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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Board of Supervisors:

CAL FIRE's Wood Products and Bioenergy Program supports the partnership between Humboldt County and the Forest Service through the CalForest WRX^{3S} Alliance.

CalForest WRX^{3S} is an alliance aimed to address the risks to communities in northwestern California from overstocking of small diameter trees and biomass on forest lands. This alliance convenes partners from government, private, tribes and non-profits to support an all-lands approach to promote forest health and community well-being. The Alliance will seek grants to address wildfire resilience and recovery. Specifically, the feasibility studies they are pursuing will encourage investment in forest product manufacturing infrastructure and businesses, and fuel forest thinning of small diameter trees and biomass.

CAL FIRE is committed to working with the Alliance to generate support for a market-driven approach to fuel forest thinning and biomass removal, while creating living wage jobs, reducing carbon emissions, and providing needed wood products. We hope to add value to the Alliance through our experience and knowledge in forest products, carbon policy, and finance.

Sincerely,

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