

**Kidder Creek Orchard Camp  
Draft Environmental Impact Report  
APPENDICES**

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**APPENDIX A**

Initial Study and Public Comments





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**KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP  
ZONE CHANGE (Z-14-01) AND  
USE PERMIT (UP-11-15)**  
DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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### 1.1 INTRODUCTION AND REGULATORY GUIDANCE

This document is an Initial Study, which concludes that a Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate CEQA document for the Kidder Creek Zone Change (Z-14-01) and Use Permit (UP-11-15). This Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and the State CEQA Guidelines, California Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.

An initial study is conducted by a lead agency to determine if a project may have a significant effect on the environment. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15063, an environmental impact report (EIR) must be prepared if an initial study indicates that the proposed project under review may have a potentially significant impact on the environment that cannot be initially avoided or mitigated to a level that is less than significant. A negative declaration may be prepared if the lead agency also prepares a written statement describing the reasons why the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore why it does not require the preparation of an EIR (CEQA Guidelines Section 15371). According to CEQA Guidelines Section 15070, a negative declaration shall be prepared for a project subject to CEQA when either:

- a) *The initial study shows there is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment, or*
- b) *The initial study identifies potentially significant effects, but:*
  - (1) *Revisions in the project plans or proposals made by or agreed to by the applicant before the proposed negative declaration is released for public review would avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effects would occur; and*
  - (2) *There is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the agency, that the proposed project as revised may have a significant effect on the environment.*

If revisions are adopted in the proposed project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15070(b), including the adoption of mitigation measures included in this document, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is prepared.

Additionally, CEQA provides for a number of exemptions from environmental review, including the “general rule” exemption, statutory exemptions, and categorical exemptions. CEQA Guidelines Section 15061, which details what types of projects are exempt from CEQA, states the following:

- a) *Once a lead agency has determined that an activity is a project subject to CEQA, a lead agency shall determine whether the project is exempt from CEQA.*
- b) *A project is exempt from CEQA if:*
  - (1) *The project is exempt by statute (see, e.g. Article 18, commencing with Section 15260).*

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- (2) *The project is exempt pursuant to a categorical exemption (see Article 19, commencing with Section 15300) and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.*
- (3) *The activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.*
- (4) *The project will be rejected or disapproved by a public agency. (See Section 15270(b)).*
- (5) *The project is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Article 12.5 of this Chapter.*

## 1.2 LEAD AGENCY

The lead agency is the public agency with primary responsibility over a proposed project. Where two or more public agencies will be involved with a project, CEQA Guidelines Section 15051 provides criteria for identifying the lead agency. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15051(b)(1), "The lead agency will normally be the agency with general governmental powers, such as a city or county, rather than an agency with a single or limited purpose." Based on the criteria above, the County of Siskiyou (County) is the lead agency for the proposed Kidder Creek Zone Change (Z-14-01) and Use Permit (UP-11-15).

## 1.3 PURPOSE AND DOCUMENT ORGANIZATION

The purpose of this Initial Study is to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Kidder Creek Zone Change (Z-14-01) and Use Permit (UP-11-15)). This document is divided into the following sections:

**1.0 Introduction** – This section provides an introduction and describes the purpose and organization of the document.

**2.0 Project Information** – This section provides general information regarding the project, including the project title, lead agency and address, contact person, brief description of the project location, general plan land use designation, zoning district, identification of surrounding land uses, and identification of other public agencies whose review, approval, and/or permits may be required. Also listed in this section is a checklist of the environmental factors that are potentially affected by the project.

**3.0 Project Description** – This section provides a detailed description of the proposed project.

**4.0 Environmental Checklist** – This section describes the environmental setting and overview for each of the environmental subject areas, evaluates a range of impacts classified as "no impact," "less than significant," "less than significant with mitigation incorporated," and "potentially significant" in response to the environmental checklist.

**5.0 References** – This section identifies documents, websites, people, and other sources consulted during the preparation of this Initial Study.

