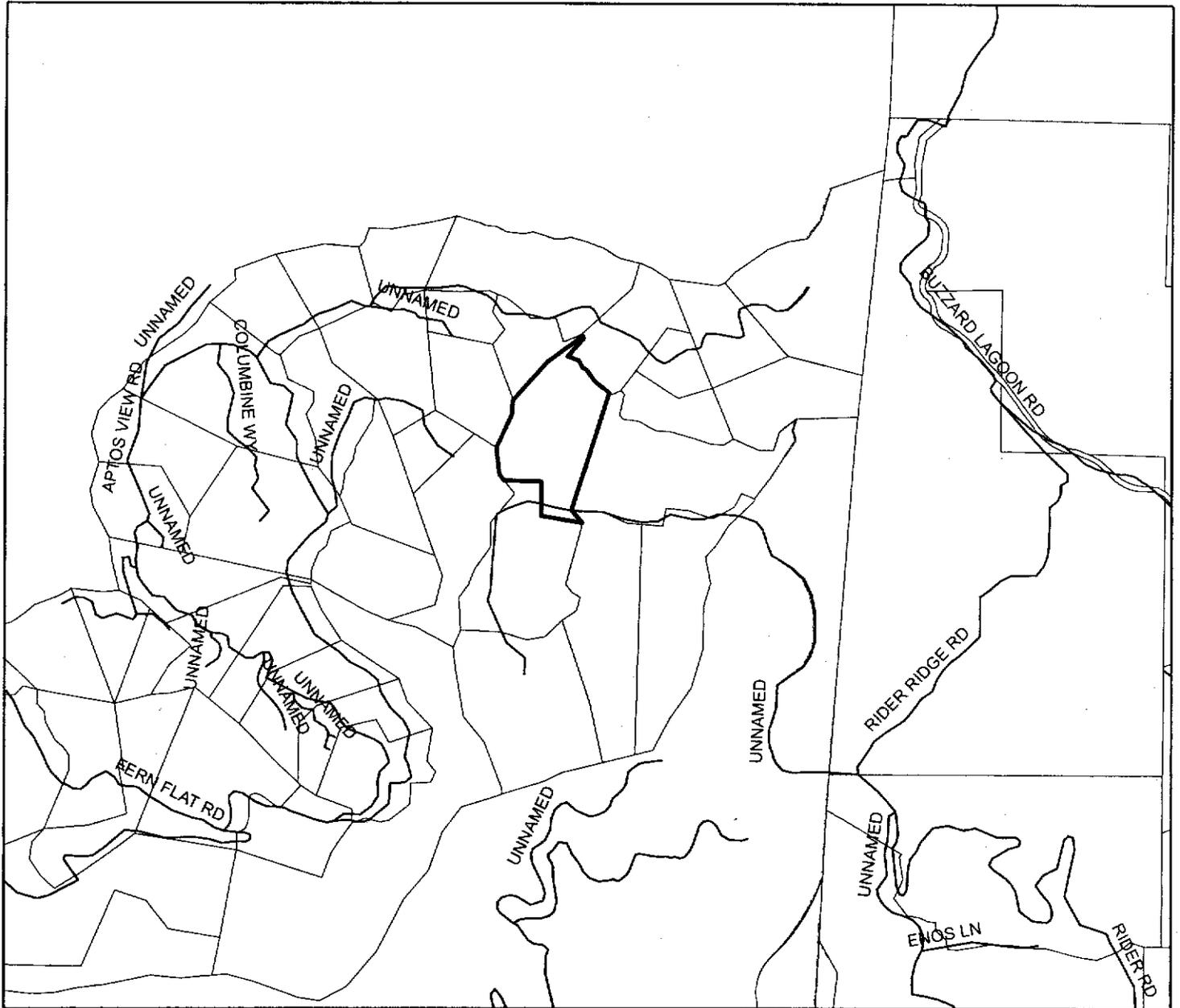
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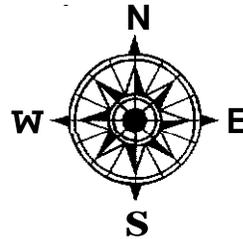


# Location Map



## LEGEND

-  APN: 105-301-05
-  Streets
-  Assessors Parcels
-  State Highways

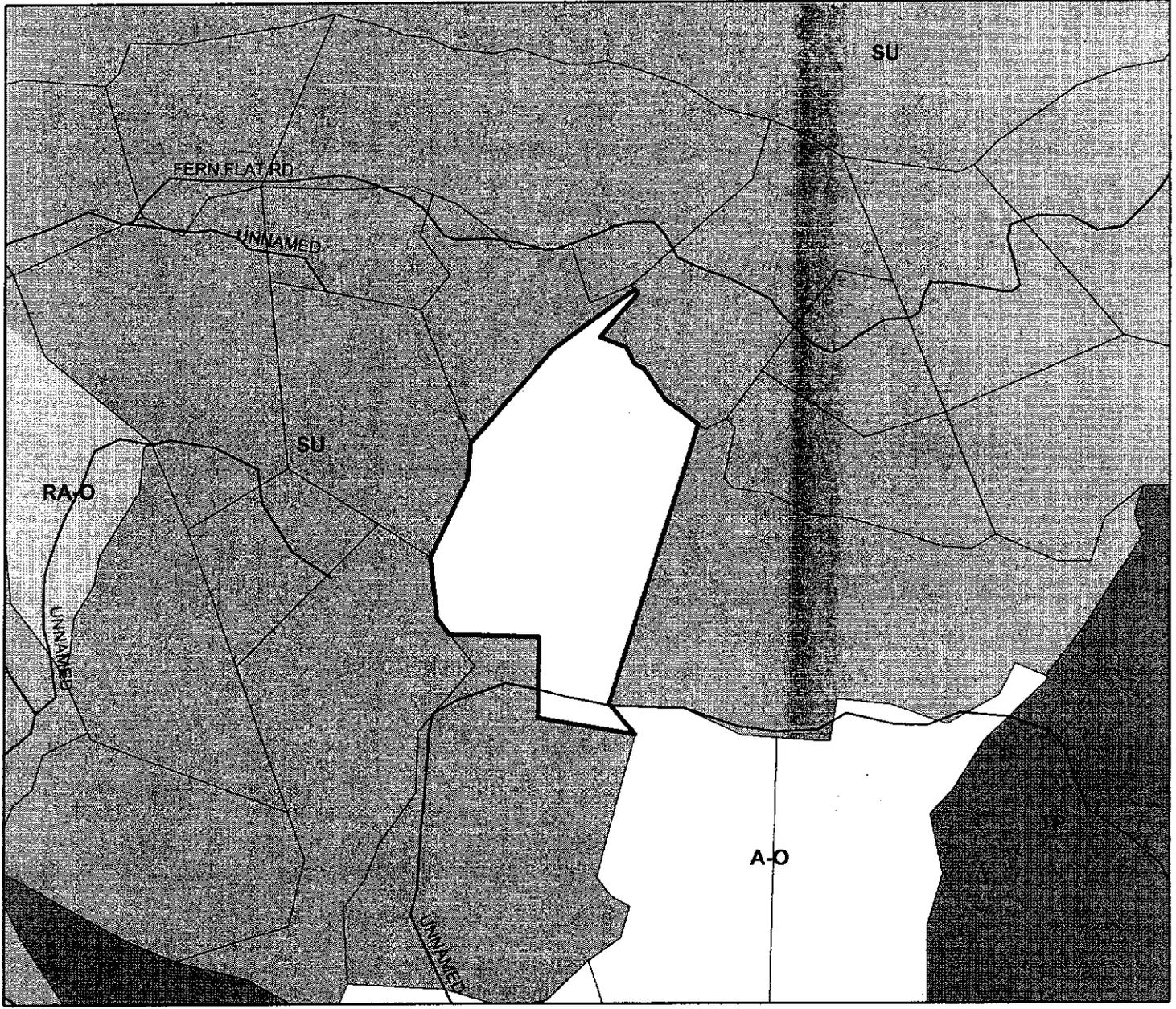


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**EXHIBIT C**



# Zoning Map



## LEGEND

APN: 105-301-05

Streets

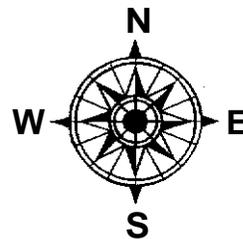
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SPECIAL USE

TIMBER PRODUCTION

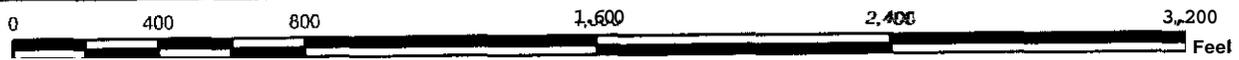
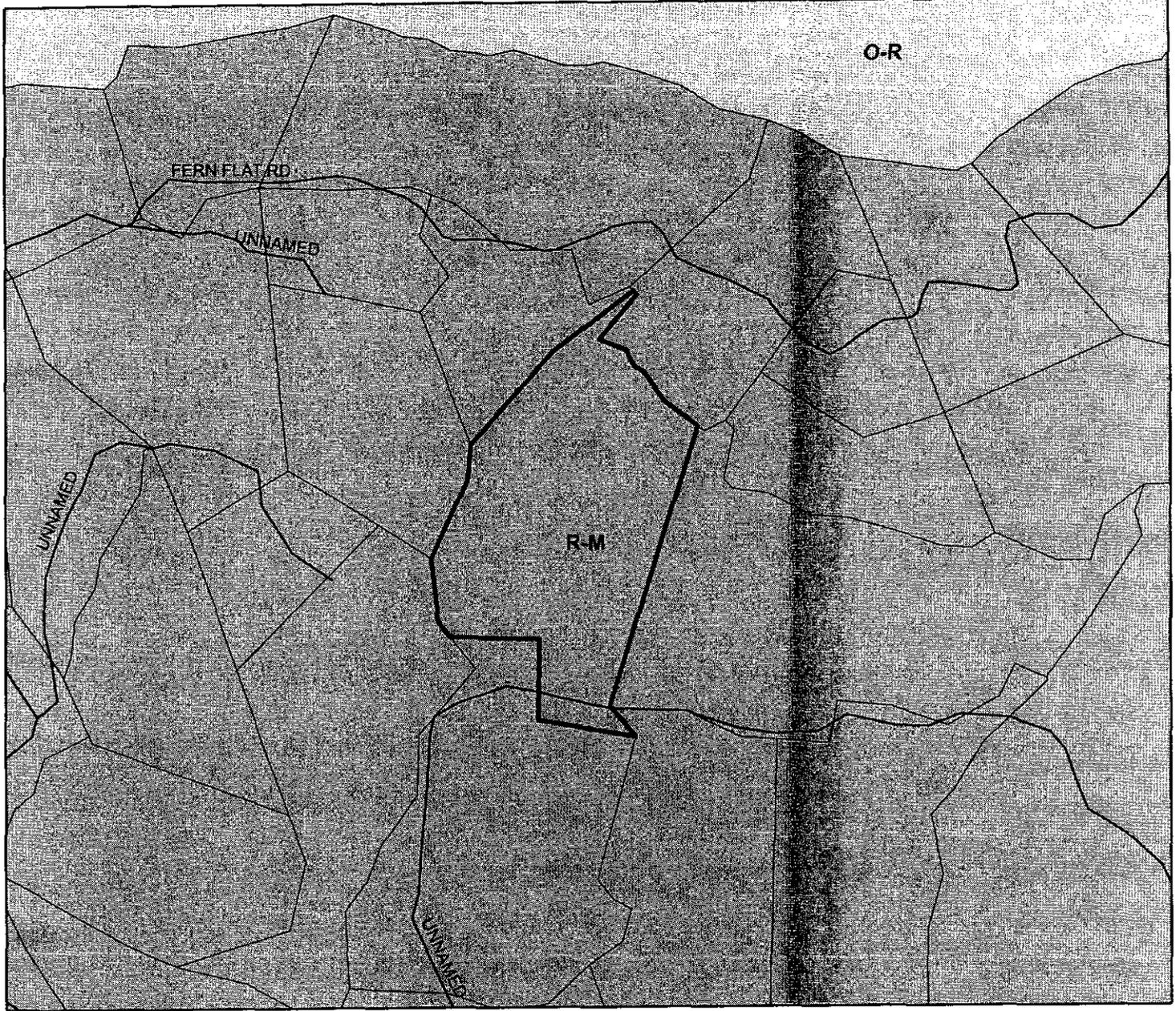


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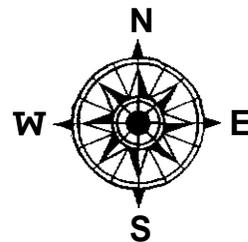


# General Plan Designation Map



## LEGEND

-  APN: 105-301-05
-  Streets
-  Assessors Parcels
-  Parks and Recreation
-  Residential-Mountain



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**EXHIBIT C**

# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

The Santa Cruz County Planning Department has reviewed the project described below and has determined that it is exempt from the provisions of CEQA as specified in Sections 15061 - 15332 of CEQA for the reason(s) which have been specified in this document.

