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North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
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ATTN: Matt St. John

Dear Mr. St. John,

This is a follow-up to my May 11, 2001 letter to you, regarding Impaired Water Body listing for watersheds within the Northern Province of the National Forests of California. It provides the information that you requested for the 15 watersheds recommended for de-listing consideration by the Forest Service during the meeting with Alan Olson and Roberta Van de Water (of my staff) and Darrel Ranken (Shasta-Trinity National Forest) on June 25.

As a reminder, the 15 watersheds meet the two following criteria: they meet the definition of Category 1 Analysis Watersheds, according to the June 2000 Watershed Condition Assessment Process Paper, page7; and 70% or greater of the analysis watersheds are contained in land allocations which are "management-constrained", or relatively pristine. These land allocations are Congressionally designated (i.e. Wilderness), Late-Successional Reserve, or Riparian Reserve.

We hope that the six attachments listed below will assist you as you consider whether or not to recommend listing or de-listing these water bodies.

Please refer to the June 2000 process paper sent with the 5/11 letter for how the information in each was derived, and how each attachment's data set fits in the process.

- Enclosure A – Data summary gives the rating for each of the 9 criteria used for the 15 watersheds. It also indicates the size of the analysis watershed, and administering Forest.
- Enclosure B – Summary information gives aggregated information, such as indices and average density values, as well as disturbance acres, for the 3 of the 9 rating criteria that are GIS database-derived.
- Enclosures C, D and E – give more detailed data for each of the 3 derived criteria. These are, respectively, mass wasting sediment sources, surface erosion sediment sources, and Roads and Hydrologic Connectivity.
- Enclosure F contains supporting narratives, which give rationale for rating the 9 criteria for each of the watersheds (road hazard, surface erosion, mass wasting, floodplain connectivity, water quality, water quantity, stream corridor vegetation, stream channel condition, and native aquatic faunal integrity). These ratings relied on GIS based data and professional judgment by interdisciplinary teams, based on various inventory data, such



as stream condition inventories, and analysis, such as Watershed Analyses. See page 22-27 in the Process Paper for definitions and rule sets used in deriving these ratings. **Please note that because of numerous wildfires affecting Forests in northern California that several of the watersheds have no narratives at this time. They will be forwarded to you as soon as personnel are available to complete them.**

- Enclosure G is a draft of the June 25, 2001 Redding meeting notes for your review and comment.

Thank you for your patience in waiting for this information, and for your time and effort to work with us. I hope the information is useful. For any clarification questions, please call Alan Olson at (530) 841-4417.

Sincerely,

/s/ *Jan A. Ford*

for MARGARET J. BOLAND
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