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Humboldt County Planning Commission

Dear Commissioners;

In the General Plan Update Land Use Element, please address specific and binding protections for all agricultural land in Humboldt County. In the past, agricultural land has been subverted for concerts, camping, parking, motorcycling and other uses that have potentially deleterious effects on agricultural soils.

Over the years the cumulative impacts of ever increasing large scale outdoor music events (yearly increasing in attendance and volume), on the wild and scenic South Fork of the Eel River are having devastating impacts on the water, the wildlife and the ecological balance of our watershed.

We urge you to create land use policy specifically designed for large scale music events that impact the whole infrastructure of Southern Humboldt County and alter the quality of our lives and our environment.

We are asking you to put this on the agenda so that the public can participate and help craft a policy to protect agricultural land and the river. We would like these issues addressed in the Current G.P.U.

Thank you for time in this matter.

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