Application Number: 07-0262

Assessor Parcel Number: 105-301-05

Project Location: Property located on the north side of Haines Road (a private, unmarked right of way) approximately 0.8 miles east of three-way intersection of Haines Road with Rider Road and Rider Ridge Road.

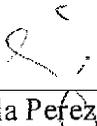
**Project Description: Rezone a single parcel from the Agriculture with Open Space Easement (A-0) zone district to the Timber Production (TP-0) zone district.**

**Person or Agency Proposing Project: Roy Webster**

**Contact Phone Number: (831) 462-6237**

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ The proposed activity is not a project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378.  
B. \_\_\_\_\_ The proposed activity is not subject to CEQA as specified under CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(c).  
C. \_\_\_\_\_ **Ministerial Project** involving only the use of fixed standards or objective measurements without personal judgment.  
D.   **x**   **Statutory Exemption** other than a Ministerial Project (CEQA Guidelines Section 15260 to 15285). [Section 1703]

In addition, none of the conditions described in Section 15300.2 apply to this project.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Maria Porcila Perez, Project Planner

Date: August 14, 2007

WEBSTER & ASSOCIATES  
2-2590 EAST CUFF DRIVE  
SANTA CRUZ, CA 95062  
831-462-6237

May 23,2007

County of Santa Cruz Planning Department  
Attn.: Robin Bolster-Grant  
701 Ocean Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: TPZ Rezoning of Assessor's Parcel # 105-301-05

Dear Ms. Bolster-Grant,

This letter requests rezoning Santa Cruz County Assessor's Parcel # 105-301-05 (17 acres) from its current AO-Mountain Residential designation to the Timber Production Zone. The parcel is owned by Duard & Kathleen La Frenz and meets the following criteria:

1. The parcel currently meets the timber stocking standards as set forth in Section 4561 of the Public Resources Code and the Forest Practice Rules adopted by the State Board of Forestry for the Southern Subdistrict of the Coast Forest District (see Forest Management Plan).
2. The parcel meets the definition of "Timberland" per Section 51104(f) of the Government Code (see FMP).
3. The parcel meets the permitted use requirements per County Code Section 13.10.372.
4. The parcel has been harvested previously under an approved Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) # 1-93-72/SCR (1993)
5. The parcel meets the minimum 5-acre size requirement (17 acres).

**EXHIBIT E**

Attached in the TMP is an Assessor's Parcel Map.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roy Webster". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.

Roy Webster  
RPF # 1765

## **STOCKING ANALYSIS. APN 105-301-05**

Background: Government Code Section 51113(c)(3)(A) requires that parcels meet the timber stocking standards set forth in Section 4561 of the Public Resources Code and Section 913.8(a)(1) of the California Code of Regulations (CCR). The timber stocking standards pertaining to CCR Section 913.8(a) are met if the timberland contains an average, minimum post-harvest basal area of at least 75 square feet/acre for Site III land. The requirements of PR C 4561 are less stringent.

Analysis: Field review of the property suggests that the average dominant redwood trees on the property exhibit Site III characteristics. Site III characteristics are defined under CCR 1060 as lands capable of growing redwood trees of 135-154 feet in 100 years. The parcel has been selectively harvested in the past and has demonstrated the ability to sustain periodic harvests while maintaining the minimum basal area requirements cited above. Current **stocking** is 173 square feet of basal area per acre, well above the required standards.

## **WOOD FIBER ANALYSIS**

Background: Government Code Section 51113(c)(4) requires that parcels zoned timber production must meet the definition of "Timberland" which is defined in Government Code Section 51104(f) as: "Privately owned land, or land acquired for state purposes, which is devoted to and used for growing and harvesting timber, or for growing and harvesting timber and compatible uses, and which is capable of growing an average **annual** volume of wood fiber of at least 15 cubic feet per acre".

Analysis: Field review of the property suggests that the parcel is capable of producing wood **fiber** in excess of 15 cubic feet/acre/year. Soil productivity analysis confirms this observation. The soil types are Lompico Variant Loam and Ben Lomond-Felton complex, which are well-suited to the production of redwood and Douglas-fir timber and based on field review, **are** currently producing well in excess of 15 cubic feet of wood fiber/acre/year.

## **COMPATIBLE USE ANALYSIS**

The primary land use on the parcel over the last several decades has been commercial timber production with one single family residence.

COMBINED TIMBER MANAGEMENT PLAN

FOR

DUARD & KATHLEEN LA FRENTZ  
APN 105-301-05

WALTON HALVES-BARBARA HAJNES  
APN 105-301-03

WALTON HAJNES-RON & LOIS DE BENEDETTI  
APN 105-301-08

RON & LOIS DE BENEDETTI  
APN 105-301-06

PREPARED BY  
ROY W. WEBSTER  
REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER  
LICENSE NUMBER 1765

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TIMBER MANAGEMENT PLAN

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ADDENDUM

**A. 1981 CFIP (California Forest Improvement Program) project description.**

**B. 1993 TIMBER HARVEST PLAN (includes APN 105-301-02&07 which are not part of this rezoning application).**

**C. Soil description**

**D. Tree Inventory**

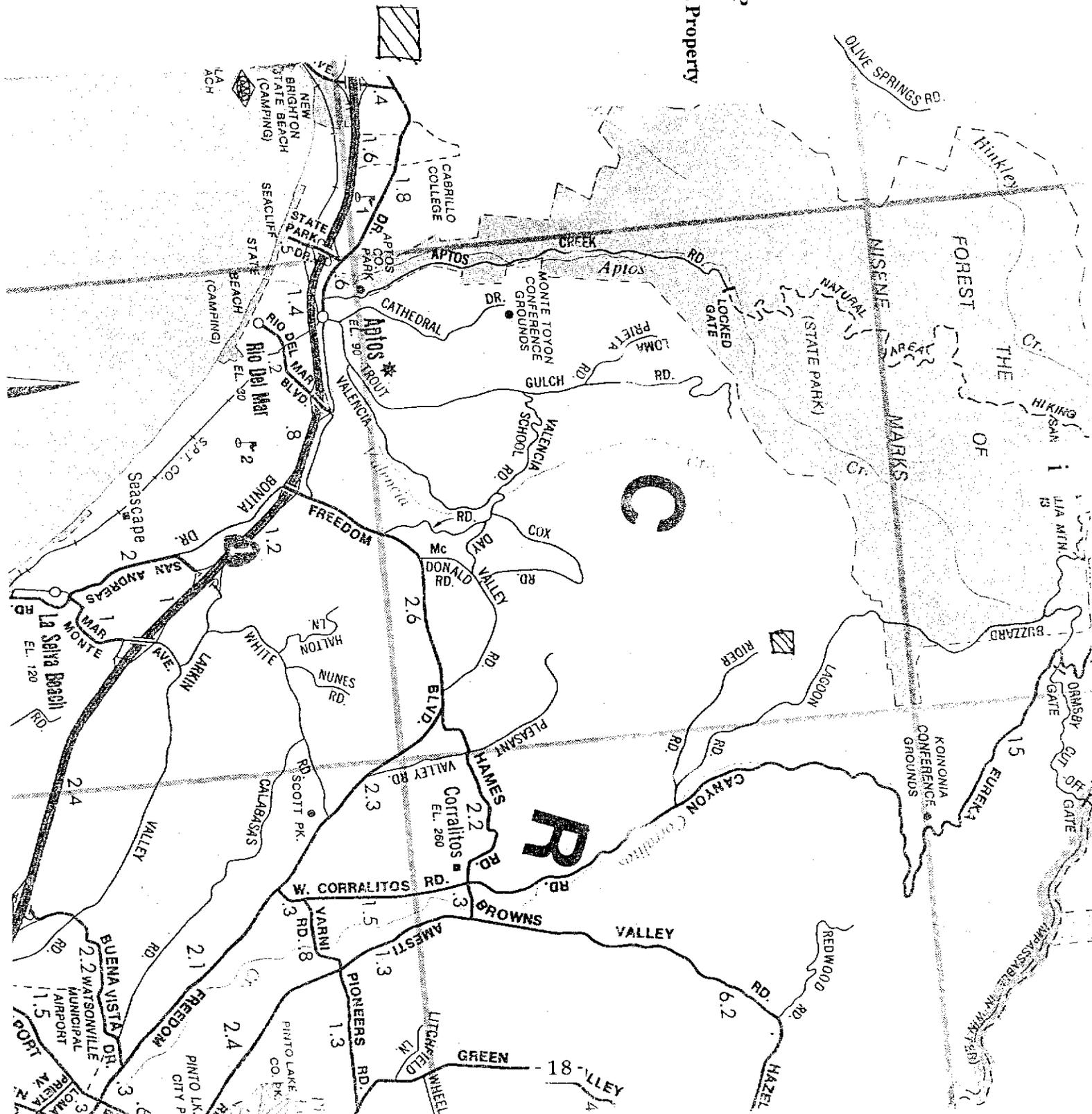
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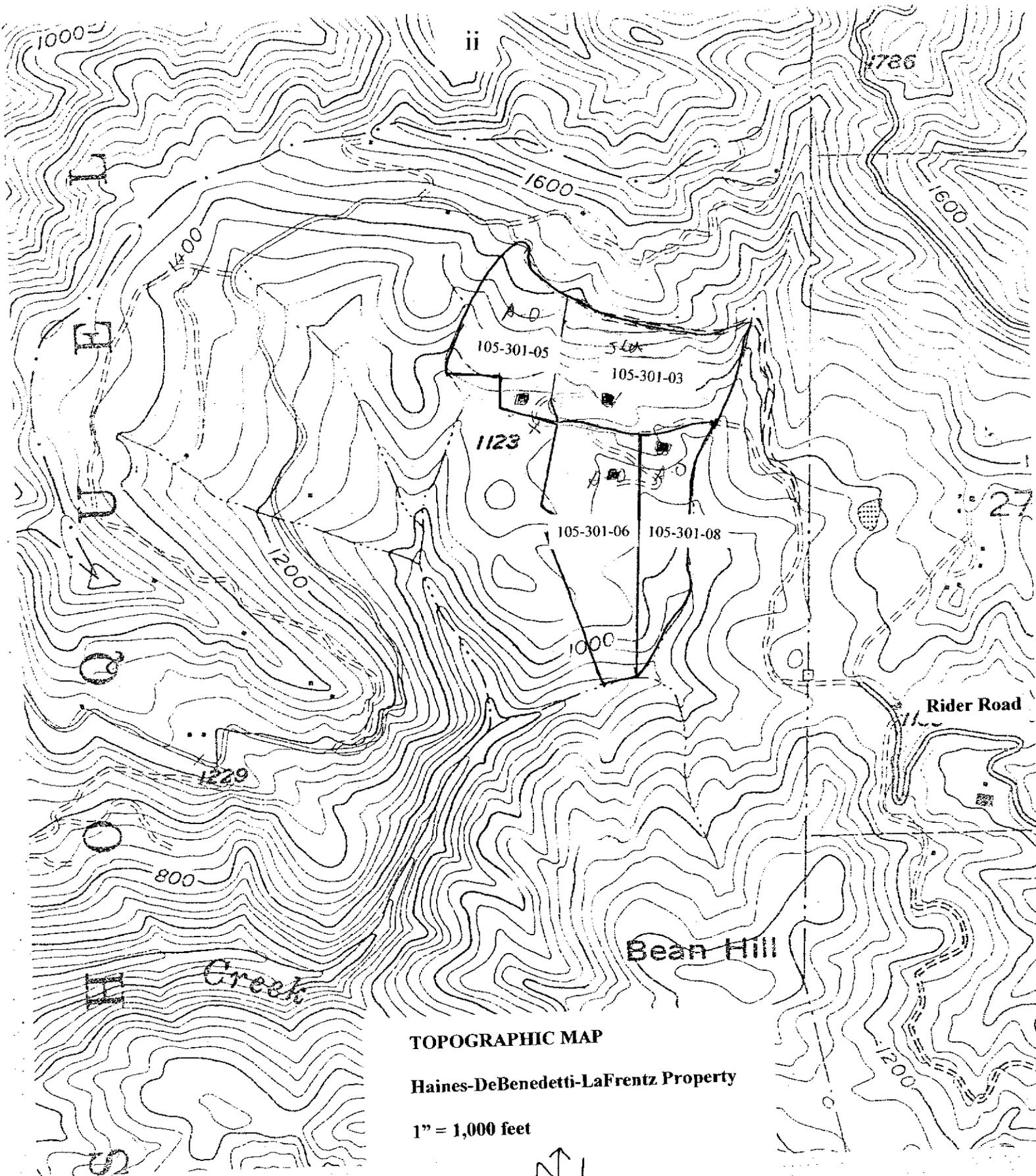
Haines-DeBenedetti-LaFrenz Property

