



**Humboldt County
Farm Bureau**



**Humboldt-Del Norte
Cattlemen Association**

Commissioner Jeff Smith, Chair
Humboldt County Planning Commission
3015 H Street
Eureka, CA 95501-4484

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RE: Comments on Draft of Part 2, Chapter 4, Section 4.8 Land Use Classifications of the Humboldt County General Plan Update

Dear Chairman Smith and Commissioners,

With this letter we are submitting our detailed written comments on section 4.8 Land Use Classifications of the draft General Plan Update. Our comments and suggested changes are shown in blue within the comparison chart for your easy reference. Any suggested deletions are shown in strikethrough.

We continue to not recommend the classifications Industrial Timber (IT) and Ranchland (AGR).

There are several new Open Space designations proposed (e.g. CF, CFR, OS). We request that you reserve discussion of these land use designations until after discussions of those sections of the GPU in order to have a full understanding of the application of those classifications.

Review of the document was very difficult given the matrix structure as compared to the currently adopted land use designations. There seems to be inconsistency in the form for the land use designations, terminology, format, and content. Using the format, structure, and terms similar to the Framework or even the Coastal Plans would make review of this section far more understandable. In its current form, it is difficult to understand the actual the primary and secondary uses. In addition, there are many areas where uses are lumped into the "Other" category where there is a specific use type that would be applicable.

Please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance. Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Humboldt County Resource Lands Working Group
The Buckeye ~ Humboldt County Farm Bureau
Humboldt Del Norte Cattlemen Association ~ Large Timberland Owners Group
Forest Landowners of California (Humboldt Co. Representatives)

Enclosure

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