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INDUSTRIAL TIMBER DESIGNATION

I am Robert Morris and I live in Blocksburg. I am a Registered Professional Forester and own several ranch and timber land properties. Some of my parcels are designated for either Timber (T) or Timber Industrial(TI) in the maps associated the General Plan update. There is NO concrete way of knowing whether I am in or out of TI. The rationale for final inclusion is VAGUE. All I can discern is that there is the POSSIBILITY of my lands being designated as TI. I AM NO MORE AN INDUSTRIAL TIMBER OWNER THAN ANY OF YOU ON THIS COMMISSION.

The language, and Staff's presentations, lead one to believe that there are only a handful of small landowner parcels included in this potential TI designation. NOT SO! I have ten parcels myself, the smaller ones being ½ acre and 18 acres, with the balance ranging from 40 -160 acres.

As some of you may know, I am also one of the 3000+ members of the Humboldt Coalition for Property Rights(HumCPR). As such, we researched our data base, which has the ability to match the proposed General Plan Update land use designations with the owners of record of all parcels in the County. Our results showed that there are 828 small land owners and 3275 parcels that carry the T or TI designation.

It is WRONG to include these parcels as Industrial Timber lands. The owners of these parcels have nothing to do with industrial timber operations. There should be a definition of "Industrial Timberlands" and as a forester and landowner I believe the owner of such lands should be in the lumber manufacturing business. The assertions of staff that this is a "small number of owners" and is necessary to "avoid timberland fragmentation" is not true and disingenuous at best.

If this land use designation is going to be utilized, I would recommend that you come up with a concrete definition of "Industrial Timber Owner" and make inclusion into this category by definition or voluntary choice. It should not be made by a default interpretation of a Staff Planner.

I DO NOT want to have my lands designated AS "Industrial Timberland".