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To: Planning Clerk
Subject: planning commision review PLN-12196-CUP

To: Humboldt County Planning Commission

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Re: Approval of PLN-12196-CUP

We object to the approval of the above application for the following reasons.

1. The project is located near the habitat of endangered species.
2. The drainage from the project has and will continue to affect the condition of the road (Council Madrone Road)
3. Location of water storage tanks in a wetland.

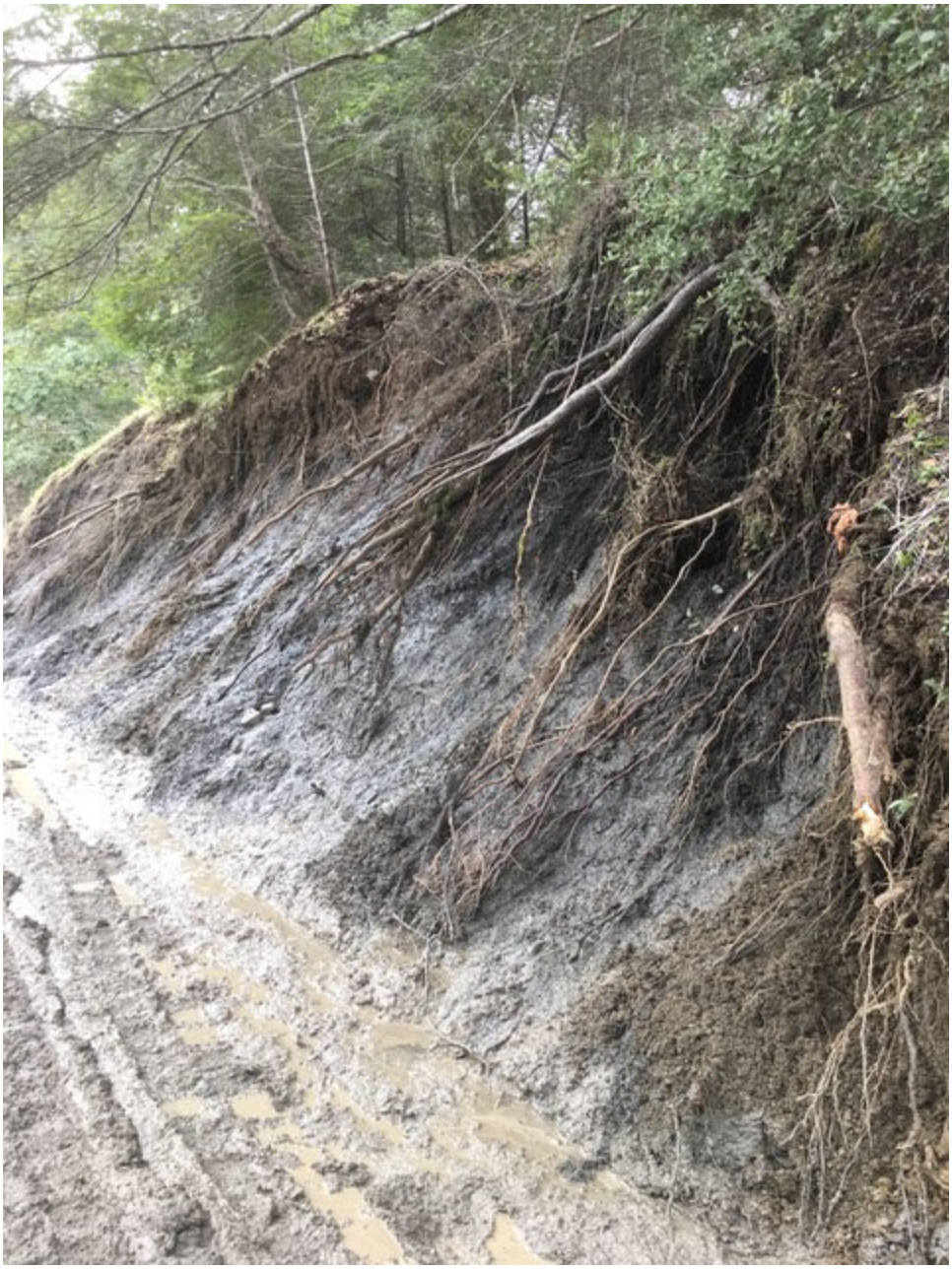
1. The project is located within a half a mile in either direction from two old growth redwood groves. The smaller of the two is located along the Mattole River on APN: 221-201-006. Our neighbor on the parcel has told us she sees a nesting pair of bald eagles this year in her grove. The other grove is approximately ten acres in size along the river on our parcel APN: 108-011-027. According to Tasha Mckee at Sanctuary Forest this is the largest old growth redwood grove on this section of the river. We have seen spotted owls on different occasions in our grove as well as hearing them hoot. Their presence is also indicated by the pattern of droppings “painting” at the bottom of some of our old growth trees. We have also seen a pair of bald eagles nesting in our grove. Knowing how territorial raptors are, this is probably the same pair that is nesting in our neighbors grove this year. Our grove is approximately 150 feet across the river from another grow PLN: 11295 which is owned by the same people as this proposed project. We never received notification by the Planning Department of the commission hearing on PLN:11295 which was greatly expanded since the initial application in 2017 and is having considerable impact on the grove with noise and lights.