1" = 0.9 MILES



Property Location





**TOPOGRAPHIC MAP**

**Haines-DeBenedetti-LaFrentz Property**

**1" = 1,000 feet**



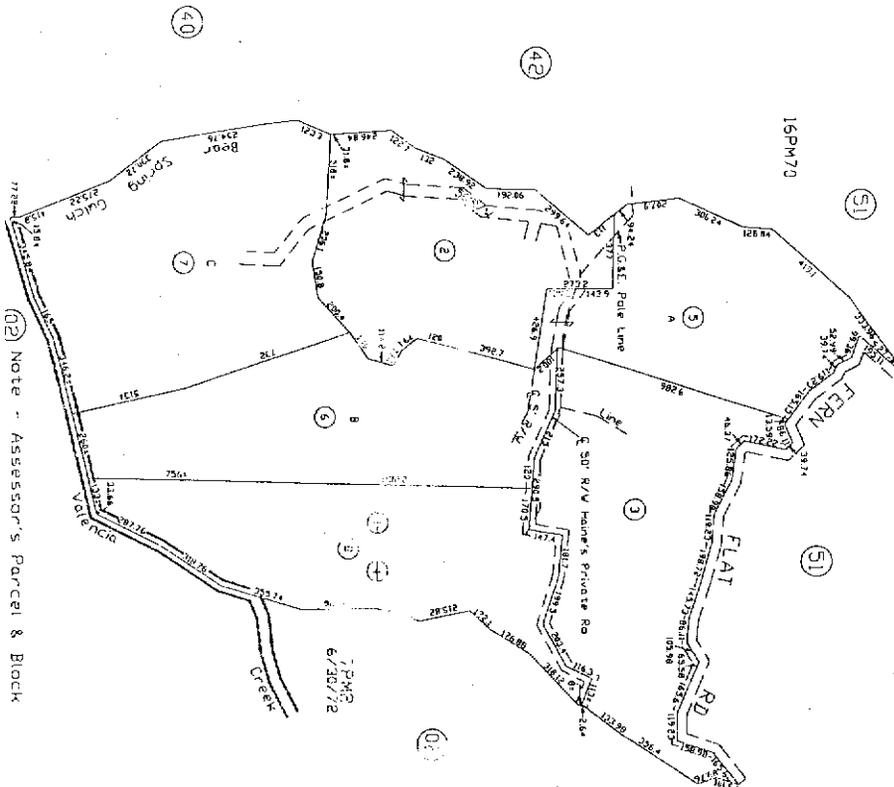
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(02) Note - Assessor's Parcel & Block

REVISED  
DATE 10-5-07  
CUD MAP NOY 95-500

Assessor's Map No. 105-30  
County of Santa Cruz, Calif

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

OWNER'S NAME - Duard & Kathleen La Frenz

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER - 105-301-05

SIZE OF PARCEL – 17 acres.

OWNER'S NAME – Walton Haines – Barbara Haines

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER - 105-301-03

SIZE OF PARCEL – 23 acres

OWNERS NAME – Walton Haines – Ron & Lois De Benedetti

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER - 105-301-08

SIZE OF PARCEL – 21 acres.

OWNERS NAME – Ron & **Lois** De Benedetti

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER - 105-301-06

SIZE OF PARCEL – 21 acres

The parcels are located in the headwaters of the Valencia Creek watershed. There is one class 1 watercourse which extends from the northwest boundary of APN 105-301-05 down to the water diversion located near the southwest boundary of the same parcel. Below the diversion (off the property) it is a class 2 watercourse. There **is** a class 2 watercourse which is the east boundary **of** the unit. There are four class 3 watercourses as well as a pond adjacent to the DeBenedetti house. Refer to the 1993 THP map **for** locations.

ACREAGE IN DIFFERENT VEGETATION TYPES - The property is all redwood/tanoak type. There are some areas of grassland and/or brush within the stand.

SITE CLASS - Site Class III

SOILS

Subject parcels are of the Lompico Variant loam (# 145) and Ben Lomond-Felton complex (#114) **per** the Soil Survey **of** Santa Cruz County, California, USDA, Soil Conservation Service, issued August 1980. See Addendum C for a description of the soils.

## PARCEL TIMBER HARVEST HISTORY

The parcels subject of this Timber Management Plan (TMP) were purchased by the Haines family in 1894. The redwood was clear-cut shortly after the turn of the century. Some residual, defective trees were retained. Since that time and up to the first selective harvest other wood products were harvested from the tree farm: cordwood, tanbark, fence posts and grape stakes were among the products. Selective timber harvests were conducted in 1958, 1967, 1978, and 1993.

## APPROVED STATE OR COUNTY TIMBER HARVEST PLANS & HAUL ROUTE

A copy of the most recent THP is appended to this Plan (Addendum B). The haul route was from the property to Rider Road, south on Eureka Canyon Road, continue on W. Corralitos Road, northwest on Freedom Blvd. to Highway 1, then on to the sawmill.

## MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

The objective and goal is to produce an even flow of high quality redwood logs through periodic harvesting and recommended forest improvement projects. Attached is a copy of the California Forest Improvement Project conducted in 1981 (Addendum A).

## RECOMMENDED LOGGING SYSTEMS

The recommended logging system is crawler tractor and/or rubber tired skidder which has been utilized in the past harvests.

## PRESENT AND FUTURE STAND CONDITIONS

The present stand is a well spaced and stocked second growth redwood stand consisting of 5 age classes resulting from the previous harvest. The age classes are 90 years old, 50.40, 30, and 15 years old. There are no ancient redwoods (200 years +) located on the tract.

A 2.1% timber cruise was conducted to ascertain stand conditions and growth (see Addendum D, Inventory). It shows trees per acre by DBH (diameter at breast height) class, basal area and board foot volume. We estimate that the stand currently has 61 trees per acre 12 inches or greater in diameter, 173 square feet of basal area per acre and 8,700 board feet per acre. It is estimated that there is a total volume of 670,646 board feet on the entire unit.

Growth was highly variable, ranging from 4 rings per inch to 13 rings per inch. The average was 8 rings per inch (i.e. the tree took 8 years to grow one inch in diameter). Growth was more dependant on location in the canopy than size class. Open grown trees or those which had been released by removal of competition grew the fastest. Total average annual growth is estimated to be 3% per year.

The future stand will be all-aged with a somewhat greater variety of tree sizes. The oldest trees will be in the 60 to 80 year age class. It will have a roughly equal number of crop trees in each age/size class. It will have a greater diversity of habitats.

## PRESENT AND FUTURE GROWTH

Current growth is near optimum **and** will **be** maintained by periodic harvests leaving a well spaced, productive stand.

## CUTTING PRESCRIPTION

The even flow of high **quality** redwood logs from any stand is guaranteed by doing nothing more than applying a simple cutting prescription. Cut 50 percent of the **trees** 18 inches in diameter and larger. Take the largest trees first.

## HARVEST CYCLES

Don't cut again until some\* dominant redwoods, not growing in advantageous habitat such as near a spring or stream, have grown six inches in diameter. (\*A number equal to two **trees** for every 10 acres is enough.) This will work out to a cutting cycle of 10 to 15 years.

## REGENERATION

Since redwoods sprout from the stump, regeneration **is** assured without any intervention.

## FUTURE GROWTH MODEL

The cutting prescription will produce an even flow of harvest **trees**, mostly 24 to 30 inches in diameter. Assuming just one replacement tree for each **tree** cut, ultimately the distribution of crop **trees** prior to each harvest will look something like this:

TREE DISTRIBUTION	
50% CUT	
NUMBER	DIAMETER
20%	24-30"
20%	18-24"
20%	12-18"
20%	6-12"
20%	0-6"

## COMMENCEMENT OF HARVESTING

Harvesting should commence **as** soon **as** the landowner's economic needs and the market for timber will allow. but within the next five years.

## MANAGEMENT UNITS

The entire property is one management unit.

## FOREST IMPROVEMENT

The stand will be monitored over time and forest improvement projects conducted if necessary to maximize growth.

#### SNAGS AND DOWNED WOOD INVENTORY.

There are no significant snags or downed wood. Those present will be retained.

#### FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Fish and wildlife management is not proposed but will be maintained **as** a bi-product of this timber management plan.

#### FIRE PROTECTION PLAN

Maintain appropriate clearing for fire protection around the residences.

#### RECREATION

There is only private recreation on the parcel, such **as** hiking and horse back riding.

#### URBAN INTERFACE ISSUES

Parcels in the vicinity are mostly forested tracts on five acre and larger parcels. Timber harvesting is a periodic and accepted practice in this area. Minimal ~~opposition~~ to harvesting has occurred in the past and the same is expected in the future.

#### EROSION HAZARD INVENTORY AND PLAN

Only minimal erosion has occurred in the past due to suitable timber harvesting operations and continual maintenance of erosion control devices between harvests. The same is expected in the future.

#### PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

There is a Granny Unit proposed for APN 105-301-03. Septic, water and soils test have been conducted. They are waiting for issuance of the building permit.

#### ANALYSIS OF ANY CONFLICTS BETWEEN PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AND FUTURE HARVESTING

There are none.

Roy W. Webster

5-15-2007

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## ADDENDUM A

### CFIP PROJECT DESCRIPTION - 1981

#### H D RANCH

The HD Ranch is composed of 66 acres, 59 *of* which are forested with stands of second growth redwood and Douglas fir with a substantial hardwood component ranging from 30-100 percent locally. The remaining 7 acres are in grasslands being invaded by brush species. An area of 16.5 acres in the southern portion of the property is to be treated silviculturally to maximize conifer growth. The treatment area is composed of Lompico Variant loam and Ben Lomond-Felton complex soils. The acreage is on gently sloping terrain. No environmental damage will result from the proposed activities. The productive potential of the area has been determined to be Site III. The 16.5 acres consists of locally variable conifer/hardwood stands which **has** been determined by ground investigation to be composed of 60 percent conifer and 40 percent hardwood trees. Thus overall 6.6 acres is in hardwoods and 9.9 acres is in conifers.

#### Site Preparation: 6.6 acres

Treatment on the hardwood areas consists of the felling and removal of most of the trees, allowing some leave trees for soil stability and site shading. The larger waste material generated by the recent conifer logging will be removed to leave room for planting the seedlings. The slash will be piled at a landing site for burning and the fuelwood generated will be removed from the property for sale.

Due to the expenses which will be incurred, far exceeding the ceiling price listed for site preparation, it is felt that a commercial fuelwood operation carried out simultaneously with site preparation would be most advantageous both from an economic and environmental standpoint. Costs would preclude the removal of *the* fallen hardwoods and logging slash unless added revenues could be realized by the sale of fuelwood. The removal of said debris would produce maximum acreage for planting, which would be impossible were the trees merely felled and lopped. The fallen hardwoods and combustible debris would pose a substantial fire hazard in the area. Thus the removal of this material

will have an added effect of virtually eliminating the danger of a ground fire.

It is desirable to carry out the fuelwood **and** site preparations together both for economic and environmental reasons. If the operations were to be performed separately, the objectives of the plan would not be feasible. Removal of the fuelwood and subsequent cleanup (logging) for inspection, and then re-entry for site preparation would greatly increase the cost of the operation and would nullify the possibility of the fuelwood operation financing a more complete cleanup of the area. From an environmental standpoint it is desirable to make one entry into the treatment area, minimizing soil disturbance and compaction. It should be stated here that this is an experimental operation designed to ascertain whether a clean, fully utilized planting area can be achieved economically.

#### Planting 6.6 Acres

The prepared area will subsequently be planted with conifer seedlings; bare root stock of 1.0 redwood and 2.0 Douglas fir. Seedlings will be planted at 9' x 9' spacing or 550 trees per acre. A total of 3.630 seedlings will be planted. If weather conditions permit planting will be carried out in the spring of 1981. Otherwise, planting will take place in the winter of 1981-1982.

