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From: [Joyce King](#)
To: [Planning Clerk](#)
Subject: Re: Strombeck Zone Reclassification and Parcel Map Subdivision
Date: Thursday, May 02, 2024 3:37:57 PM

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Under 2. Rare animal species, I forgot to include with Northern Spotted Owl (**ESA listed species** ...declined 31-55% since the 1990s and these declines are accelerating <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Birds/Northern-Spotted-Owl>),

Corrected version with minor edits:

Concerns re: Record Number PLN-2023-180708, APN#511-491-021

I have owned a property at 2626 Elizabeth since 2001 and have the following concerns for the vegetation and wildlife:

1. I believe this project is located in an area which is ranked an S2 Sensitive Natural Community - "Natural Communities with ranks of S1-S3 are considered Sensitive Natural Communities to be addressed in the environmental review processes of CEQA and its equivalents" (<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Data/VegCAMP/Natural-Communities>), which I don't think was addressed in the Gen Plan EIR.

2. Along with bear, cougar, bobcat, and deer common here, I have observations of rare animal species on my own property and a friend's on Arthur Rd, including:
Pacific Fisher (candidate for ESA threatened or endangered listing by 2025),
Northern Spotted Owl (ESA listed species - declined 31-55% since the 1990s and these declines are accelerating <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Birds/Northern-Spotted-Owl>)
Coastal Giant Salamander (endangered in Canada, of future concern in Calif)

3. In the early 2000's, vegetation in this section of forest was consistent with a relatively undisturbed natural community with little if any invasive plants and high diversity of fungi, mosses, and lichens. On my property in the last 8-10 years, I have observed a decline in numbers and species of mushrooms (haven't been tracking the others) and appearance of highly invasive English ivy, holly, and cotoneaster.

4. Two yr-round tributaries to Duke Creek on my property have also visibly diminished in the last several years, leading me to ask if proper analyses have been done to ensure this area's capability to support additional wells. Also whether or not studies have been done to evaluate capacity to support additional septic systems and measure pollution potential of this scale of development in this watershed.

5. Increased PG&E power line work and traffic on the road has been reducing the quality of the adjacent forest.

6. I think the (programmatic?) EIR associated with the General Plan which is said to exempt the necessity for environmental review of this project was done before the effects of climate change on our forests was well understood. And full build-out of this kind in this forest, combined with the recent large-scale logging for a neighboring housing development (DanCo?) and ongoing logging by Green Diamond seem certain to result in significantly damaging cumulative impacts to the wildlife value and fire-resistance of this forest ecosystem. **(j) This section does not affect any requirement to analyze potentially significant offsite or cumulative impacts if those impacts were not adequately discussed in the prior EIR. Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 14, § 15183**

Thank you for your attention.
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On Thu, May 2, 2024 at 1:28 PM Joyce King <samonely@gmail.com> wrote:

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