

Dinsmore WFA Pilot Project



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Subject: Letter of Support for USFS Rattail Project in the Six Rivers NF.

The Dinsmore Wood Feedstock Aggregation (WFA) Pilot Project (“The Pilot”) is pleased to submit this letter in support of the United States Forest Service (USFS) Rattail Project. The Rattail (and BLM Larabee Valley) Forest Health project is much needed along the Highway 36 corridor to protect the communities of Dinsmore, Mad River and Bridgeville.

The forests in our region, like much of California, have been mismanaged and poorly maintained for generations and we can all agree that an increase in the pace and scale of forest health treatments is needed to protect our forest ecosystems and communities from catastrophic wildfire.

The Dinsmore WFA team is especially supportive of this project and its alignment with the California Wildfire Resilience and Forest Action Plan and our regional Community Wildfire Prevention Plan:

1. Working to scale-up forest management to meet the state and federal 1 million-acre annual restoration target by 2025.
2. Supporting communities, neighborhoods, and residents in increasing their resilience to wildfire:
3. Creating economic opportunities for the use of forest materials that store carbon, reduce emissions, and contribute to sustainable local economies.
4. Utilize a statewide network of regional plans to ensure coordinated, comprehensive action across the state - CWPP: providing some residents of Cobb Road improved defensible space.

Again, the workforce and fire resilience benefit provided by the Rattail project is much needed in the disenfranchised community of Dinsmore. The WFA is supportive of any forest health and resilience treatments in our region.

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