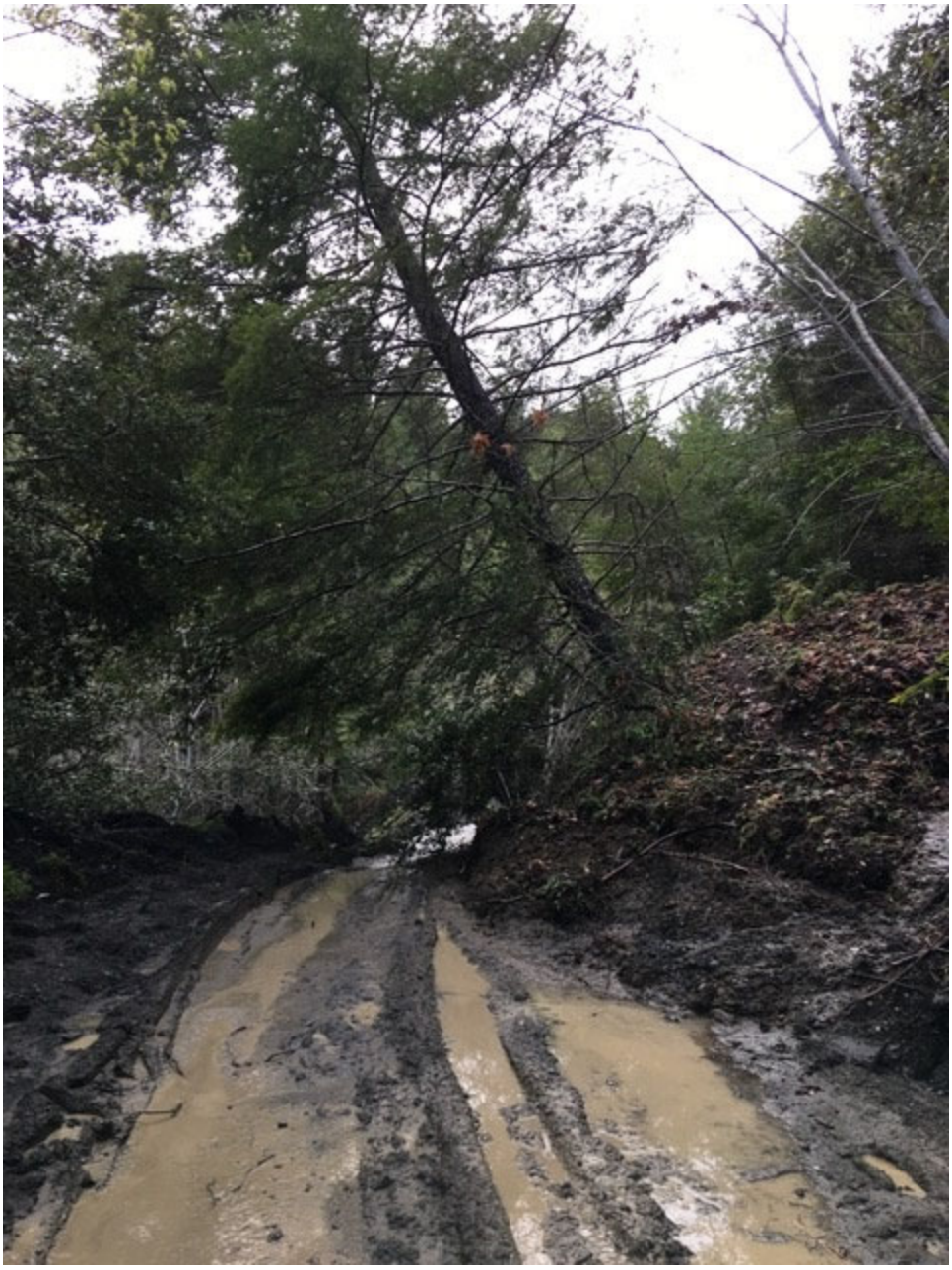
We have also seen marbled murrelet on the river at parcel 221-171-044 between the two old growth redwood groves.

