

Comments from the
Humboldt County Resource Lands Working Group (RLWG)
regarding Forest Resources (Section 4.6)
Standards and Implementation Measures
To the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
June 10, 2013

This document is a compilation of comments on Forest Resources Standards and Implementation Measures from the RLWG reflecting, primarily, comments previously provided to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission.

FR-S2. Forestland-Residential Interface (FRI). – RLWG’s position would remain **DELETION of this Standard.**

FR-PXX Right to Harvest. (Addition by Ad Hoc group) – RLWG supports the concept of “Right to Harvest” as contained in the current “Right to Farm” ordinance.

FR-S3 State Clearance. – RLWG supports the version forwarded from the Planning Commission to Board of Supervisors.

FR-S4 Timberlands Subdivisions. – RLWG supports a modified version of our recommendation to the Planning Commission. Inclusion of second units (our prior item F) is no longer necessary in this Standard given the Board of Supervisors’ decision on FR- P9 on June 3, 2013.

FR-S4. Timberland Subdivisions. Subdivision of lands designated as Timberland (T) to the minimum parcel size may be permitted if the project meets the following criteria:

- A. The subdivision will **not result in significantly detract from continued forest management activities such as,** improvements (including but not limited to stocking and conifer release) in site productivity, timber growth, and harvest through intensive management **or long-term harvest volume (timber management);** and
 - B. Adequate access, water, and geologic stability can be demonstrated for the proposed use and the land division meets all other regulatory requirements, including the General Plan standards and policies for rural lands; and
 - C. On each parcel, the residential site is located, to the fullest practical extent, in areas of the lowest productivity.
 - D. Access to the remainder is consistent with the uses of the remaining property.
 - E. A joint timber management plan (JTMP) is prepared for divisions below 160 acres.
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FR-IM1. Advocate for Regulatory Reform. – RLWG supports the version forwarded from the Planning Commission to Board of Supervisors.

FR-IM2. Develop Incentive Program to Encourage Timber Production. – RLWG supports either our version forwarded to the Planning Commission previously (included below) or the Ad Hoc Working Group version.

FR-IM2. Develop Incentive Program to Encourage Timber Production. Develop incentives for property owners and forestland managers to encourage continued timber production on forestlands. Support ~~and~~ **programs that** provide technical assistance to small timber producers working to maintain timber production on lands also used as their primary residence.

FR-IM3. Support Voluntary Conservation Programs – RLWG supports the version forwarded from the Planning Commission to Board of Supervisors.

FR-IM4. Merger Ordinance Revisions – RLWG supports our version forwarded to the Planning Commission to Board of Supervisors. The group supports voluntary merger but not mandatory.

FR-IM4. Merger Ordinance Revisions. Revise Merger Ordinance to delete the requirement of merger of substandard TPZ lands, not currently under a Williamson Act Contract., ~~from Article II.~~

FR-IM5. Develop Ordinances to Regulate Land Uses in TPZ lands – RLWG supports our version forwarded to the Planning Commission.

FR-IM5. Develop Necessary Implementation Ordinance to Regulate Land Uses in TPZ lands. Prepare an ordinance **revision necessary** to implement the policies of this Plan ~~for the designation and residential use of lands zoned TPZ.~~

FR-IM7. Implementation of FRI Overlay. RLWG's position would remain **DELETION** of this Implementation Measure.

FR-IM8. Streamline County Forest Management Regulatory Requirements. **RLWG supports staff's proposal.**

FR-IM9. Coordination of County and State Policies. **RLWG supports staff's proposal.**

FR-IM10. Review Standards and Process of Joint Timber Management Plans (JTMP). – **RLWG supports the version forwarded from the Planning Commission to Board of Supervisors.**

Comment: With respect to the 5 year review – what is meant by compliance with a JTMP? It is unclear what measures of compliance would be considered here.

FR-IM11. Road Maintenance. **RLWG supports staff's proposal.**

FR-IMxx. Substandard Lots. **RLWG supports staff's suggestion on this Implementation Measure.**