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Redwood National and State Parks
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Crescent City, California 95531



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December 15, 2004

Mr. Dominic Gregorio
Division of Water Quality
Ocean Standards Unit
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Sacramento California 95812-0100

Dear Mr. Gregorio:

We are in receipt of a letter dated October 18, 2004, sent to us by Celeste Cantu' of the State Water Resources Control Board regarding discharges into an Area of Special Biological Significance (ASBS). In this letter we are told (or it states) that we "*...are required to cease discharging, or we may request an exception to the prohibition if we believe our discharge will not compromise protection of ocean waters for beneficial uses and the public interest will be served*". The letter also goes on to say that we should notify you if we would like to seek an exception.

It is our belief that there are no discharges from Redwood National and State Parks (RNSP) that are negatively affecting an ASBS, but we would nevertheless like to request an exception. This request for an exception is based on the following facts:

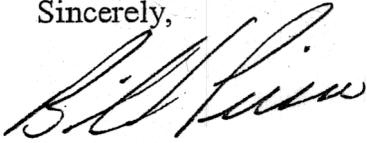
The main contributor to the effluent flows at our Requa maintenance site (the Del Norte California Conservation Corps) has permanently left the area thus reducing our flows by approximately 80% from around 5,000 Gallons per Day (GPD) to only 1000 GPD. Our discharge pipe located high on a talus slope is estimated to be more than 1,000 feet from the ocean. We believe that because of the distance and the relatively low flows, percolation and evaporation prevents any discharge from reaching the ocean.

RNSP is currently in the compliance and design process to completely relocate our maintenance activities (facility?) off of the hill from Requa to a site near Crescent City. The planned construction date is early 2007. The Environmental Assessment (EA) states that following the move the wastewater treatment plant would be decommissioned along with nearly all of the other facilities there. We are enclosing a copy of our EA for your review.

The activities that occur at the Requa site are critically important to the mission of RNSP, which is essentially to protect natural and cultural resources for the use and enjoyment of future generations.

Thank you for considering our request for an exception. Please notify us of any additional steps that are required by contacting our Chief of Maintenance, Ray Cozby, at (707) 464-6101, extension 5030.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B" and "P".

Bill Pierce
Superintendent

Enclosure
Maintenance Facility EA

cc:
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