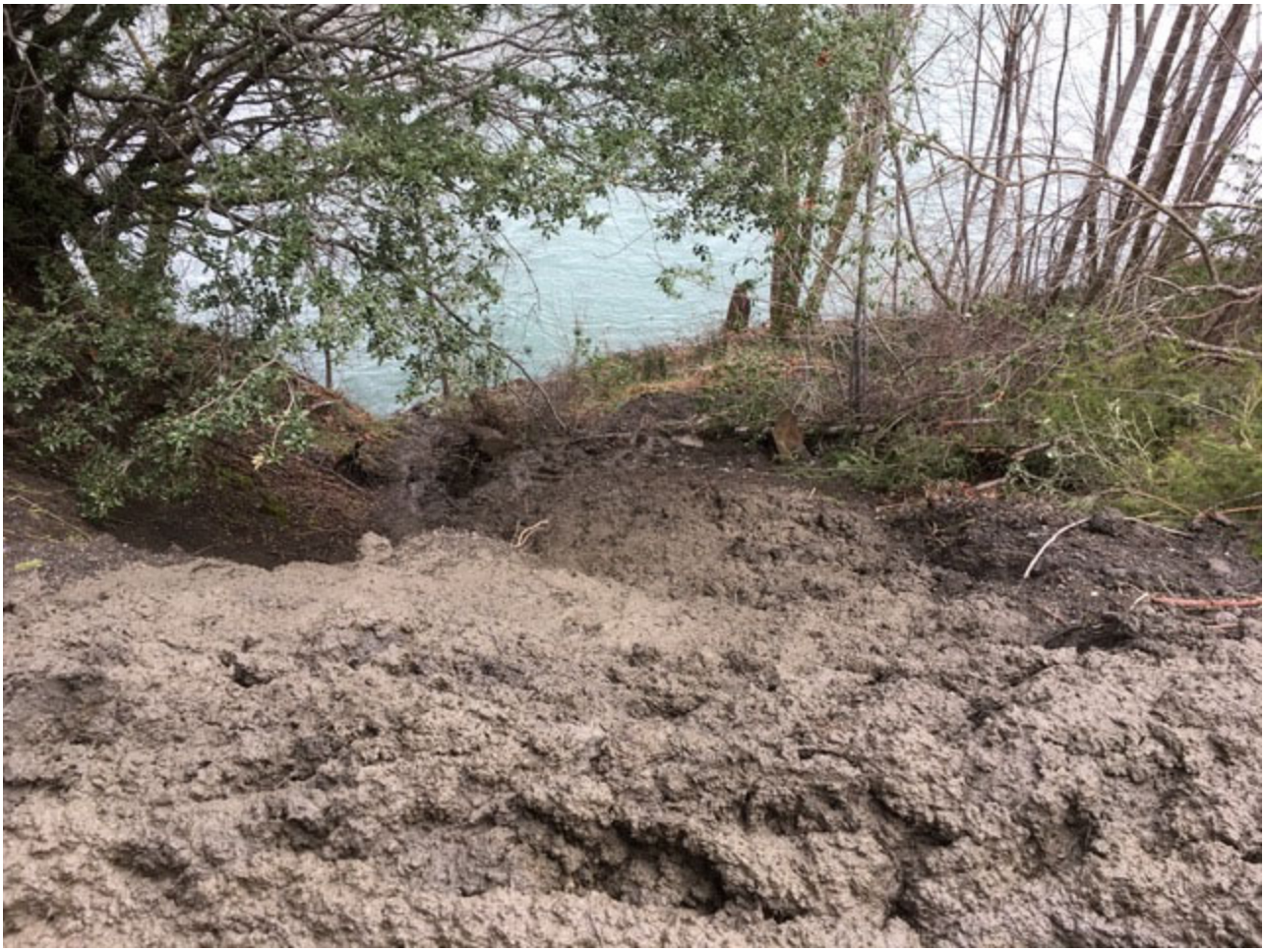
Further investigation of endangered species in the area should be considered rather than using the severely outdated and inaccurate map provided by the Department of Fish and Wildlife. We live here full time and are a more reliable source of what lives on the river.