#### Pre Commercial Thinning 9.9 Acres

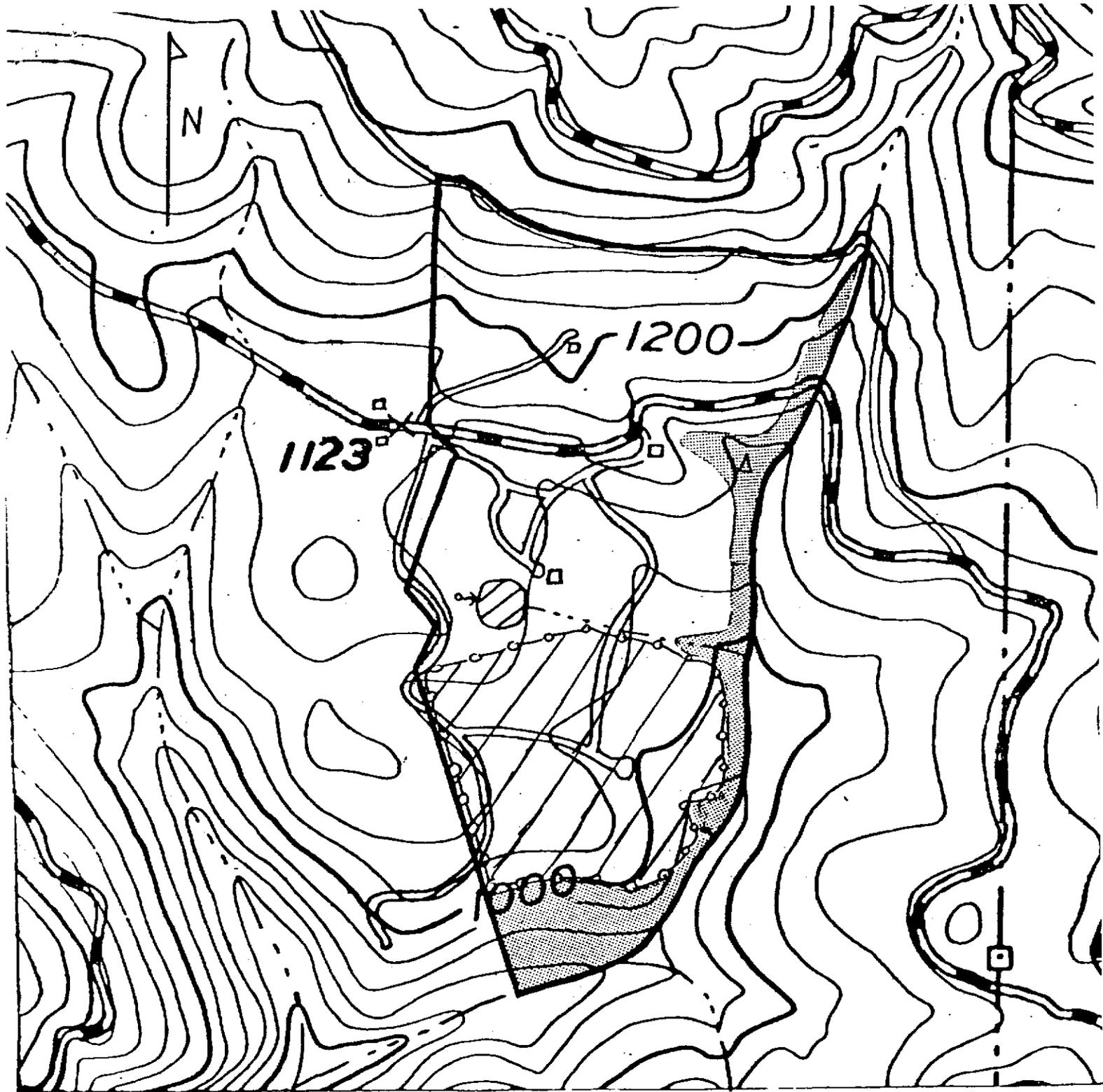
The remainder of the treatment area consists of scattered redwood clumps and Douglas fir. The redwood clumps will **be** thinned so as to leave 2 to 5 healthy sprouts (5-10 years old) per stump, consistent with USDA Forest Service Research Note PSW-290 1974 as explained in the management plan. Larger saplings (to 10" DBH) will also be thinned. The less vigorous and damaged trees in **the** clumps will be removed to reduce space and nutrients competition, maximizing growth. Dense stands of Douglas fir reproduction will be treated in a like manner. This operation will be carried out simultaneously with the

site preparation/fuelwood operation so that the majority of the slash can be removed.

#### Erosion Control

To minimize soil erosion and stream siltation it will be necessary to place a culvert at the point where the road to be graveled (described in management plan) crosses the drainage from the pond. This area has washed out in the past and is partially eroded at present. The culvert will be set and rock placed on the sides to prevent further damage.

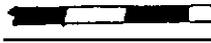
To ascertain the amount of erosion on the two drainages flowing into Valencia Creek, described in the management plan, devices are to be installed to measure both vertical and lateral soil loss. Graduated steel bars provide the most economical measurement devices. Driven into the ground on the bottom and sides of the washouts, these bars can be periodically measured. In one or two seasons the erosive action taking place can be determined. Then if appropriate action is deemed necessary, an erosion control program can be put into effect.



HD Ranch, Owners: W.P. Haines &  
 Ron DeBendetti  
 Por. Sec. 27 & 28 T.10S. R.1E.  
 Santa Cruz County  
 Scale: 1" = 500'  
 Contour Interval 40'

Prepared by D.W. Norris  
 R.P.F. #1906  
 January 14, 1981

Legend

- Main road 
- Secondary road 
- Pond 
- Untreated. (steep) areas 
- Local slide 
- Treatment area 

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**ADDENDUM B**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY

TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN

FOR ADMINISTRATIVE USE ONLY

THP No.	_____
Date Recd	_____
Date Filed	_____
Date Approved	_____

=====  
This Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) form, when properly completed, is designed to comply with the Forest Practice Act (FPA) and Board of Forestry rules. See separate instructions for information on completing this form. NOTE: The form must be printed legibly in ink or typewritten.

1. **TIMBER OWNER(S): Name Sequoia Forest Industries**

Address **P. O. BOX 305**

city **Dinuba**, state **CA**, zip **93618** , Phone **(209) 591-2000**

2. **TIMBERLAND OWNER(S): Name H-D Ranch (Haines-DeBenedetti) Walton P. Haines; Ronald & Lois DeBenedetti; Daniel E. Haines; and Duard W. & Kathleen E LaFrentz.**

Address **731 Rider Road**

city **Watsonville** state **CA**, Zip **95076**, Phone **(408) 688-6230**

3. **TIMBER OPERATOR(S): Name Dennis Pelphrey**

Address **15720 Stetson Road**

LICENSE # **A-3466**

City **Los Gatos**, State **CA**, Zip **95030**, Phone **(408) 353-3538**

4. **PLAN SUBMITTER(S): Name H-D Ranch (Same as # 2)**

If the plan submitter is different from 1,2, or 3 explain authority to submit plan:

N/A

5. **Person to contact on-site who is responsible for the conduct of the operation:**

**Name: Dennis Pelphrey**

Address **15720 Stetson Road**

city **Los Gatos**, state **CA**, Zip **95030** , Phone **(408) 353-3538**

6. **RPF preparing the THP: Name: Robert F. Krohn**

Address **P. O. Box 305**

Registration Number **1049**

city **Dinuba**, state **CA**, zip **93618**, Phone **(209) 591-2000**

7. Expected commencement date of timber operations: April 1st, 1993 for falling and April 15th, 1993 for skidding and hauling.

8. Expected completion date of timber operations: Within one year of plan approval.

9. Forest products to be harvested: Sawlogs

10. The timber operation is to be within: (check the appropriate boxes)

- 1.  Coast Forest District
- 2.  Northern Forest District
- 3.  Southern Forest District
- 4.  Southern Subdistrict of Coast Forest District
- 5.  High-Use Srttrldistrict of Southern Forest District

11. Location of the timber operation by legal description:

Base and Ueridian:  Mount Diabla.     Humboldt,     San Bernardino

section	Township	Range	Approximate Acreage	County	[Optional, Assessors Parcel No.]
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
27&28	10S	1E	133 *	Santa Cruz	105-301-03,06&08 105-301-02&07 105-301-05

\*Property is in Soquel Augmentation Rancho- Sections are projected. There are homesites with homes on the prouerty.

TOTAL ACREAGE 133

12.  Yes  No Is a timberland conversion permit in effect? If Yes, List permit number and date of expiration: \_\_\_\_\_
13.  res  No Is there a THP on file with CDF for any portion of the plan area for which a report of satisfactory stocking has not been issued by CDF? If yes, identify the THP number: \_\_\_\_\_
14.  Yes  No Is any part of the plan within a special treatment area, Tahw Regional Planning Agency jurisdiction, or a county which has special rules? If yes, identify the special area: Santa Cruz County.

SILVICULTURE

15. Check the method or treatments which are to be applied, and provide any other information required by the rules in an addendum:

- 1  Clearcutting
- 2  Shelterwood, preparatory step
- 3  Shelterwood, seed step
- 4  Shelterwood, removal step
- 5  Seed tree, seed tree step
- 6  Seed tree. seed tree removal step
- 7  Selection - designate basal area stocking standards to be met: 100 sq. ft. Basal Area/acre, Site 11, 913.8(a)
- 8  Commercial thinning - designate basal area stocking standards to be met: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9  Sanitation salvage - when will stocking be met: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10  Special Treatment areas
- 11  Rehabilitation of understocked areas
- 12  Alternate prescription
- 13  Transition method

NOTE: There are no publicly owned preserves or recreation areas adjacent to the property. Article 961.8, Buffer Zones, does not apply.



27. Describe soil stabilization measures to be implemented or any additional erosion control measures proposed in this THP where required by the rules:

27. Water bars will be placed on all skid trails and skid trails will be closed off with barriers after use. Roads and landings will be shaped to drain. 914.6(high). Areas of bare ground over 1000 square feet will be seeded, strawed or slashed. Any section of trail that can not be drained will be treated in the same way. Seed @ 50#/ acre. straw at 2".

28.  Yes  No Are any alternative practices or exceptions to the standard harvesting or erosion control practices permitted in the rules proposed for this plan? If yes, explain and justify:

28. Some trees on steep slopes will need to be felled up the slope and end-lined out of WLPZ's.

29.  Yes  No Are operations proposed for the winter period? If yes, provide a winter period plan in end addendum or specify compliance with 14 CAC 914.7(c), 934.7(c), or 954.7(c). No winter plan is needed for cable, helicopter, or balloon yarding.

29. Operations during the winter period will be limited to falling of timber and/or slash clean up. No skidding, loading or hauling will be done during winter period.

#### ROADS AND LANDINGS

30.  Yes  No Will any roads or landings be constructed or reconstructed?  
If yes, check items 31 through 37 that apply:

31.  Yes  No Will new roads be wider than single lane with turnouts?

32.  Yes  No Will any landing exceed the maximum size specified in the rules?

33.  Yes  No Are logging roads or landings proposed in areas of unstable soils or known slide-prone areas?

34.  Yes  No Will new roads exceed a grade of 15% or pitches of 20% for distance greater than 500 feet?

35.  Yes  No Are roads to be constructed, other than crossings, within the watercourse and lake protection zone of a class I or II watercourse?

36.  Yes  No Will roads and landings longer than 100 feet in length be located on slopes over 65%, or on slopes over 50% which are within 100 feet of the boundary of a water course or lake protection zone?

37.  Yes  No Are exemptions proposed for flagging or otherwise identifying the location of roads to be constructed?

38. If any of items 31 through 37 are answered yes, explain, justify, and give site-specific measures to reduce adverse impacts or, if there is any additional or special information concerning the construction and/or maintenance of roads or landings, if required by the rules. Provide necessary information in an addendum.

30 - 38. Roads. Existing seasonal and temporary roads are shown on the THP Map. For logging purposes there are no permanent roads on THP area. Landings to be used are in place from prior harvest. Most will need to be reshaped and cleaned of brush to permit use. They will be kept to a minimum and closed with drainage structures when use is complete.

WATERCOURSE AND LAKES

39.  Yes  No Are there any watercourses or lakes which contain class I through IV waters on or adjacent to the plan area? If yes, complete item 40 through 50.

40.  Yes  No Are any in-lieu practices and/or alternate practices proposed for watercourse or lake protection? If yes, explain and justify:

N/A

Are any exceptions proposed for the following watercourse and lake protection practices? Check items 41 through 48 that apply.

41.  Yes  No Exclusion of the use of watercourses, marshes, wet meadows, and other wet areas for landings, roads, or tractor roads?

42.  Yes  No Retention of non-commercial vegetation bordering and covering meadows and wet areas?

43.  Yes  No Directional felling of trees within the 100M away from the watercourse or lake?

44.  Yes  No Increase or decrease of width(s) of the zone(s)?

45.  Yes  No Protection of watercourses which conduct class IV waters?

46.  Yes  No Exclusion of heavy equipment from the zone?

Yes  No Retention of 50% of the overstory canopy in the zone?

48.  Yes  No Retention of 50% of the understory in the zone?

If any of items 41 through 48 are answered yes, explain and justify if required by the rules and provide necessary information in an addendum.

44. Width of zone will be increased when the break in slope into watercourse is well defined and distance is greater than rewired zone.

