



July 29, 2016

Ms. Ellen Taylor, President
Lost Coast League
PO Box 60
Petrolia, CA 95558

Dear Ms. Taylor:

We have recently been made aware of your organizations efforts to raise money for the purchase of our ownership in the Mattole River Watershed. A statement on your website indicates we have expressed a willingness to sell our ownership within this watershed. We want to address this apparent miscommunication to avoid any unnecessary time and resources being spent under this premise.

We appreciate the goals of the Lost Coast League and share those same values. We are very committed to the sustainable, long-term management of all our forests, including those in the Mattole River watershed. We have a demonstrated record of sustainable management, certified by the Forest Stewardship Council. Additionally, our property is managed in accordance with our multispecies Habitat Conservation Plan. We are very proud of our forest management across all our ownership and look forward to practicing it for decades to come. I am always available to talk about our activities in the Mattole and across our ownership. Feel free to contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Dennis Thibeault
Executive Vice-President, Forestry

ABOUT HRC

Humboldt Redwood Company (HRC) was created in 2008 from lands purchased in Humboldt County with the publicly declared mission to be good stewards of the forest and at the same time run a successful business. We have made significant progress in that regard:

- 1. Adopting policies to make HRCs forestlands FSC certified;*
- 2. Adding more than 500 million board feet of redwood and Douglas fir trees by lowering the rate of harvest;*
- 3. Defining of old growth down to the level of an individual tree, along with implementation of a policy to protect all individual old growth trees across our property;*
- 4. Elimination of traditional clear cutting from our property;*
- 5. Long term investments to improve habitat for fish across the property by controlling or holding back over 400,000 cubic yards of sediment from the coastal streams flowing through our forest;*
- 6. Upgrading of over 500 miles of roads including over 1400 watercourse crossings;*
- 7. Operating as an open and transparent business; including an open invitation to take interested individuals anywhere in the forest;*
- 8. Completing a substantial rebuild of our Scotia sawmill, assuring that Humboldt County will have infrastructure in the processing of wood products for many years to come; and*
- 9. Employing about 250 skilled employees in Humboldt County earning family-level wages and benefits.*