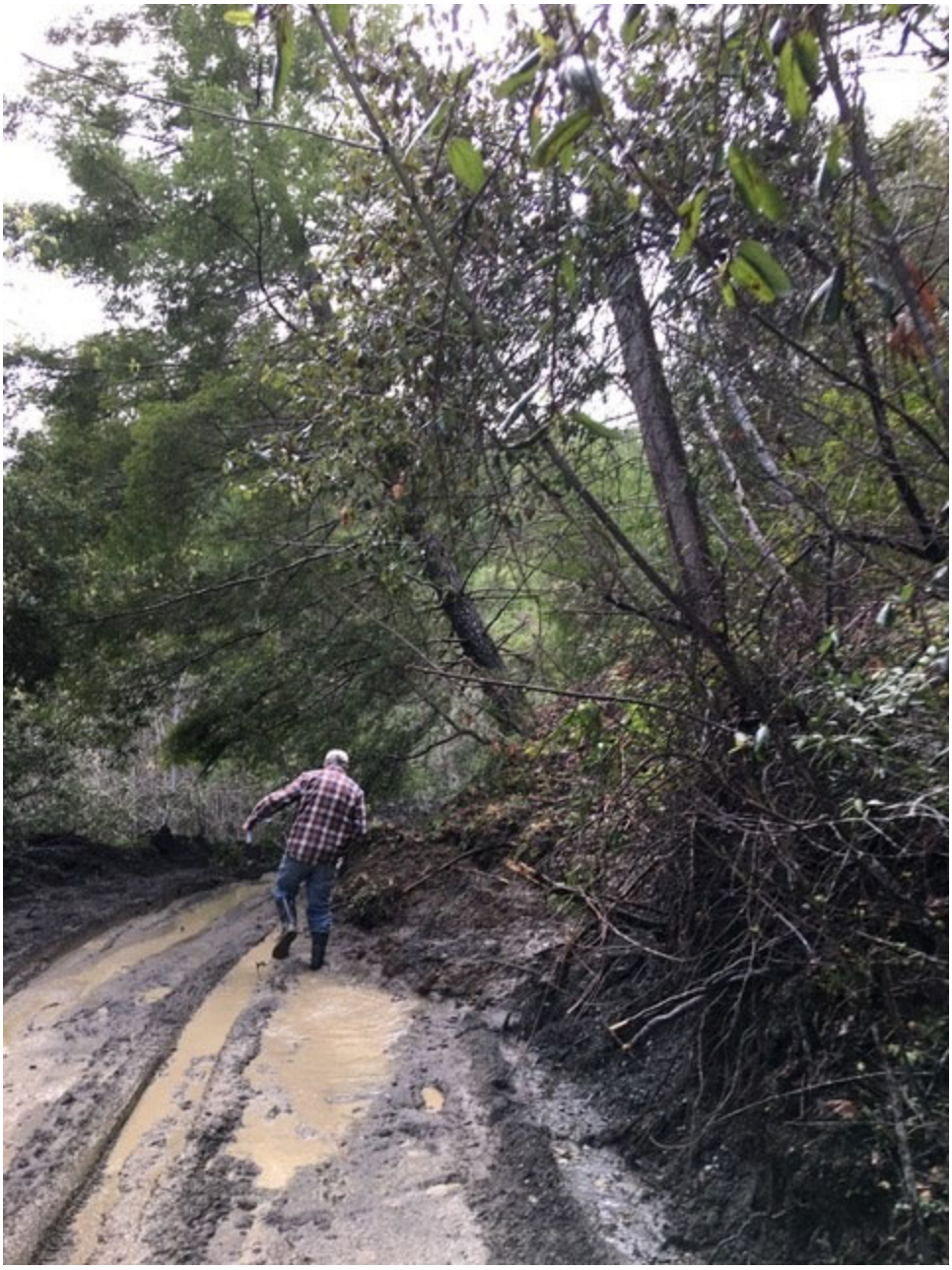
2. We have concerns for another mudslide on our easement on Council Madrone Road below this project and the adjacent project PLN:11832 also associated with this applicant. In January of 2017 a very large mudslide occurred on our easement on APN: 221-201-003 approximately 2000 cubic yards.