## 1.4 EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Section 4.0, Environmental Checklist, is the analysis portion of this Initial Study. The section provides an evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the project. There are eighteen environmental issue subsections within Section 4.0, including CEQA Mandatory Findings of Significance. The environmental issue subsections, numbered 1 through 18, consist of the following:

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1. Aesthetics                         | 10. Land Use and Planning              |
| 2. Agriculture and Forestry Resources | 11. Mineral Resources                  |
| 3. Air Quality                        | 12. Noise                              |
| 4. Biological Resources               | 13. Population and Housing             |
| 5. Cultural Resources                 | 14. Public Services                    |
| 6. Geology and Soils                  | 15. Recreation                         |
| 7. Greenhouse Gas Emissions           | 16. Transportation/Traffic             |
| 8. Hazards and Hazardous Materials    | 17. Utilities and Service Systems      |
| 9. Hydrology and Water Quality        | 18. Mandatory Findings of Significance |

Each environmental issue subsection is organized in the following manner:

The **Environmental Setting** summarizes the existing conditions at the regional, subregional, and local level, as appropriate, and identifies applicable plans and technical information for the particular issue area.

The **Checklist Discussion/Analysis** provides a detailed discussion of each of the environmental issue checklist questions. The level of significance for each topic is determined by considering the predicted magnitude of the impact. Four levels of impact significance are evaluated in this Initial Study:

**No Impact:** No project-related impact to the environment would occur with project development.

**Less Than Significant Impact:** The impact would not result in a substantial adverse change in the environment. This impact level does not require mitigation measures.

**Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated:** An impact that may have a “substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project” (CEQA Guidelines Section 15382). However, the incorporation of mitigation measures that are specified after analysis would reduce the project-related impact to a less than significant level.

**Potentially Significant Impact:** An impact that is “potentially significant” but for which mitigation measures cannot be immediately suggested or the effectiveness of potential mitigation measures cannot be determined with certainty, because more in-depth analysis of the issue and potential impact is needed. In such cases, an EIR is required.

## 2.0 PROJECT INFORMATION

1. **Project title:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change (Z-14-01) and Use Permit (UP-11-15)
2. **Lead agency name and address:** Siskiyou County  
Community Development - Planning Division  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097
3. **Contact person and phone number:** Brett Walker, AICP – Senior Planner  
(530) 841-2100
4. **Project location:** The approximately 580-acre project site is located at the west end of S. Kidder Creek Road, approximately 2 miles west of State Hwy 3, south of the community of Greenview in the Scott Valley, Siskiyou County, California on the Assessor Parcel Numbers listed below; T42N, R10W, portions of sections 1 and 2; T43N, R10W, portions of sections 35 and 36, Mount Diablo Base & Meridian (Latitude 41°31'45.00"N, Longitude 122°57'08.00"W). See **Figure 3.0-1**.

APN	Ownership
024-440-140	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-440-150	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-440-310	Andrew & Emily Warken
024-440-320	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-440-330	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-450-390	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-450-400	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-450-590	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
025-370-040	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
025-370-380	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.

5. **Project sponsor's name and address:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, Inc.  
2700 S. Kidder Creek Road  
Etna, CA 96027
6. **General Plan designation:** Soils: Erosion Hazard (High); Wildfire Hazard (High);  
Soils: Severe Septic Tank Limitations (High); Slope;  
Flood Hazard; Surface Hydrology; Wildfire Hazard;  
Woodland Productivity (Moderate Suitability)
- Scott Valley Area Plan designations:** Prime Agricultural Land (portion); Excessive Slope (portion)
7. **Current Zoning:** Prime Agricultural, 80-acre minimum parcel size (AG-1-B-80);  
Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-5);

