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RE: RPF/LTO Responsibility (Board of Forestry Priority Level Four)

Dear Mr. Dias:

I am writing on behalf of Associated California Loggers, the trade association representing logging companies, log trucking companies, and log road building companies throughout California. I am the current President of Associated California Loggers(ACL).

The specific topic of this letter is an issue coming before the Forest Practice Committee(FPC) of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection(Board of Forestry) for the first time on Tuesday, June 17, 2014. The issue, as per the Board of Forestry's priorities for 2014, is "RPF/LTO Responsibility." As you know, "RPF" is short for "Registered Professional Forester" and "LTO" is short for "Licensed Timber Operator." In advance of the June 17 meeting of the FPC, ACL is providing this letter and several other written documents for the committee's use in reviewing this issue. The documents include:

1. This cover letter, dated June 11, 2014.
2. **A letter to you, also dated June 11, 2014, from Myles Anderson of Anderson Logging in Fort Bragg.** Myles is a member of the Board of Directors of Associated California Loggers and its past President. Myles is also currently the Vice President of the American Loggers Council, a national association with 31 logging state members. **Mr. Anderson's letter gets into specific aspects of the "RPF/LTO Responsibility" Issue.**

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3. A copy of a letter dated last November 1, 2013, signed by Associated California Loggers Executive Director Eric Carleson, and outlining the priorities of the "Associated California Loggers Working Group on LTO Priorities," formed in 2013 for the purpose of defining such priorities and moving forward on them for governmental action. As you can see, "Priority # 1" is "RPF/LTO Responsibility," with suggested approaches to take.
4. A copy of a list prepared by Board of Forestry staff on March 6, 2014, in which it is indicated that two of the priorities listed in Associated California Loggers' letter of November 1, 2013 have also been taken on by the Board of Forestry as "Priority Level Four" items for 2014. (ACL will be contacting the Board of Forestry separately as to the status of the other priority item, LTO licensing and renewals.)
5. A package(entotaling 9 pages) entitled "ACL Preharvest Review," consisting of three documents: (1) "Questions to Consider"; (2) "Summary Checklist" and (3) "Backup information." **The short name of this package is "The Associated California Loggers Pre-Harvest Checklist."**

We believe that this cover letter and the four accompanying documents will provide the "foundation" for exploring the issue of "RPF/LTO Responsibility" conflicts both in the Forest Practice Committee and eventually before the full Board of Forestry.

That said, Associated California Loggers believes that this issue will likely be explored by the Forest Practice Committee and the full Board of Forestry over the duration of 2014 and we are prepared to advance further ideas about how to deal with this issue, at future meetings of the committee and the Board.

Additionally, our participants will come prepared to the Forest Practice Committee with relevant code sections for discussion. Many of the relevant code sections are also listed in the November 23, 2013 letter listed above.

Associated California Loggers thanks the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for accepting "RPF/LTO Responsibility" as a 2014 Level Four priority, and we look forward to working with you in 2014 to resolve this issue to the satisfaction of all concerned parties.

Sincerely,



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