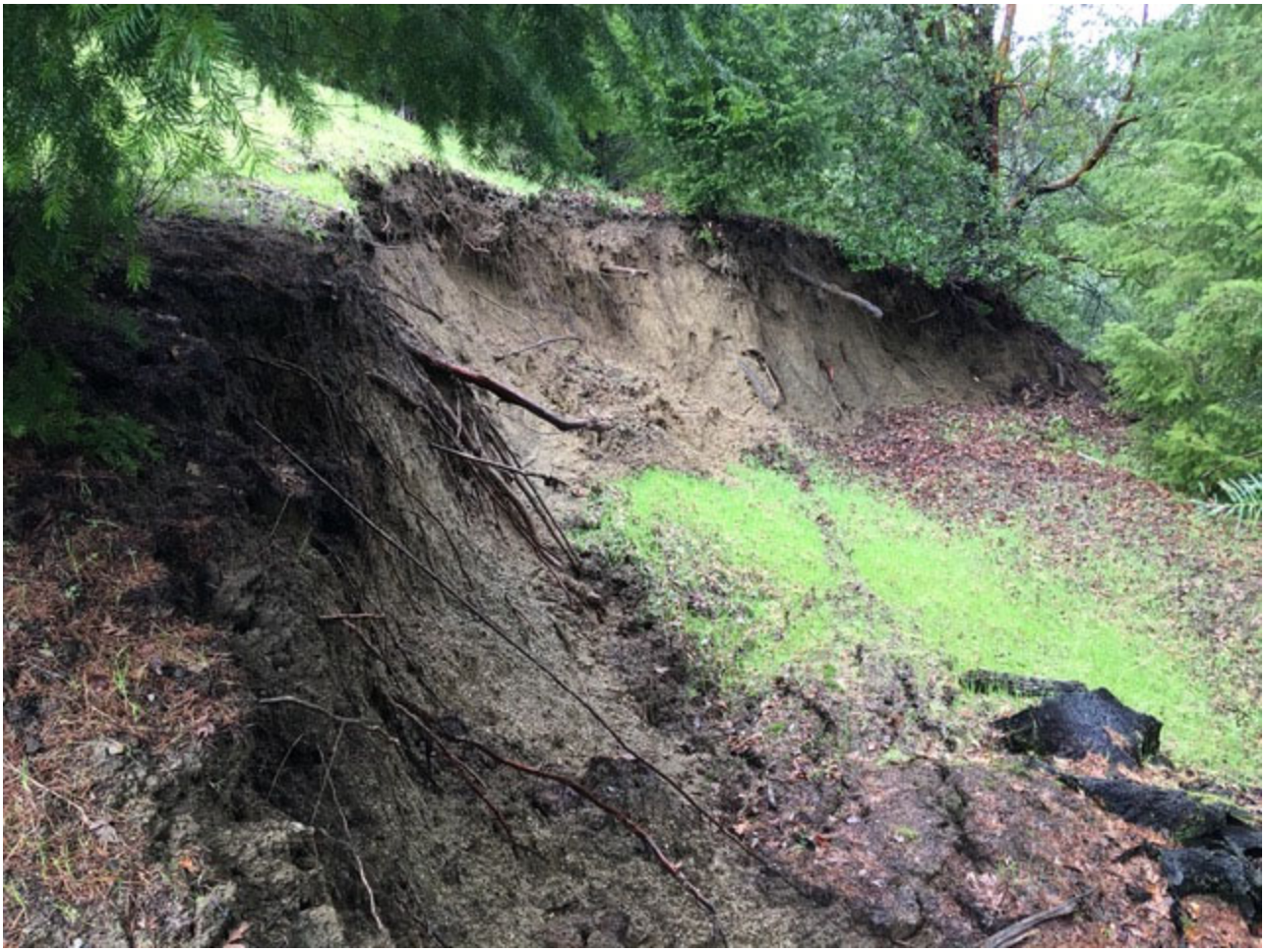
This parcel is directly below projects PLN:11832, and PLN:12196. PLN12196 had three additional greenhouses built in the previous year.
All of this development with new buildings and roads has created a lot more runoff into an unstable area of the hillside on APN: 221-201-003.
We are the only residents on Council Madrone Road that live year round beyond the mudslide where it occurred. Since the slide was
impassable for almost four months we had to keep a vehicle on either side of the slide to get in and out. We waded through mud that was sometimes
knee deep. The mud flowed like lava into the adjacent creek and directly into the Mattole River. It made it difficult to go to work everyday,
and was a miserable four months.