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- Rural Residential Agricultural, 10-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-10);  
Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-40);  
Timber Production Zone (TPZ)
- Proposed Zoning:** Prime Agricultural, 80-acre minimum parcel size (AG-1-B-80);  
Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-5);  
Rural Residential Agricultural, 10-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-10);  
Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-40)
- 8. Description of project:** The project is a proposed rezone and use permit application to expand an existing organized camp. The rezone would reclassify approximately 170 acres of land from TPZ to R-R-B-40. The use permit would expand the camp area from 333 acres to 580 acres and increase the total camp guest occupancy from 165 (total bed occupancy of 310) to a peak summertime occupancy of 844. The 844 occupancy includes camp guests, staff, and volunteers. It is anticipated that the expansion would occur over a twenty year period. The organized camp is a conditionally permitted use pursuant to Siskiyou County Code (SCC) Section 10-6.1502(c)(4).
- 9. Surrounding land uses and setting:** Surrounding land uses include timber production and open space to the south and west, and vacant lands and rural residential uses to the north and east. Kidder Creek traverses the northwesterly portion of the site a distance of approximately 2,200 feet.
- 10. Other public agencies whose approval may be required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement):**
- Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (RWQCB)
  - California Department of Public Health (CDPH)
  - California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection/Office of the State Fire Marshal (Cal Fire)
  - California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
  - United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
  - Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District (SCAPCD)
  - Siskiyou County Public Works Department, Road Division
  - Siskiyou County Environmental Health



**11. Environmental factors potentially affected:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards and Hazardous Materials    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology and Water Quality        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic          | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Service Systems      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

**12. Determination:** (To be completed by the lead agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☐ I find that the proposed project could not have an effect on the environment, and a CEQA EXEMPTION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☒ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

  
Signature

Brett Walker, AICP  
Printed Name

Senior Planner  
Title

September 1, 2016  
Date

County of Siskiyou  
Lead Agency

### 3.1 PROJECT LOCATION

The approximately 580-acre project site is located at the west end of S. Kidder Creek Road, approximately 2 miles west of State Hwy 3, south of the community of Greenview in the Scott Valley, Siskiyou County, California; T42N, R10W, portions of sections 1 and 2; T43N, R10W, portions of sections 35 and 36, Mount Diablo Baseline & Meridian (Latitude 41°31'45.00"N, Longitude 122°57'08.00"W). See **Figure 3.0-1, Project Location**.

### 3.2 EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

Kidder Creek Orchard Camp currently occupies approximately 333 acres. Elevations at the site range from approximately 3,000 feet to 3,950 feet. In addition to Kidder Creek, which traverses the northwesterly portion of the site, a number of seasonal waterways and the Barker Irrigation Ditch traverse the site. The low elevation areas include a meadow with some jurisdictional wetlands and remnants of an apple orchard. The remaining apple trees are currently producing apples that are harvested annually. Upland areas are generally forested with conifers, interspersed with oak trees. Natural habitats include riparian woodlands, cobbly/sandy riverbanks, wet meadows, mixed conifer forests, and oak woodlands. A Biological Resource Survey is included in Appendix G, a Wildlife Resources Report is included in Appendix I, and Wetland Delineation Report is included in Appendix J of the Application Materials. These documents were circulated to State Resource Agency's for early consultation. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) submitted early consultation comments, dated August 29, 2014, regarding the potential for special-status species, wetland and drainage features, and other potential regulatory requirements at the project site. Subsequent to CDFW's comment letter, the applicant's consultants revised the *Wildlife Resources Report* and *Botanical Resources Survey* to address CDFW comments.

Improvements at the site include two staff residences, a welcome center, a pond, recreation areas and trail systems, water well and water storage tank, an equestrian area, four "camp" areas, archery course, ropes course, rifle range, adventure course, paintball course, RV areas, sawmill and storage area, multi-use area with multiple structures, 9 septic systems, and a number of access roads. The **Existing Master Site Plan** map, which shows all existing improvements, is included in **Figure 3.0-2** on Page 3.0-11 and in Appendix F of the Application Materials.

### 3.3 ADJACENT LAND USES

Adjacent parcels are largely undeveloped. Large commercial timber lands and vacant/open space parcels 80-acres or larger are located to the west and south of the site. Low density residential and vacant lands are located to the north and east. These parcels to the north and east are typically 5 to 75 acres in size.

