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Mr. Milford Wayne Donaldson, State Historic Preservation Officer
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Reference: Information Center Fees

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

The California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) is concerned about the high fees currently being charged by Information Centers for CHRIS information.

CLFA, with a membership responsible for the sustained management of millions of acres of California forestland, represents the common interests of California Registered Professional Foresters. The Association provides opportunities for continuing education and public outreach to its membership, which includes professionals affiliated with government agencies, private timber companies, consultants, the public, and the academic community.

Registered Professional Foresters undertake many hours of training to recognize, evaluate and record both prehistoric and historic sites they are likely to encounter during forest management activities. As a result, professional foresters contribute many of the records found in the Information Center databases.

Unfortunately, it is common for foresters who directly protect these important resources to be charged nearly twice their own professional rate by the Information Center to receive copies of records they previously submitted. In addition, with a records check being valid for five-years, many timberland owners are billed time and time again when there is no change in ownership.

CLFA would like to cooperate with the Office of Historic Preservation and the Information Centers to resolve this issue. We understand the challenges of maintaining a high level of service and adding new technologies with decreasing State funding. In partnership, our association offers the following ideas:

- ✓ Lending our voice to yours when lobbying for additional State funding
- ✓ Establishing set annual fees for primary user groups
- ✓ Extending the term of forestry related records checks
- ✓ Searching for additional funds to develop a digital information system
- ✓ Coordinate the implementation of a digital system with records preparers
- ✓ Request preservation monies from Native American organizations
- ✓ Facilitate ownership-wide records checks

We look forward to your reply.

Sincerely yours,



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