49.  Yes  No Are residual trees or harvest trees going to be marked within the watercourse or lake protection zone? If no, explain:

49. Harvest trees are to be marked on the entire area.

50. In an addendum describe the protective measures and zone widths for the watercourse and lake protection zones that are in the plan area.

50. WLPZ's are flagged with red/white striped plastic flagging. Zones are flagged as follows:

	Class		
% Slope	I	II	III
< 30	75'	50'	NO
30-50	100'	75'	Zone
> 50	150'	100'	---

At least 50% of the tree canopy and 50% of other vegetation present before operations shall be left standing and undamaged within the WLPZ's. Streams will be kept clear of logs and slash. A minimum of 75% surface cover and undisturbed area will be retained.

WILDLIFE

51.  Yes  No Are any known rare or endangered species or species of special concern, including key habitat, associated with the THP area? If yes, in an addendum identify the species and the provisions to be taken for protection of the species.

52.  Yes  No Are there any snags which must be felled for fire protection or other reasons? If yes, describe which snags are going to be felled:

52. Snags. Merchantable snags and snags that are a safety hazard to the logging operation or homesites or other improvements on the property will be felled and utilized when possible.

53.  Yes  No Are any other provisions for wildlife protection required by the rules? If yes, describe provisions:

53. Check Biotic Resource Diversity Maps and Santa Cruz County General Plan Species List. See report enclosed.

CULTURAL RESOURCES

54.a.  Yes  No Has an archaeological survey been made of the areas to be harvested?

b.  Yes  No Have the California Archaeological Inventory records been checked for any recorded archaeological or historical sites located in the area to be harvested?

54. Report is enclosed as part of this plan.

55.  Yes  No Are there any archaeological or historical sites located in the area to be harvested? If yes, describe in an addendum how the sites are to be protected.

55. Cultural Resources. The area has been surveyed for cultural resources. Result is shown in Archeological addendum. If any Archaeological / Historical sites or evidence are found during operations, protection measures, (i.e.; avoidance, cessation of operations, reporting of site to CDF) will be initiated by the LTO. Required notice to Native American groups has been made. Any response will be forwarded when/if received.

HAZARD REDUCTION

56. What type of slash treatment will be used in the fire protection zone?

1.  Pile and burn, 2.  Lapping, 3.  other Removal, (200' of homes) 917.4(a)

4.  Not applicable no fire protection zone present.

57.  Yes  No If clearcutting method is used, will broadcast burning be used for site preparation?

58. If piling and burning is to be used for hazard reduction, who will be responsible for compliance?

1.  Tinter owner, 2.  Timber operator, 3.  Timberland owner.

PUBLIC NOTICE

59.  Yes    1 ] No Are there any ownerships within 300 feet of the plan boundary which are owned by persons other than the persons executing this plan? If yes, a List of the names and addresses of the adjacent property owners and a Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber must be included with the plan.

59. Public Notice. The property is bordered by private land on all sides. There are 12 separate parcels of ownership shown by Santa Cruz assessors plats to be within 300 feet of the boundaries of the THP. A list of these owners showing county parcel numbers and addresses from the assessment roll is enclosed. Copies of the assessors maps and a set of addressed envelopes are also enclosed. Notice of intent has been sent to the list enclosed.

60.  Yes     No Are there any adverse insect, disease, or pest problems of significance in the plan area? If yes, describe the mitigation measures. if any, to improve the health and productivity of the stand in an addendum.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

61. Are there any other existing or planned land use activities including but not limited to other THP's in the area of the proposed THP which may combine with the effects of your timber harvesting operation to cause significant adverse cumulative environmental effects? 1  Yes  No. If yes, please describe the other land use(s) and the likely effect as well as any mitigation which would reduce the negative effect in an addendum.

The plan preparer believes any significant impacts will be positive.

#### ATTACHMENTS

62. Check if the attachments listed are included with the plan:

- 1  Notice of Stream Bed Alteration to Department of Fish and Game (A copy of this notice is attached to the instructions for your use.)
- 2  Estimated Surface soil Hazard Calculations.
- 3  Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber and a list of names and addresses of adjacent property owners. Set of stamped envelopes.
- 4  Maps.
- 5  Addendum for silvicultural information.
- 6  Written notice of plan to the timber operator, timberland owner, or timber owner that did not sign the THP.

#### REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER

63. I have the following authority, responsibilities, and Limitation for preparation or administration of the THP and timber operation:

Prepare plan, obtain signatures and provide copies and information to timber owner and licensed timber operator. Provide for administration of harvest. File completion notice.

64. I have notified the tinter owner and the timberland owner;, in writing, of their responsibilities for:
1.  Yes       No The stocking requirements of the rules.
  2.  Yes       No The maintenance of erosion cmtrol structures requirements of the rules.
  3.  Yes       No The marking requirements contained in the rules.

65.  Yes       No I will provide the timber operator with a copy of the approved THP.

66. After considering the rules of the Board of Forestry and the mitigation measures I have proposed I have determined that the timber operation:

I will have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

I will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

If the operation will have a significant adverse impact on the environment, in an addendum explain why any alternatives or additional mitigation measures that would reduce the impact are not feasible.

67. Registered Professional Forester: I certify that I, or my designee, personally inspected the plan area, and the plan complies with the Forest Practice Act and the Forest practice rules.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

68. CERTIFICATION

The above conform to my/our plan and, upon filing, I/we agree to conduct harvesting in accordance therewith. Consent is hereby given to the Director of Forestry, his agents and employees, to enter the premises to inspect timber operation for compliance with the Forest Practice Act and forest practice rules.

Timber Owner: Sequoia Forest Industries, By Steve Ziegler, Forester \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Steve Ziegler \_\_\_\_\_

Timberland Owner: Walton P. Haines \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Timberland Owner: Ronald and Lois DeBenedetti \_\_\_\_\_

signature: / \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Timberland Owner: Daniel E. Haines \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Timberland Owner: Duard W and Kathleen E LaFrentz \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Timber Operator: Dennis Pelphrey \_\_\_\_\_

signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: Dennis Pelphrey \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTOR OF FORESTRY

This Timber Harvesting Plan conforms to the rules and regulations of the Board of forestry and with the Forest Practice Act.

By: \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Title)

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO HARVEST TIMBER**

A Tinter Harvesting Plan or an **amendment** to an existing plan that may be of interest to you has been submitted to the California Department of Forestry for a determination as to whether the tinter operation described in the plan or **amendment** complies with state laws and regulations. The following briefly describes the tinter operation, how to obtain more details, and where and when to submit documents regarding the proposed tinter operation. **If you would** like more information about the plan or **amendment**, or about the laws and regulations governing timber harvesting in California please direct your questions to:

California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection  
San Mateo-Santa Cruz Ranger Unit  
6059 Highway 9  
P. O. Drawer F-2  
Felton, CA 95018  
(408) 335-5355 (415) 592-2726

California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection  
Region I Headquarters  
135 Ridgeway Avenue  
P. O. Box 670  
Santa Rosa, California 95402  
(707) 576-2275

The Timber Harvest Plan or **amendment** is available for public review at the Departments Felton office. The cost to obtain a copy is \$3.00 for the first twenty pages (20) and \$0.12 for each additional page. (Total cost is: \$\_\_\_\_\_.)

THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE PLAN OR AMENDMENT:

- 1. Name of individual who submitted the plan or amendment: H-D RANCH (HAINES/DeBENEDETTI)
- 2. Timberland Owner where the tinter operation is to occur: H-D RANCH (HAINES/DeBENEDETTI).
- 3. Location of plan area (county, section, township and range, and approximate direction and distance to the plan area from the nearest community or well-known landmark):

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY: PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 27 6 28, TOWNSHIP 10 \_\_\_\_\_ MOUNT DIABLO BASE AND MERIDIAN. IS \_\_\_\_\_ AUGMENTATION RANCHO; SECTIONS ARE PROJECTED. THE PROPERTY IS ABOUT 1 MILE NORTH OF BEAN HILL. IT IS SOME 4 MILES NORTH EAST OF CORRALITOS.

- 4. Name of the nearest perennial stream flowing through or downstream from the plan area:

VALENCIA CREEK. Upper forts are boundary of Property.

- 5. Acres proposed to be harvested: 133 TOTAL. 100 acres to log.

- 7. Proposed harvesting method or treatment:

SELECTION, AS PRESCRIBED BY THE RULES OF THE SLUTHERN SUBDISTRICT OF THE COAST FOREST DISTRICT. (CCR 913.8(a)).

The end of the public comment period and the earliest date for the Director's determination on the plan is 45 days from the date of receipt of the plan by the Department. The estimated end of the public comment period and the earliest date for the Director's determination is \_\_\_\_\_

If you originally received this notice by mail from the Registered Professional Forester, you can expect the Department to give you the following by mail: the number of the THP or amendment, the date of its receipt by the Department, the filing date, and the date of any public hearing. You should check with the Department for dates of the Review Team meetings.

If you would like to talk to the Registered Professional Forester who prepared the plan or amendment, please call:

Robert F. Krohn, RPF #1049 (209) 591-2000.

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FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN NO. \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF RECEIPT \_\_\_\_\_

RANCH THP

I. SOIL FACTORS				FACTOR RATING BY AREA			A is the general area.  B is short slope (WLPZ) into Valencia Creek.
A. SOIL TEXTURE	Fine	Medium	Coarse	A	B	C	
1. DETACHABILITY	Low	Werate	High	25	25		
Rating	1-9	10-18	19-30				
2. PERMEABILITY	Slow	Werate	Rapid	1	1		
Rating	5-4	3-2	1				

Rating	Shallow	Werate	Deep	2	2		HIGH.
	1"-19"	20"-39"	40"-60" (+)				
	15-9	8-4	3-1				

Rating	Low	Moderate	High	10	10		FACTOR RATING BY AREA		
	(-) 10-39%	40-70%	71-100%				A	B	C
	10-6	5-3	2-1						
SUBTOTAL							38	38	

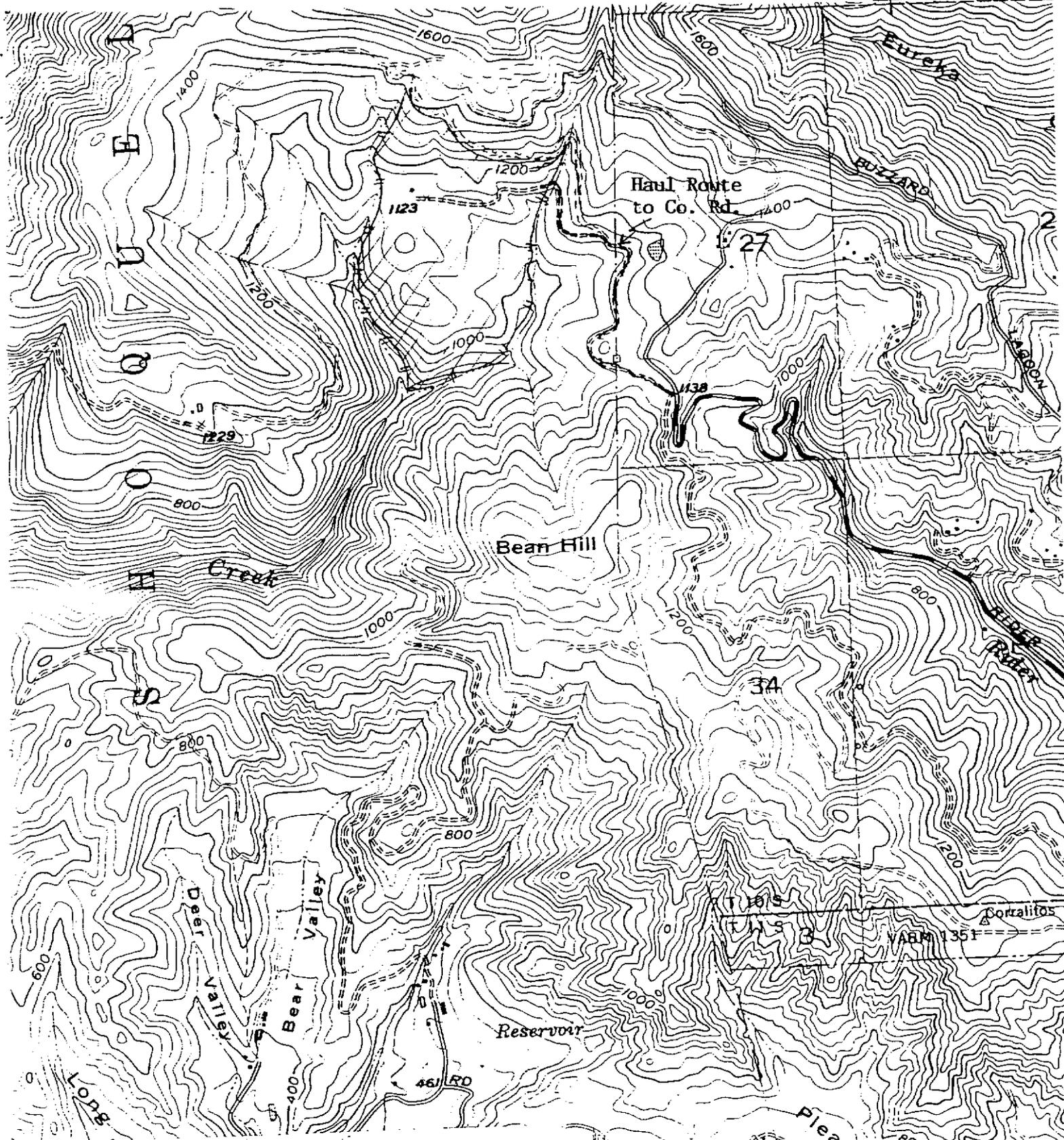
Slope Rating	5-15%	16-30%	31-40%	41-50%	51-70%	71-80% (+)	5	18	
	Rating	1-3	4-6	7-10	11-15	16-25			

