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Humboldt County Planning & Building Department & Board of Supervisors 3015 H Street Eureka, CA 95501

RE: <u>Petition for General Plan Amendment and Zone Reclassification;</u> APNs 215-181-037, 215-191-042 & 215-192-021, Whitethorn Area

Dear Mr. Estlow,

At the request of the property owners, Seth & Megan Johannesen, please accept this letter as our formal petition for a General Plan Amendment and Zone Reclassification for the properties referenced below.

The parcels are located in portions of Sections 10, 11, 14 & 15, T5S-R2E, Humboldt Base & Meridian, northeast of Whitethorn, CA. The existing and proposed zoning of the Johannesen parcels are depicted below:

APN	Township	Range	Section	Total Existing Acres (HUMGIS)	Existing Acres Zoned TPZ/T	Existing Acres Zoned U/RA20 or U/RA40	Proposed Acres Zoned TPZ/T	Proposed Acres Zoned U/RA20 or U/RA40
215-181-037	5-South	2-East	10, 11	450	428.4	21.6	450	0
215-191-042	5-South	2-East	14, 15	163.6	153.5	10.1	163.6	0
215-192-021	5-South	2-East	14	421.6	324.9	96.7	421.6	0
Totals:				1035.2	906.8	128.4	1035.2	0

We respectfully request the General Plan designation to be changed from RA20/RA40 to T, and the Zone Reclassification from U to TPZ over and across portions of the three (3) parcels covering approximately 128.4 acres. Over the last decade the proposed parcels, or parcels directly adjacent to the proposed parcels, have been acquired by the Johannesens. These acquisitions have resulted in a working forest that is contained within the same ownership and contiguous with other T/TPZ parcels in the ownership. Therefore, it can be found that base information or physical conditions have changed, one of the required findings for a General Plan Amendment. In addition, it should be noted that these parcels had a General Plan designation of Timberland prior to the 2017 General Plan Update, however, the owner at the time requested a change to Residential Agriculture, which was implemented at the time. The parcels proposed for rezoning have been managed for timber as early as the 1940s and management for timber production would be the anticipated current and future use for these parcels.

This request is in the best interest of the public and will bring the zoning into consistency with the on-site conditions and planned management.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

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