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California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection  
Public Comment

Dear Board Members:

I find it interesting public comment is at the end of the agenda when there is no time to talk about what is discussed. What I say is my personal opinion which is based on my life.

Being 50 plus years as a practicing **field** forester, RPF most of my professional life, a four year graduate of Humboldt State School of Forestry, teaching at Humboldt College, being a hunter and fisherman, learning what is wanted by many species, but not allowed in California, having played the game of giving input, having learned in the field how to grow a big beautiful tree, properly harvest this big beautiful tree, and to grow other big beautiful trees to the benefit of those dependent on the wild lands of California, requiring someone to spend money for a lawyer, go to administrative law office, or some other so-called expert to see a definition, wording, law, and regulation has been correctly interpreted and correctly applied, and as verified by CDF and many others, finding around 80% of the wood used in California coming from out of California which includes some useless, burned wood from public taxpayer lands, I have in many ways thrown specifics like water, sunlight, nutrients to help critter, plants, humans, and other things, but I have found few to no one catching. I have learned from the real world, humans choices break done into those who have money and can afford to not harvest trees; those forced to follow routinely erroneous rules, harvesting what you grow, and those who need money and harvest all they can. All the California regulatory structure wrongs can not be covered in a short time, and I see California Board of Forestry and other regulatory agencies doing a poor to lousy job managing timberlands in California. You are not living in my world, and I believe you will be sorry.

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To: Anyone

Subject: Real World Realities

As a rural, family, taxpaying, hunter and fisherman, 70 plus year old person, with a four year Bachelor of Science college degree, who worked his way through college, who is a California Registered Professional (field) Forester (RPF #317), and was a lead land manager over many northern California operations, I have learned things never experienced by many. I have learned some real world truths, and many laugh at me.

Old people and what they have learned is ignored, the world in a mess, definitions are all over the place, laws and regulations are complicated for the average working person, law and order is breaking down, basis for World War III is being put in place, and humans and many species are in for a world of hurt.

Definitions are vague and left for inspector's to interpret. It has become a chore to cut a tree done and stay out of trouble. Many landowners are forced to maximize the harvest of trees and sell to developers.

Fire is all over the place and destroying many critters' habitats. Fire can be a good thing in the right place in the right way at the right time, but is a bad thing in the wrong place in the wrong way at the wrong time.

Water, sunlight, and nutrients along with disturbance are needed for plants, critters, and especially some wanted species to live and multiply. World's fast timber growing region in protectionist Humboldt County's redwood country is economically going to turn sour, and cannabis, marijuana, weed, whatever??? are erroneously promoted as a cure-all.

I had to work with a lot of SOBs, because I had to feed a family. O'Reilly, Beck, Limbaugh, Trump, and especially Hillary do a lot talking, but they and others will never experience what I have experienced.

It has become a messy world for those trying to do right, and those doing real world damage are given a pass; while, what is learned by older folks is ignored. My dad was right when he said a revolution was coming. Why aren't those in-charge learning from the older field experience folks?

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