Rating	Low	Moderate	High	5	3	
	0-40%	41-80%	81-100%			
	15-8%	7-4	3-1			

Rating	Low	Moderate	High	Extreme	14	14			
	(-) 30-39	40-59	60-69	70-80 (+)					
	1-3	4-1	8-11	12-15					
SUBTOTAL							62	73	

EROSION HAZARD RATING

LOW (L)	MODERATE (M)	HIGH (H)	EXTREME (E)	M	H
THE DETERMINATION IS					



**THP LOCATION MAP**

**H-D RANCH  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY, CA**

**T10S, R1E, Sec 27&28 MDB&M**

**Project Boundary**   
**Haul Route to Co. Rd.** 

R.F.K. Scale 3.5" = 1 mi.

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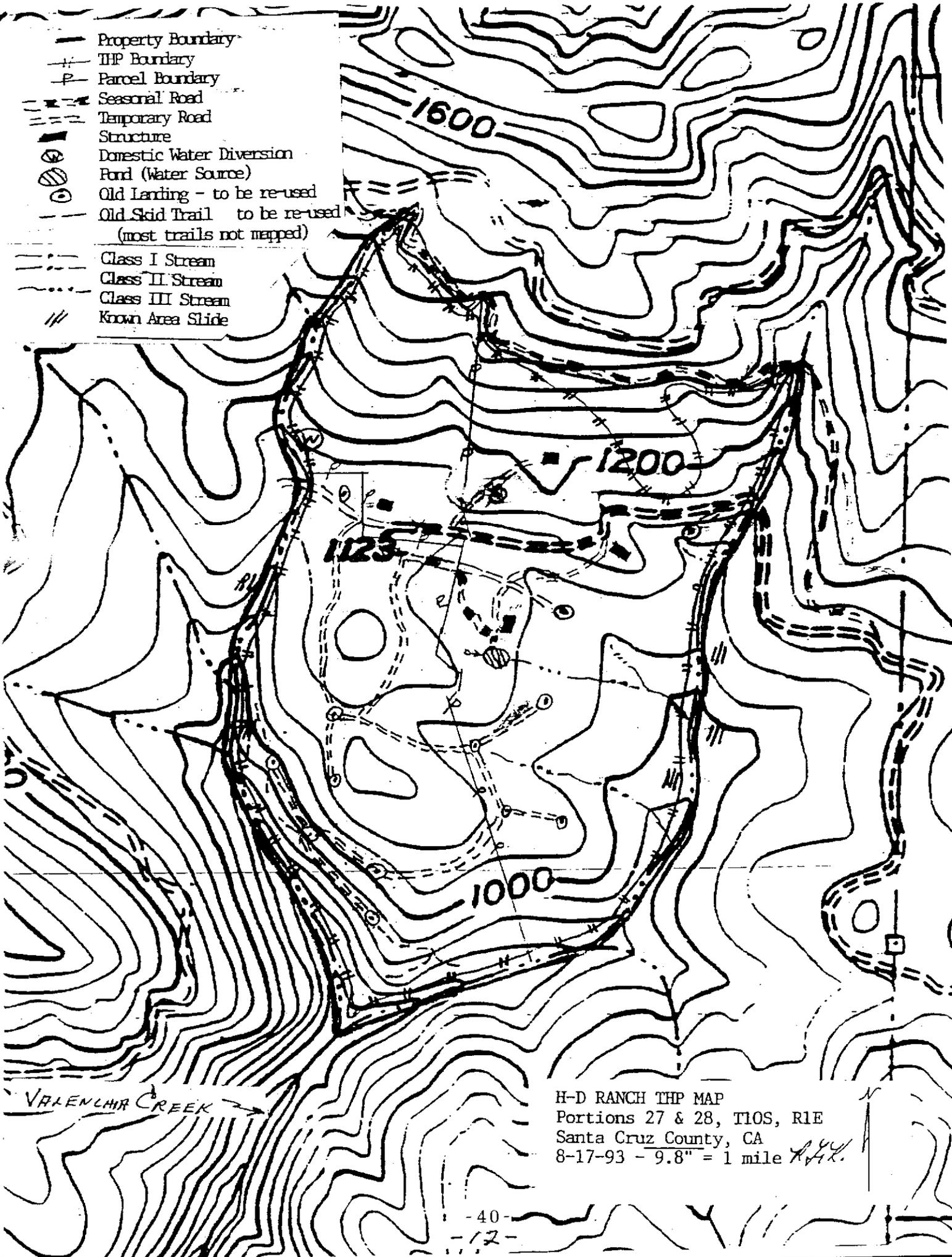
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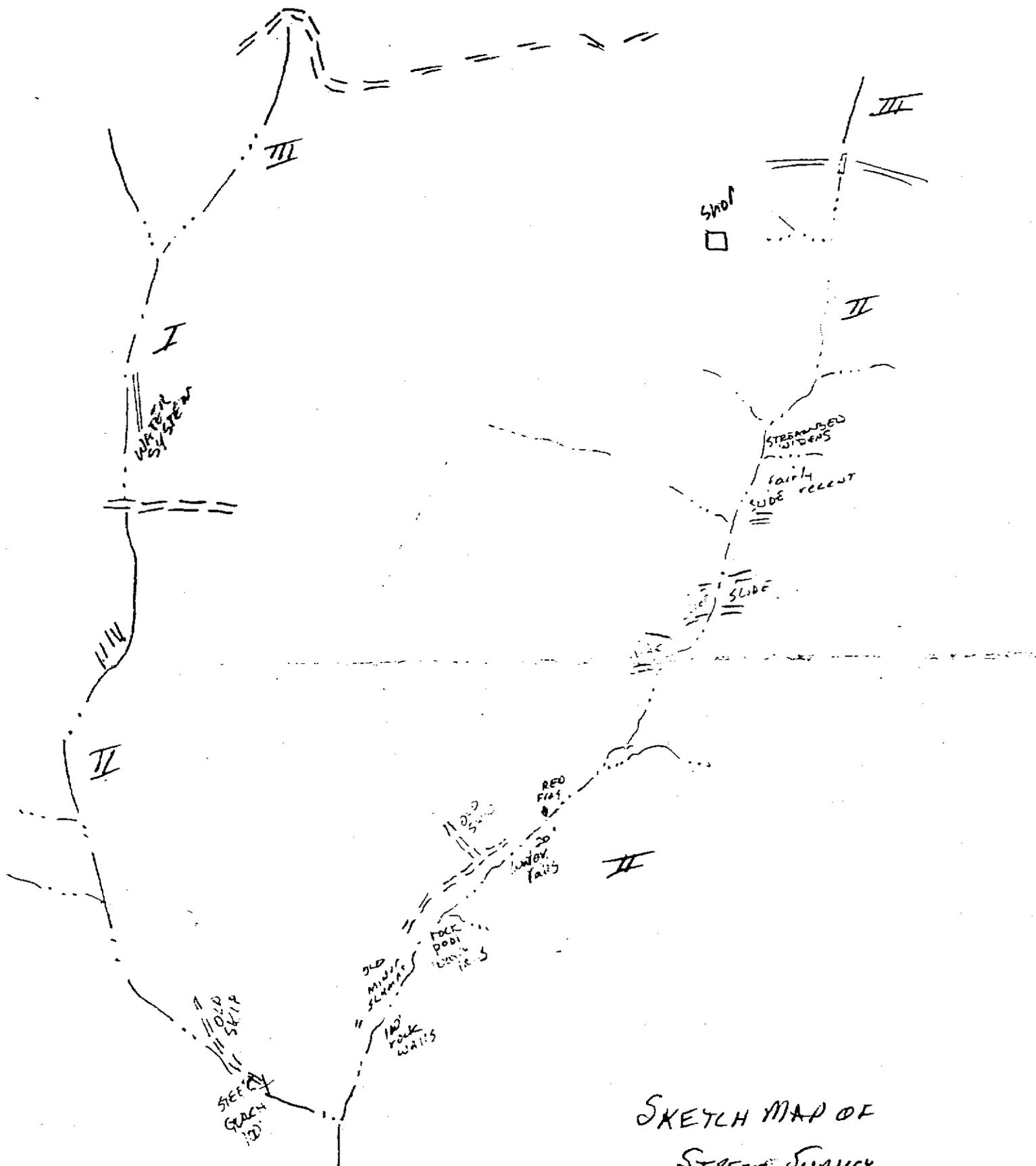
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- Property Boundary
- + THP Boundary
- P Parcel Boundary
- Seasonal Road
- Temporary Road
- Structure
- Domestic Water Diversion
- Pond (Water Source)
- Old Landing - to be re-used
- Old Skid Trail - to be re-used  
(most trails not mapped)
- - - Class I Stream
- · - · Class II Stream
- · · · Class III Stream
- /// Known Area Slide



H-D RANCH THP MAP  
 Portions 27 & 28, T10S, R1E  
 Santa Cruz County, CA  
 8-17-93 - 9.8" = 1 mile *A.H.H.*



SKETCH MAP OF  
STREAM SURVEY

By P.E. Emmert

1/27/93

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
BOARD OF FORESTRY  
CUMULATIVE IMPACTS ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST**

(1) Do the assessment area(s) of resources that may be affected by the proposed project contain any past, present, or reasonably foreseeable probable future projects?

Yes   X                        No       

(2) Are there any continuing, significant adverse impacts from past land use activities that may add to the impacts of the proposed project?

Yes                             No   X  

(3) Will the proposed project, as presented, in combination with past, present, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects identified in items (1) and (2) above, have a reasonable potential to cause or add to significant cumulative impacts in any of the following resource subjects?

	<u>Yes after mitigation</u> (a)	<u>No after mitigation</u> (b)	<u>No Reasonably potential significant effects</u> (c)
1. Watershed	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
2. Soil Productivity	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
3. Biological	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
4. Recreation	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
5. Visual	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
6. Traffic	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
7. Other	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>

(4) If column (a) is checked in (3) above describe why the expected impacts can not be feasibly mitigated or avoided and what mitigation measures or alternatives were considered to reach this determination. If column (b) is checked in (3) above describe what mitigation measures have been selected which will substantially reduce or avoid reasonably potential cumulative impacts except for those mitigation measures or alternatives mandated by application of the rules of the Board of Forestry.

(5) The boundaries of the assessment areas are described for each item and shown on attached maps when required.

(6) List of Contacts and Research Records:

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Daniel Haines and Ron DeBenedetti  
Owners of the property.  
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Forester, RPF  
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Records Examined:

1. Aerial Photos of the project area.
2. U.S.G.S. - Quadrangle Maps.
3. **Assessors** Plat Maps, Santa Cruz County.
4. Santa Cruz County **assessors** ownership records.
5. Archeological **records** check **from** California State **Univ**, Sonoma.
6. Archeological Reference Manual & Guide - CLFA/CDF, 1992.
7. THP #5-79-104/SC, Prior THP on the area.
8. Various consultants **reports from** other **THP's in** Santa Cruz *County*
9. Rainfall intensity maps from **CDF**.

Project Description: The project involves the harvest of timber using the selection method of harvest. Mature trees and immature trees that need to be thinned will be marked for removal and removed to continue development of an uneven aged structure on the property and to maintain optimum timber growth. Stocking will be in place following harvest.

