

10/20/15

California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attn: Matt Dias
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Dear Board Members and Matt Dias:

I received a request to give input and feedback on California's current timber harvesting regulatory process. With little reaction to my input given in a letter dated 1/21/15 about NTMP Timber harvesting regulations in California, I expect a similar thing to happen to this letter. Not seeing many things I say getting much attention, I assume I have been labeled as someone to not give any attention. As a seventy year old person, going-on fifty years as a field forester, and living a rural life, I have seen many old and current regulatory and timber harvesting situations. I have seen the supposedly bad I have done heal, and learned how things can be done to properly and fully use the timber resource. You can ignore what I say, or you can learn. Open-mindedness and experience is priceless.

I have participate in many ways to make California's timber harvest regulations fit the real world and been shot-down or ignored. Ask yourselves why I find older field experienced foresters (with forty or more years of experience) missing on advisory committees, as members of CLFA, part of DFG and Water Quality staffs, and as members of U.S. Forest Service. Ask yourselves why speculation, theory, and protectionism has 80% of the wood used in California coming out of the state when half of the state's timberlands are under private ownership. Ask yourself why timber harvest activity on public timberlands which has zero investment value, and the small amount of public timber harvest routinely occurs at a loss. Ask yourself why diversity for many species like spotted owls and fisheries is promoted, and many species such as spotted owls and fisheries are disappearing. Ask yourself why properly placed road construction and retention of snags and other fire fuels is promoted, and uncontrolled fire is all over the place (take a look at California's forests sometime). Ask yourself why timber landowners and rural economies are going into the tank, and many timberland owners are leaving California. I have many other examples of what is going wrong in California's timberlands, but no one pays attention to old field experienced farts.

I have reached the point where I ask the regulators what they want me to do, and if they say to go against what I know to be right, I request they provide a real world basis for what they want me to do. Usually I am told I have to do they say because the regulations give them authority to tell me what to do. I have to decide if the truth will prevail as provided by me; or, it is less costly to do what they request.

As I have found appeals and other input procedures are controlled by the regulators, and giving constructive input is a waste of time and resources. I do not have Trump's wealth, and it is a helluva world when you have to use your resources to force real world truths to prevail.

Yours,



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