### 3.4 PROJECT OVERVIEW

The existing camp was permitted by three separate use permit approvals beginning in 1976. Use permits were approved in 1977 (UP-76-39), 1985 (UP-85-37), and 1996 (UP-95-12). The 1996 use permit approved the current occupancy capacity of 165 guests, a maximum annual occupancy of 3,340, with an on-site parking limitation of 215 vehicles, and an average daily traffic volume of 131 vehicles. Mitigated Negative Declarations were prepared for the 1985 use permit (SCH# 1985110397) and for the 1996 use permit (SCH# 1996103658) project approvals. The camp also obtained approval on December 5, 1979, of a use permit (UP-68-79) for a 2.3' x 3' (6.9 square feet) directional sign to be placed at the State Highway 3/South Kidder Creek

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intersection. A Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for the project (SCH# 79110922). All previously adopted environmental documents are included in **Attachment A**.

#### Existing Occupancy Approvals

Maximum Daily Occupancy:	165 guests (310 including staff and volunteers)
Maximum Annual Occupancy:	3,340
Average Daily Traffic:	131
On-Site Parking:	215

The project consists of a proposed rezone of approximately 170 acres and a proposed use permit to increase the capacity of the existing organized camp. The rezone would reclassify 170 acres from Timberland Production District (TPZ) to Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-40). **Existing Zoning** and **Proposed Zoning** maps are included as **Figure 3.0-4** and **Figure 3.0-5**, respectively. There are currently seven different zoning/overlay districts, including the 170 acres of TPZ proposed to be rezoned, encompassing the project site. Applicable zoning code sections are included in Attachment B. The use permit application is to increase the allowable occupancy at the camp from 165 guests to a total occupancy of 844 (guests, staff, and volunteers), increase the physical size of the camp from 333 acres to 580 acres, and add a number of structures, recreation features, including a second pond and ancillary facilities. The proposed expansion is expected to occur over a twenty year period. **Table 3.0-1** includes a list of the proposed structures along with their estimated square footage and occupancy limits. **Table 3.0-2** is an estimated timeframe for construction of the proposed structures and uses, and **Table 3.0-3** is a proposed timeframe for camp occupancy increases. South Kidder Creek Road would continue to provide primary access to the site. Secondary emergency access would be from Patterson Creek Road and access easements to the south and east of the project site.

This project also includes a revocation of the previous use permits to consolidate all the approved uses into a single use permit and mitigated negative declaration. Therefore, all existing use permit conditions of approval and all previously adopted mitigation measures will be reviewed and incorporated into the proposed use permit, where necessary. Conditions of approval and mitigation measures that are no longer necessary, have been complied with, or would be satisfied/fulfilled with new conditions of approval or mitigation measures may be eliminated. Should the proposed zone change (Z-14-01) and/or use permit (UP-11-15) not be approved, the existing use permit approvals and mitigation measures would not be revoked and would continue to be effective.

Current and proposed routine camp activities and uses include a horse riding/equestrian area, archery course, rifle range, ropes courses, a paintball course, mountain biking, waterslide and water activities. Off-site activities include hiking, camping, horse-packing, rock climbing, river rafting, swimming, mountain biking and horseback riding on and off national forest lands. In addition to routine camp activities, Kidder Creek has proposed to accommodate special events (public and private), which may include weddings, birthdays, religious functions, concerts, auctions, picnics, horse clinics, demonstrations, and training events, and similar events. Estimated attendance would be 20 – 250 guests, average 3 – 8 hours per event, and be held approximately once per month between the months of April and October. These special events would not occur at the same time as regular camp activities, but may occur when campers are off-site.

The proposed new 7-acre pond would be designed to be below the jurisdictional threshold of the Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams regulations (Water Code Section

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6000 et seq.). Preliminary engineering indicates that the pond would impound approximately 36 acre-feet of water with an average depth of 6 feet. A preliminary design for the pond was submitted with the original application. Subsequently, the applicant purchased additional land, which has been included in a revised application submittal and is now part of this project, resulting in a proposed reconfiguration of the pond shape. The original pond was a kidney-shaped design; the modified pond is round-shaped design. Engineering of the revised pond shape has not been completed at this time. The applicant intends to have engineered plans completed should the project be approved.