Yardine Methods and Topographic Conditions: The plan area consists of ~~six assessors~~ parcels with a total area of 133 acres. Some 100 acres will be harvested. The property is located West of the West end of Rider Road about one half mile north of Bean Hill in Santa Cruz County, California. It is near the top of the divide between Valencia Creek and Aptos Creek with a South facing aspect. The property is a relatively gentle bench, bounded on the East, South and West by two forks of upper Valencia Creek. It is bounded by the Fern Flat county road on the North. Most of the property has been logged at least twice and some of it three times. The area with merchantable timber will be logged. Skid trails and landings from prior harvest are in place and in good condition these facilities **will** be reopened and reused. The entire area will be logged with tractor and/or skidder. Steeper **slopes** adjacent to Valencia Creek will be end lined to existing skid trails. There is a gentle ridge on the **West** that drops off to the West into the West fork of the Valencia Creek drainage. The same ridge drops **off** a longer distance to the East into the East fork of Valencia Creek **This** are the upper **forks** of Valencia Creek. The topography adjacent to the stream on three sides of the property is characterized by a short steep **slopes** into the stream. The entire length of both streams has been walked and will be described in Watershed Assessment. Elevation of the property ranges from some 800 feet on the South to the highest point on the North at some 1,500 feet. The stream drop some 600 feet in a little less

than a mile through the property. The gentle areas have weathered into a deep well drained soil that supports very good timber generally throughout. **This** plan area is mostly site **II & III** timberland. Site **has** not been mapped.

Veetation and Stand Conditions:

The timber stand is Redwood forest with a light ~~mix~~ of Douglas Fir, 90% Redwood and 10% Fir is estimated, hardwood are mixed throughout with a few patches of predominantly hardwoods. The stand has developed from early day logging, late 19th century, of the original growth timber followed by burning. Sprouts and seedlings followed the logging and have grown **up** to a mature second growth forest. The current stand **is** composed of residual trees that have been growing following latest timber harvest some **12** years ago, **24** years on a third of the area, and a prior harvest **12** years before. Trees left at that time have continued to grow rapidly, sprouts have formed and young trees have become established where there were openings. The selection system of silviculture being applied ~~will~~ continue the growth on the property. It will be beneficial to open **up** the areas and get an increase in variety of vegetation as more sunshine is allowed to reach the forest floor. Young trees will have more room and moisture to **grow** faster and streamside riparian type vegetation will find conditions under which it can increase following harvest. There is no Old Growth nor **is** there any "Ancient Forest" on the property.

Watershed and Stream Conditions:

The stream course that surrounds three sides **of** the property was walked **by** RPF Patrick Emmert and the property line was flagged. These two forks of Valencia Creek that come together at the

Southwesterly corner of the property delineate the boundary of property on the East, South and West. Both are headwater forks of Valencia Creek Valencia Creek flows Westerly for about a mile and then Southerly for some three miles, it is joined by several small side drainage and then by Trout Creek and Aptos creek just before it flows directly into the Monterey Bay. It is some 7 miles from the junction on the South point of the property to the beach. For most of their length both forks next to the logging are undisturbed in modern time. **Effects** of logging from the 1800's is evident. Short portions, perhaps 10%, of the East fork is disturbed by slides. Otherwise, stream conditions are stable with minimal bank cutting or downcutting. Pools are clear except for organic debris, fern and alder. The main stream below the junction traverses a deep relatively inaccessible canyon. A sketch map is enclosed, page 13, showing some of the characteristics observed about the stream during the walk of the stream.

The East fork stream bed is composed of gravel rock and sandstone sediment and old fallen logs that create pools between deeply cut channel areas. There are small areas with up to 18" of sediment from recent storms (40" of rainfall by the 1st of February 1993). Vegetation consists of ferns, conifers, tan oak and small plants. Deep litter exists in some locations. The streams were not running at all in November but are active at this time. Past slides and slumps are evident. These are relatively stable during good weather. Slide noted on the 1979 THP map were observed and are noted on the stream sketch map. On the **East** fork there are **two** on the property and two across the stream on the adjacent property. A large concentration of woody debris (trees) exists at one slide area from the opposite bank This was probably a result of an older slide of **soil** and trees. There are a couple of **small** water falls. At a point just above the junction there is a 100'+ vertical cliff on the opposite side of the creek On the West fork, Bear

Spring Gulch, there is a steep gulch just above the junction, an old skid comes down to the creek at this location. The creek is stable with pools formed by sandstone, logs, debris, etc. A gravel - sediment stream bed with ferns, conifers, oaks, herbs throughout. There is one new slide/slump on this fork at the approximate location shown on the sketch map. The owners have a domestic water diversion above the road that crossed the West **fork** The stream above this point will be treated at Class I. Harvesting will be done from the WLPZ hut equipment will be kept out **of** the zone.

Past and Present Activities

Past Activities: The property had a heavy harvest in the late 1800's that removed much of the timber that was marketable and accessible at the time. Ground lead cable logging was used, pulling logs up or down the **hill** with bull team and steam equipment. Old skidways can still be found but evidence on the ground shows that the forest has responded by regenerating profusely and continuing to grow. The property was also cut over some 12 years ago, in 1980 with a light selective removal. Residual timber from the previous logging and regeneration resulting from all the logging activity has been growing and the owners now believe it **is** time for another harvest. Adjacent ownership is all private and **has** similar young growth timber. Adjacent ownership to the West and North has been divided into lots, some have homes on them. **Property** to the East and South is in a larger ownership and is devoted to production of timber. It has had a recent selective harvest THP records show the date of the latest harvest to have been in the mid 1970's.

Present Activities: No known harvesting is planned for the adjacent properties at this time.

There are three residences on the property. These are occupied by some of the owners who live on the site. A small amount of cutting of hardwoods for use as firewood is done annually. Space free of encroaching native vegetation is maintained around homes for fire protection, sunlight, air flow and safety. A few trees encroaching on the space will be removed as part of the logging operation. There is a power line traversing the property which will need to be protected during the harvest activity.

Future Projects: Owners will continue to use the property as a residence. Following harvest under this THP they will continue to grow timber. Growth on the residual trees will be enhanced. A future harvest can be expected as volume removed is replaced by growth. This pattern has continued of the past decades.

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II. The following resources were assessed

A Watershed Impact Assessment: The watershed assessment area is the Valencia Creek drainage. The two upper forks of Valencia Creek are small seasonal streams, #1 and #2 on the THP map. They both originate near the North boundary of the property. They are both Class II stream adjacent to the harvest except the West fork which is classed as Class I from the North property boundary to the location of water diversion for domestic use. Since they comprise the property boundary there will be no need to cross them to get timber. Trees growing on the slopes adjacent to the streams will be felled up the bill away from the stream and end lined out of streamside zone.

The property is a gentle bench below the steeper slopes higher up on the ridge and has developed deep productive timber soils. Elevation ranges from 800 to the highest point at **1,500** feet. The stream drop some **600** feet in a little less than a mile through the property. The gentle areas on soft parent material have weathered into a deep well drained soil that supports timber generally throughout. This plan area is mostly site II & III timberland. Site **has** not been mapped. The two drainage that form the property boundaries are headwater forks of Valencia Creek. These forks of Valencia Creek, the east branch about .8 miles long and the west branch about .7 miles join at the southern edge of the property. The 100 acre project will treat some 1.25% of the total 8,000 acres in the watershed assessment area, see map attached. The selective harvest, using well stabilized, existing roads, landings and skid trails will not have a significant impact on the watershed.

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B. Soil Productivity: The area of the project was selected **as** the assessment area.

These are very deep well drained sandy loam soils. Formed on generally very very deep soft sandstone they are typical of the most productive timber soils in the world.

Growing area losses: There will not be any significant loss is **soil** productivity from the harvest. Growth potential of the **soil** will be **shifted** from larger trees and crowded trees in clumps and dense patches with relatively slow individual growth on each tree to better growth on fewer trees. Open space for younger trees and other species of vegetation will be provided by the removal of some timber. Biodiversity will be enhanced in the area being treated with timber harvest. Growth under the selected method **will** be comparable to **current** growth in the long run.

Compaction losses: Negligible **loss** will result ~~from~~ compaction. These well drained soils will withstand the proposed activity without any significant adverse effect. Disturbance of duff layer will create seed ~~bed~~ for tree seedlings and seedling of other **types** of vegetation.

Too soil losses due to erosion: No significant **losses** are expected. This is not a change from present condition.

Nutrient **loss** due to erosion or fire: Minor amounts of nutrients will be removed in the sawlog material to be taken from the site. The effect on the nutrient regime of the area will not be significant. Annual rainfall carries nitrogen onto the site in larger amounts than is expected to be removed.

Nutrient **loss** form biomass removal: Thinning for biomass in not planned at this time.

Mitigation: None over and above normal care under THP and Forest Practice Rules.

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C. Biological: The Bean Peak, upper Valencia **Creek** watershed area was chosen **as** the assessment area.

The property is in the Coast Redwood timber **type**. The property is good conifer **soil**. There is considerable acreage like this in the **assessment** area with various **stages** of forest stocking and age. Adjacent ownership is in a larger block on the east and south and is devoted to the production of timber. Property to the west and north has been divided into smaller parcels and many have homes or seasonal vacation homes on them. The **property** is similar in nature, Redwood forest.

The harvest operation will be in the rather dense pockets of timber on the flatter areas with deeper soils and on the slopes adjacent to the stream. The effect of the removal of part of the trees in this area **will** be to increase the biological diversity. The small watercourses will benefit from the decrease in biomass. Stream flow should show a small temporary increase after harvest, this will drop as biomass increases over the years. Short term, there will be more forbs and grasses, more rodents and insects and more riparian type vegetation with the increase in light to the forest floor. The area to be treated is small enough that the environmental effects not be significant. If there is any effect the trend **will** be positive for most species of wildlife. Deer and raptors will benefit. This harvest **will** help maintain environmental characteristics these and most other species prefer. Harvest will enhance the diversity and density of wildlife species using the area.

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D. Recreation Resources: The area of the project plus a 300' buffer was chosen as the Recreation assessment area.

This is private property and recreation is restricted to the owners and their *guests*. The property is posted. Public **access** is restricted by posting. The owners use of the property will benefit from the harvest in having greater water yield and reduced fire hazard due to the removal of some of the biomass on the property. There will be a more open **sunny aspect** on the area being logged. Safety and enjoyment **will** both be enhanced. There will be **better** hunting. **A** more open stand **will** encourage additional early serial stage vegetation and enhance the area for most forms of wildlife.

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E. Visual: Assessment area is the property itself.

The timbered bench is **only** readily visible from the Fern Flat public road. This is a very low standard road only **used** by the residents of the area to the North and West, only a few people come this far. There is no travel corridor through the property. The only view would be from some distance. This will show a stocked stand of young timber, healthy, green and growing.

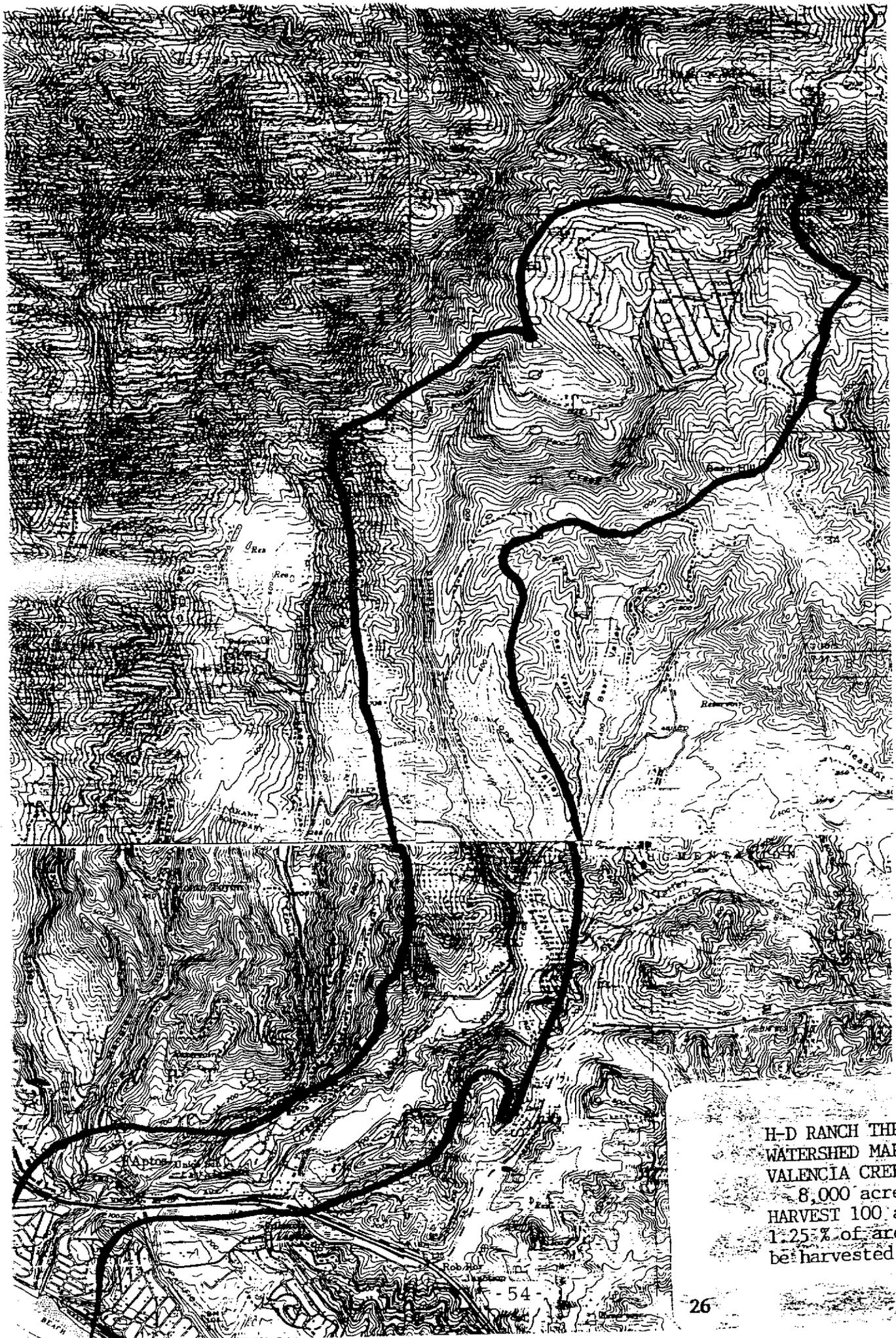
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F. Vehicular Traffic Imoacts: The transportation route from the landing to the west end of the county road **up** Rider Creek

