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Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
Attn: Mr. George Gentry
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RE: Road Management Plan - 2003

Dear Board Members:

The California Licensed Foresters Association (CLFA) would like to submit the following comments to the record for the consideration and review of the Board of Forestry on the proposed rule making package titled "Road Management Plan - 2003".

Comment 1

CLFA is in support of this rule package as it is written. The language in the rule package appears to allow the Registered Professional Forester (RPF) preparing a plan the opportunity to develop site-specific mitigation measures for forest roads. With California's inherent variability in timberland across the state, the ability to develop site-specific mitigation measures is important in cost-effectively mitigating significant impacts to public trust resources from roads. The language in the rule proposal allows for future plans to incorporate an approved Road Management Plan, potentially increasing RPF work efficiency over time.

Comment 2

There appears to be a typographical error on line 1 on page 5 of the 45-day notice language. This line contains a dash (-) before the word "proposed." In addition, line 15 on page 5 of the 45-day notice language contains "A" prior to the word "The". CLFA recommends that the BOF delete these minor typographical errors to improve clarity.

Please consider these comments on behalf of our members who represent the majority of the professional expertise used to enforce and comply with our State's Forest Practice Regulations.

Very truly yours,

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