**Table 3.0-1 Proposed Occupancy by area (outdoors) or structure**

Area	Estimated building size (square feet)	Map ID#	Summer time Occupancy Sessions		Total	Spring & Fall Occupancy
The Pines (proposed)	1,152 plus deck (each cabin)	6	10 cabins @ 16		184	184
	576 plus deck (each cabin)	6	3cabins @ 8			
Ranch Camp (existing & relocated)	1,152 plus deck (each cabin)	7	4 cabins @ 16		88	88
	576 plus deck (each cabin)	7	3 cabins @ 8			
Base Camp #1(existing & relocated)	Sleeping platforms	9	50 people		50	0
Base Camp #2 (proposed)	Sleeping platforms	9	30 people		30	0
Base Camp #3 (existing)	Sleeping platforms	9	20 people		20	0
Hi Adventure Camp (existing)	Sleeping platforms	10	116 people		116	0
Hi Adventure Camp (proposed)	Sleeping platforms	10	40 people		40	0
RV area 1 (12 spaces) (existing)	--	11	24 people		24	24
RV area 2 (12 spaces) (proposed)	--	11	24 people		24	24
RV area 3 (12 spaces) (proposed)	--	11	24 people		24	24
Staff housing/ Retreat Center 1 (proposed)	4,950 plus deck	12	40 people		40	40
Staff housing/ Retreat Center 2 (proposed)	4,950 plus deck	12	40 people		40	40
Adult Retreat Center 1 (proposed)	4,950 plus deck	15	40 people		40	40
Adult Retreat Center 2 (proposed)	4,950 plus deck	15	40 people		40	40
Adult Retreat Center 3 (proposed)	4,950 plus deck	15	40 people		40	40
Staff Residence 1(existing)	1,850 plus deck	14	6 people		6	6
Staff Residence 2(existing)	1,850 plus deck	14	6 people		6	6
Staff Residence 3 (proposed)	1,850 plus deck	14	6 people		6	6
Staff/Guest House 1 (existing)	1,850 plus deck	13	10 people		10	10
Staff /Guest House 2(existing)	1,850 plus deck	13	10 people		10	10
Staff/ Guest house 3 (existing)	1,850 plus deck	13	6 people		6	6
				<b>Total</b>	<b>844</b>	<b>588</b>

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**Table 3.0-2 Implementation Timeline**

New feature	Approximate years to complete
Maintenance facility	2 years
Perimeter road development	2 years
Base Camps/High Adventure (3)	2-5 years
Base Camps/High Adventure (2)	5-10 years
Additional residential camping facilities	4-10 years
RV areas	2-10 years
Pond and recreation area	5-10 years
Dining Prep facility & Welcome center	5-15 years
Staff Housing & Retreat Centers	6-12 years
Staff Residence & Guest Houses	10-15 years
Adult Retreat Centers	15-20 years
Equestrian Center	8-20 years
Amphitheaters	4-20 years

**Table 3.0-3 Proposed Incremental Occupancy Increase**

Implementation Period	Total Occupancy
Current	165
5 years	265
10 years	600
15 years	724
20 years	844

**Table 3.0-4 Existing and Proposed bed occupancy by sleeping areas/type**

Use	Current	Proposed
Staff/Guest housing	28	44
Summer Staff Housing	34	80
RV Site Beds (2 beds per RV)	24	72
Subtotal	96	196
Adult Retreat Centers	0	120
Basecamps	70	100
Adventure Camps	144	156
Regular Camp Cabins	0	272
Subtotal	214 (144 beds)	648 (548 beds)
Grand Total	310	844

### **3.5 PROJECT APPROVALS**

The County of Siskiyou is the Lead Agency for this project. In addition to County approval of the proposed zone change and use permit, permits and/or approvals may be required from the following agencies:

#### **Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region (RWQCB)**

The RWQCB regulates drinking water systems that serve 25 or more persons for at least 60 days out of the year. The RWQCB requires a waste discharge permit where waste water flows exceed 1,500 gallons per day. Additionally, the RWQCB typically requires a General Permit for Discharges of Storm Water Runoff (Construction General Permit) be obtained under the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for projects that disturb more than one acre of soil. Typical conditions associated with such a permit include the submittal of and adherence to a storm water pollution and prevention plan (SWPPP), as well as prohibitions on the release of oils, grease or other hazardous materials.