Logs will be hauled over low standard **spurs** of native surface to a medium standard graveled road that leads easterly to the west end of Rider Creek Road, a Santa Cruz County Road. Except for the spurs the route is in use by the owners on a regular basis. It will be maintained during haul. It will be graded to drain again when log haul **use** is complete. Water will be used for dust abatement when and if needed to maintain the road. The operation will last four to **six** weeks at **6** to **8** loads per day. The additional traffic from the operation **will** be insignificant. Traffic loads are light and there **will** be **minimal** impact. The amount of traffic created by the harvest operation will not have a **significant** adverse impact on traffic or **the** environment.

Conclusion

It has been some time since this property has had any timber harvest. Trees have **been** growing and closing in since the last logging over twelve years ago. **A** harvest will yield timber that **will** help the economy and some income for the owner. It will reduce the biomass and lower the **fire** hazard. It will open **up** the stand and improve the bio-diversity which will improve the **carrying** capacity of the area for many **types** of wildlife. Harvest will improve the visual characteristics of the area by creating more vistas and open sunny spots in the forest. The Valencia Creek drainage will be more open and will develop more riparian **types** of vegetation. The growth of residual trees will improve with the additional space and sunlight provided by opening up the stand. Water yield from the property into these forks of Valencia Creek will increase because of more rain reaching the ground and less transpiration from the ground water. **Less** water will be used by the vegetation because of the temporary decrease in biomass using water from the aquifer. The harvest will manage and improve the area to be treated.



H-D RANCH TWP  
WATERSHED MAP  
VALENCIA CREEK  
8,000 acres +/-  
HARVEST 100 acres  
1.25% of area to  
be harvested.

## Special Rules

All of the plan area is within Santa Cruz County which has special rules (CCR 296, 296.1-296.19). County rules requiring explanation are listed and discussed below.

- 926.1 The RPF(s) signing this plan will monitor progress of the timber harvest and advise the plan submitter and LTO on compliance with plan provisions and the Forest Practice Act.
- 296.2 Prior to the start of operations, the RPF and the LTO will meet in the field to review the specifics of the THP. CDF will be given advance notice of the meeting and invited to participate.
- 926.3 The special distribution of the Notice of Intent is detailed in Item 59.
- 926.8 The harvest of fuelwood will be limited to incidental trees damaged in falling and yarding.
- 926.9 Operation of chainsaws is restricted to the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. and is prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays, and nationally designated legal holidays. Operation of other power equipment, except licensed highway vehicles, within 300 feet of an occupied dwelling shall be restricted to the hours between 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. and shall be prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays and nationally designated legal holidays. An exception to this rule can be granted by the Director under certain conditions.
- 926.10 No logs will be hauled on public roads on Saturdays, Sundays or nationally designated legal holidays.
- 926.11 The creek forming the Property boundary on the East, South and West has been flagged. The North boundary is the Fern Flat Road. This will be flagged prior to operations.
- 926.14 Item 51 includes consideration of locally unique plant and animal species.
- 926.15 No new roads are going to be constructed for this plan. Old existing roads are in place, are stable and will be cleaned and reused.
- 926.16 Most roads and landings to be reused have been flagged. Balance will be flagged prior to preharvest. There are no new constructed tractor roads or watercourse crossings proposed for the area.
- 926.18 The winter period is October 15 through April 15.
- 926.19 The plan submitter will maintain erosion control structures required by the rules or provided in the plan for one winter after completion of timber operations.

H-DRANCH- THP

ADDRESSES FOR "NOTICE OF INTENT TO HARVEST TIMBER"

Adjacent owners:

Parcel #	Owner
105-021-08	SMITH, ALBERT B. 14561 WINCHESTER BLVD. LOS GATOS CA 95030
105-421-27	MAYER, JOHN B. 7143 <b>FERN</b> FLAT ROAD APTOS CA 95003
105-412-28	PETERSON, KEITH C/O OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM 1500 635-8 AVENUE SW CALGARY ALBERTA CANADA T2P-3Z1 00000
105-421-29	OGLESBY, TERRY L. & KATHLEEN L. (JT) 520 SAND HILL ROAD SCOTTVALLEY CA 95066
105-421-31	CAROTHERS, JOHN H. 625 WALNUT <b>STREET</b> SANTACRUZ CA 95060
105-421-40	BRIDGEMAN, CHARLES F. & AMY R. (Trustees) 7773 STARLIGHT DRIVE LAJOLLA CA 92037
105-421-37	ROWLAND, RALPH H. & KAREN R. (H/W,JT) 6950 FERN FLAT ROAD APTOS CA 95003
105-421-22	PEDERSON, WM J. 23370 DEERFIELD ROAD LOS GATOS CA 95030
105-421-23	WILSON, JOSEPH B. 5886 FERN FLAT ROAD APTOS CA 95003
105-421-24	COX, CYNTHIA P. O. BOX 534 APTOS CA 95001

H-D RANCH - THP

ADDRESSES FOR "NOTICE OF INTENT TO HARVEST TIMBER"

Adjacent owners (cont'd):

- 105-421-15** HASSETT, DANIEL T. & SANDRA G.  
5858 FERN FLAT ROAD  
APTOS CA 95003
- 105-401-02** BOWMAN, DAVID B. (S/M,ET.EL. ALL JT.)  
C/O 3266 DELA CRUZ BOULEVARD  
SANTA CLARA CA 95054

Owners within 300' of private haul route:

- 106-131-07** GEORGE, ROBERT AND MARY (H/W JT)  
190 BROADMORE DRIVE  
SANTACRUZ CA 95060
- 131-13** KANE, CARYL J.  
782 RIDER ROAD  
CORRALITOS CA 95076
- 107-011-05** TELFORD, INC., C/O E. SMITH  
7166 OVERLOOK DRIVE  
SANTA ROSA CA 95409

Others:

THE HONORABLE RAY BELGARD, SUPERVISOR  
COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ - COUNTY BLDG. ROOM 500  
701 OCEAN STREET  
SANTACRUZ CA 95060

PAJARO VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
165 BLACKBURN  
WATSONVILLE CA 95076

CITY OF WATSONVILLE WATER DEPARTMENT  
ATTN. MR. BILL BROWN  
P. O. BOX 149  
WATSONVILLE CA 95077

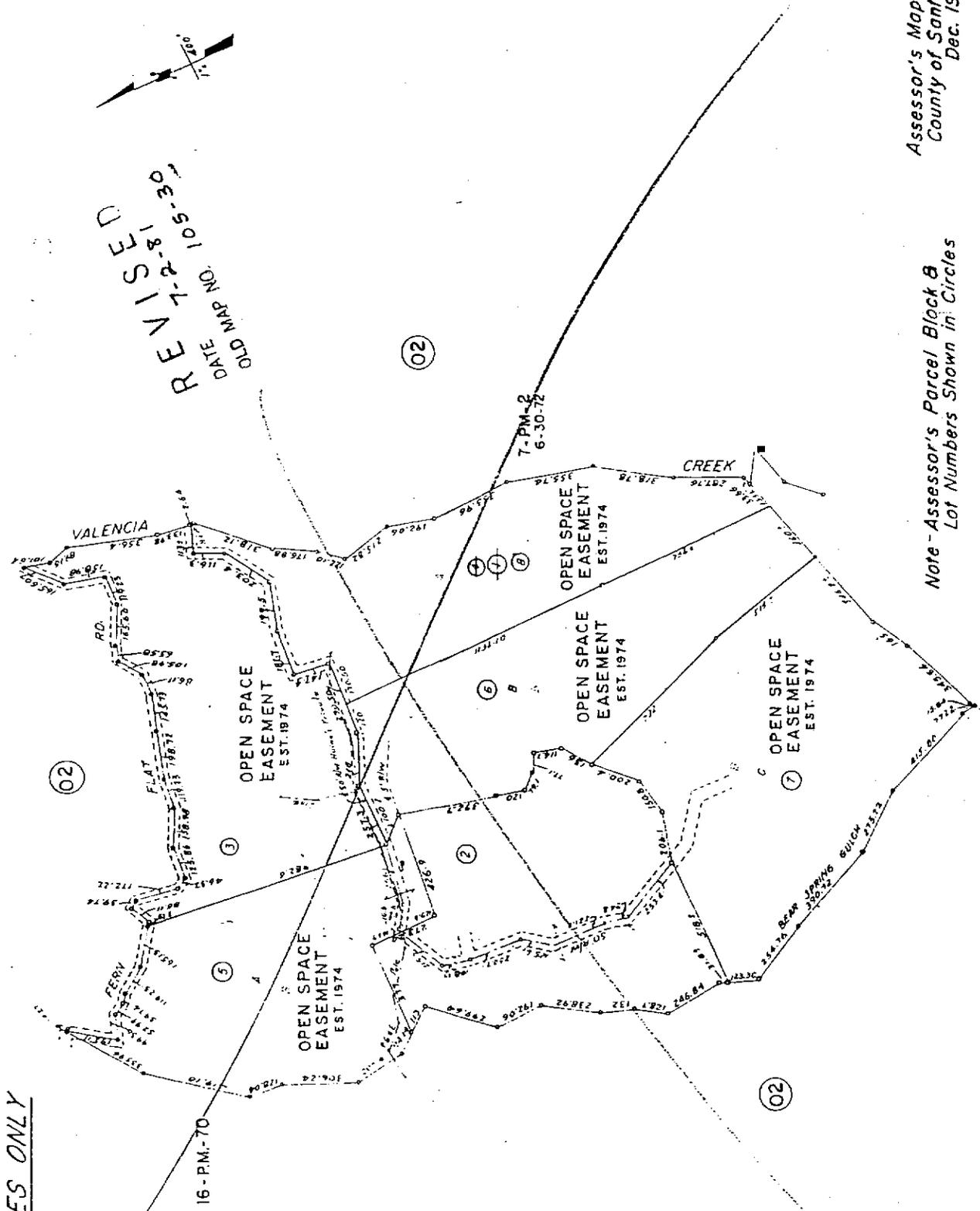
I hereby certify that on or about 2/18/93 I have sent a "Notice of intent to Harvest Timber" (page 9) with a map attached (similar to page 11) to the persons on this list.  
R. F. Krohn, RPF # 1049

A set of envelopes, addressed and stamped is also enclosed with this plan.

Tax Area Code 105-301-  
69-042 PUBLIC

SOQUEL AUGMENTATION RANCHO  
POR. SECS. 27 & 28 T.10S., R.1E., M.D.B. & M. PROJECTED

TAX PURPOSES ONLY



REVISED  
DATE 1-2-81  
OLD MAP NO. 105-301-30

Assessor's Map No. 105-30  
County of Santa Cruz, Calif.  
Dec. 1966

Note - Assessor's Parcel Block B  
Lot Numbers Shown in Circles

SOQUEL AUGMENTATION RANCHO  
 POR SECS. 21, 22, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33 & 34, T10S, 8 SECS. 48, 5, T11S, R1E,  
 M.D.B. & M. PROJECTED

FOR TAX PURPOSES ONLY

100 ACRES  
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 OLD MAP NO. 105-02

Assessor's Map No. 105-02  
 County of Santa Cruz, Calif.  
 Jan. 1955

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 Lot Numbers Shown in Circles.

