

December 29, 2022

Steve Breitenstein Overland Road, LLC

RE: Biological Assessment for Cultivation Site Relocation for Overland Road, LLC (APN-217-271-002)

Steve,

I have reviewed the photos you provided of the current condition of the previous cultivation site in the southwest portion of the parcel that was partially in the SMA for a Class II watercourse. Relocating the cultivation area outside the SMA to an already disturbed area was environmentally beneficial for the stream and will reduce the potential for impacts to aquatic resources.

Although the cultivation area was near the stream, it does not appear it contained alder, willows, cottonwood, or other species indicative of riparian vegetation. The site has revegetated naturally with grasses and blackberry brambles. Thus, the recommendation in the 2018 restocking plan prepared by Timberland Resources Consultants that recommends planting Douglas-fir seedlings is an appropriate restoration measure and it consistent with the natural vegetation surrounding the site.

The only other recommendations I have are to control the Himalayan blackberry and to remove any remaining plastic or other solid waste that remains at the site. The blackberry can be controlled by mechanical means prior to seedling planting and repeated as needed until trees are established enough to shade it out.

Information on control of Himalayan blackberry can be found at: https://wric.ucdavis.edu/information/natural%20areas/wr R/Rubus.pdf

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

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