#### **California Department of Public Health (CDPH)**

Organized camps are regulated by the California Department of Public Health. The California Department of Public Health has numerous regulations for organized camps pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18897.7 and California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Sections 30700-30753. California Health and Safety Code Section 18897(a)<sup>1</sup>.

#### **California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection/Office of the State Fire Marshal (Cal Fire)**

Cal Fire provides wildland fire protection services to the project area, which has been identified as being located within a State Responsibility Area (SRA). Fire Safe Regulations have been prepared and adopted by the state to establish minimum wildfire protection standards for development within the SRA. Fire Safe Regulations are not intended to apply to existing structures, roads, streets, private lanes, or facilities. However, these regulations are applicable to all construction activities in conjunction with the creation of new parcels, new roads, use permit, and building permit approvals within the SRA, approved after January 1, 1991. Organized camps are inspected by the State Fire Marshal to ensure compliance with fire safety regulations pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 18897.7.

Cal Fire also regulates timber conversions and/or timber harvesting. Timber operations may require a timber harvest plan (THP) or a timber conversion plan (TCP). If the area proposed to be converted is less than three acres in size, a project may qualify for a "Less than 3-acre Conversion Exemption." This project is not proposing to convert or harvest timber. Some timber would likely need to be removed for the constructions of some of the proposed improvements.

#### **California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)**

Should the project divert, obstruct, change, or deposit materials into any river, stream, or lake, a Streambed Alteration Agreement pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1600 et seq. may be required.

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<sup>1</sup> Organized camp means a site with program and facilities established for the primary purposed of providing an outdoor group living experience with social, spiritual, educational, or recreational objectives, for five days or more during one or more seasons of the year.

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#### **United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)**

Should the project impact any of the identified wetlands, a permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act may be required. The applicant has not proposed to discharge of dredged or fill material into the jurisdictional wetlands.

#### **Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District (SCAPCD)**

SCAPCD is responsible for enforcing federal, state, and local air quality regulations and ensuring that federal and state air quality standards are met within the county. These standards are set to protect the health of sensitive individuals by restricting how much pollution is allowed in the air. To meet the standards, SCAPCD enforces federal laws and state laws on stationary sources of pollution and passes and enforces its own regulations as necessary to address air quality concerns. SCAPCD has promulgated numerous rules and regulations governing the construction and operation of new or modified sources of air pollutants emissions within the air basin.

#### **Siskiyou County Public Works Department, Road Division**

An encroachment permit may be required from the Siskiyou County Public Works Department for any road improvements to publicly maintained roads.

#### **Siskiyou County Environmental Health Division**

A Hazardous Materials Business Plan is required for facilities that store or use 55 gallons of a liquid, 500 pounds of a solid, or 200 cubic feet of a compressed gas, or if it generates any amount of hazardous waste and are subject to reporting to Siskiyou County Environmental Health and the State of California.

### **3.6 RELATIONSHIP OF PROJECT TO OTHER PLANS**

#### **SISKIYOU COUNTY GENERAL PLAN**

The proposed project will be located entirely within the unincorporated area of Siskiyou County. The Siskiyou County General Plan is the fundamental document governing land use development in the unincorporated area of the county. The General Plan includes numerous goals and policies pertaining to land use, circulation, noise, open space, scenic highways, seismic safety, safety, conservation, energy, and geothermal. The General Plan Land Use Element was most recently adopted on August 12, 1980. The proposed project will be required to abide by all applicable goals and policies included in the County's adopted General Plan.

#### **SCOTT VALLEY AREA PLAN**

The project site is within the Scott Valley Area Plan (SVP) boundary. The SVP includes goals and policies pertaining to land use within the Scott River Watershed. The Scott River Watershed encompasses approximately 330,000 acres of land. The SVP was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 13, 1980. The proposed project will be analyzed for conformance with the SVP.