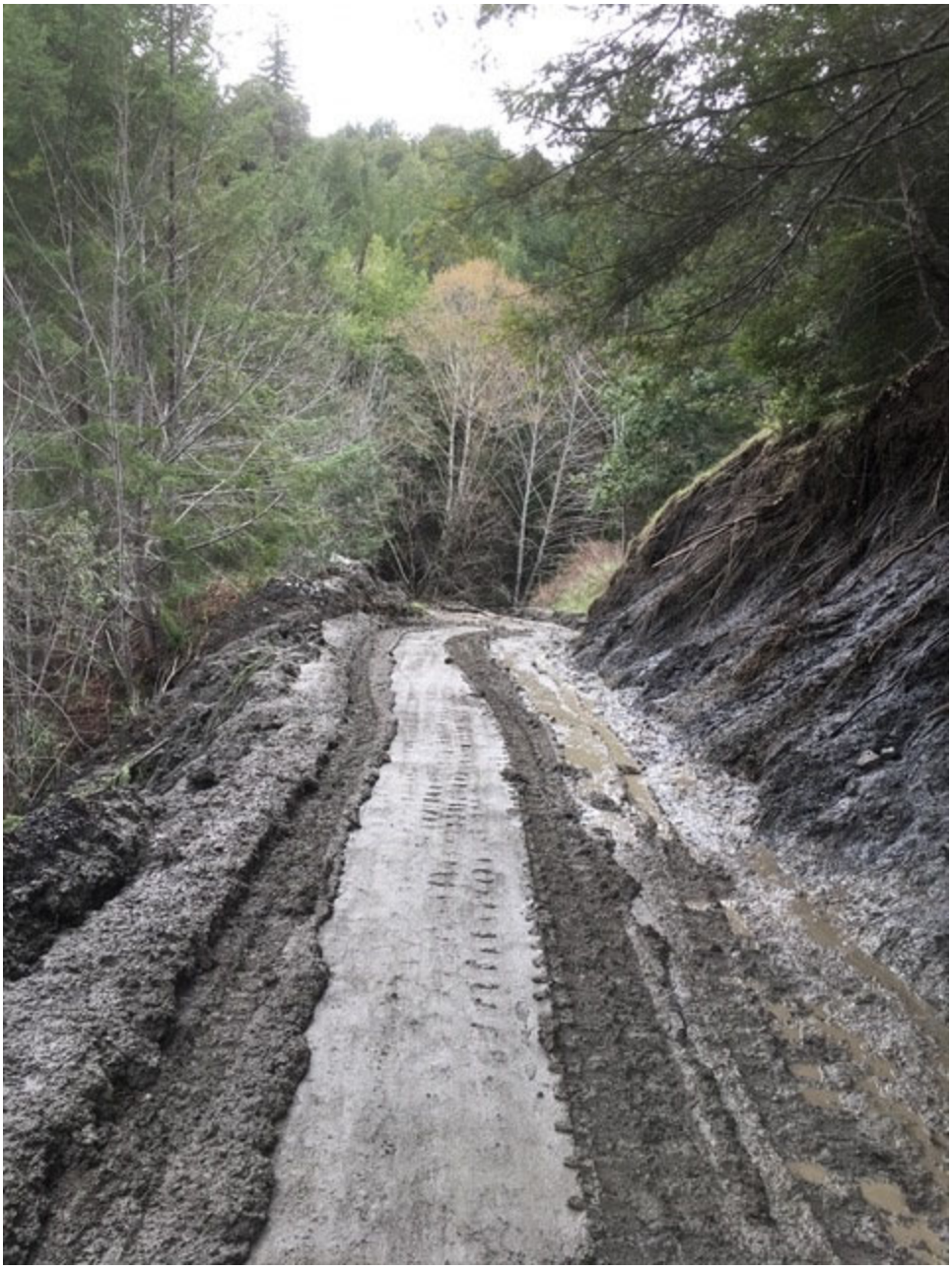












With the start of the new season and the area drying out the owners returned clearing the massive slide.

The additional runoff from a 292,000 gallon pond during an above average rain season could create another slide.

With the increased traffic involved with these two commercial businesses the owners should create and fund a road association to quickly take
care of these road problems and general maintenance of the road. These applicants do not live here and will never experience what we went through during the winter months of 2017.

3. Of the existing 130,000 gallons of water storage, 100,000 gallons of it is located right along the river in a marsh area with little setback from the river.

Please deny this permit. Thank You!