#### **WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (BASIN PLAN) FOR THE NORTH COAST REGION**

The project site is located within the Scott River Basin, which is under the jurisdiction of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). One of the duties of the RWQCB is

development of "basin plans" for the hydrologic area over which it has jurisdiction. The Basin Plan sets forth water quality objectives for both surface water and groundwater for the region, and it describes implementation programs to achieve these objectives. The Basin Plan provides the foundation for regulations and enforcement actions of the North Coast RWQCB (NCRWQCB, 2011).



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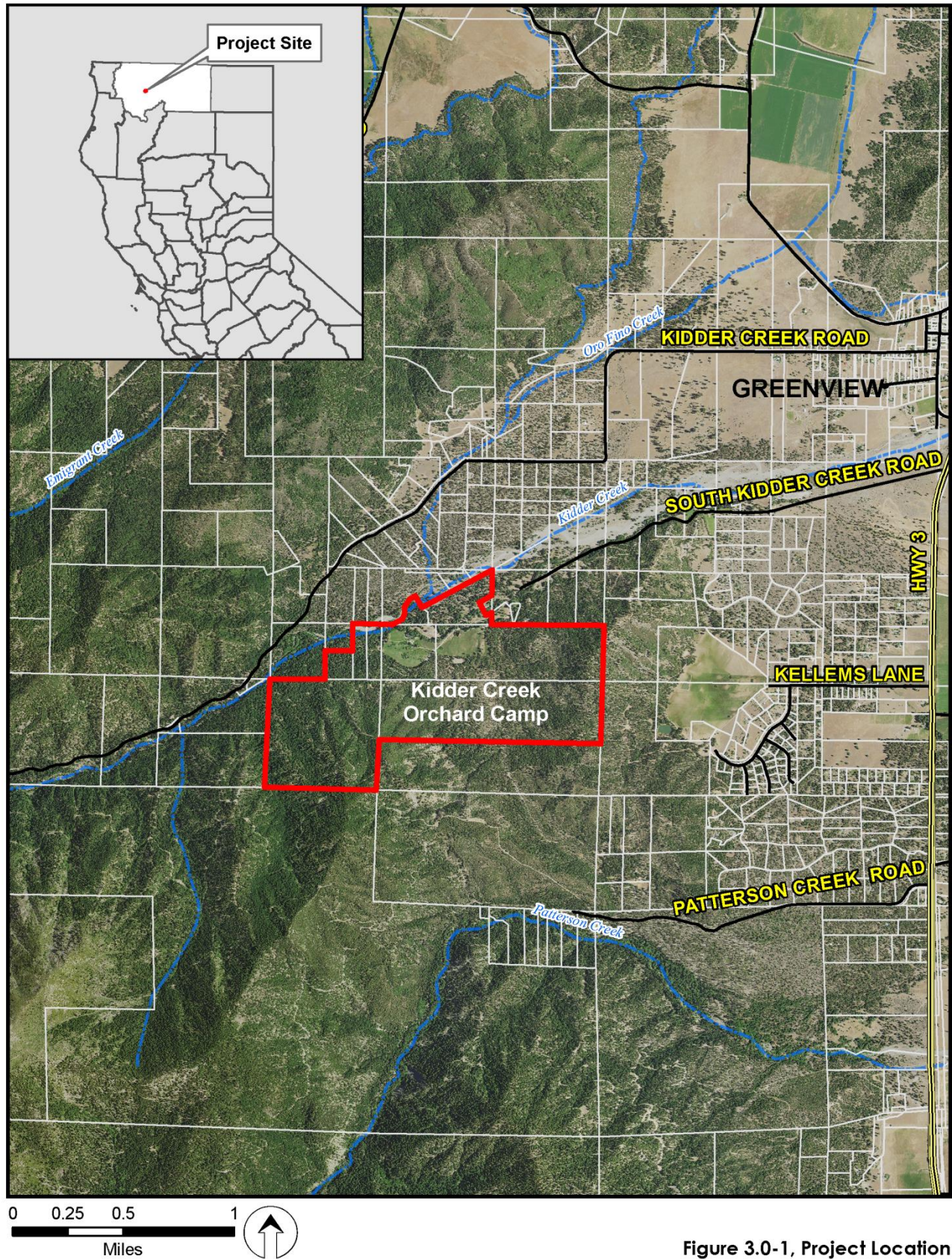


Figure 3.0-1, Project Location



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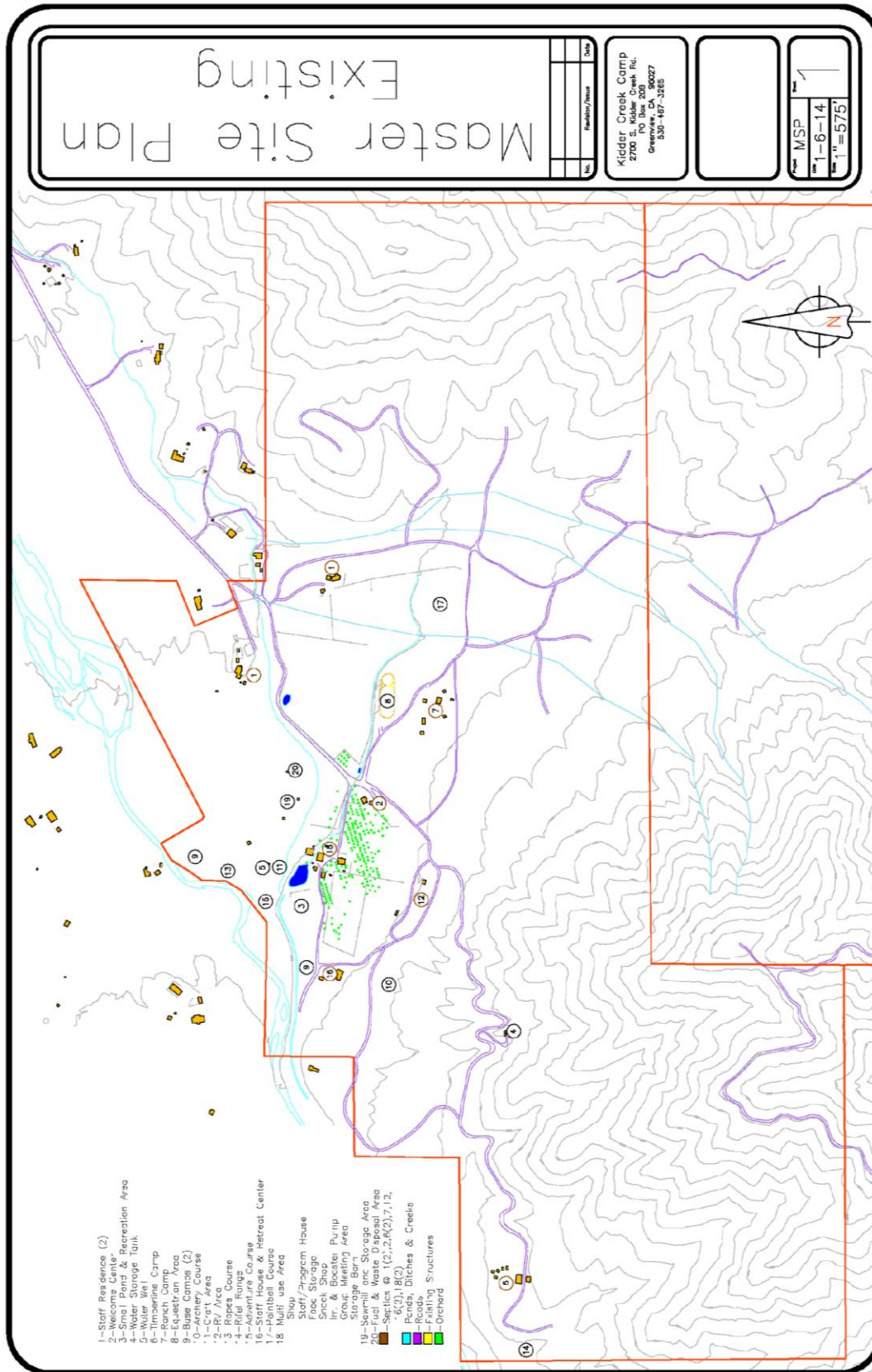


Figure 3.0-2, Existing Master Site Plan Map (not to scale)

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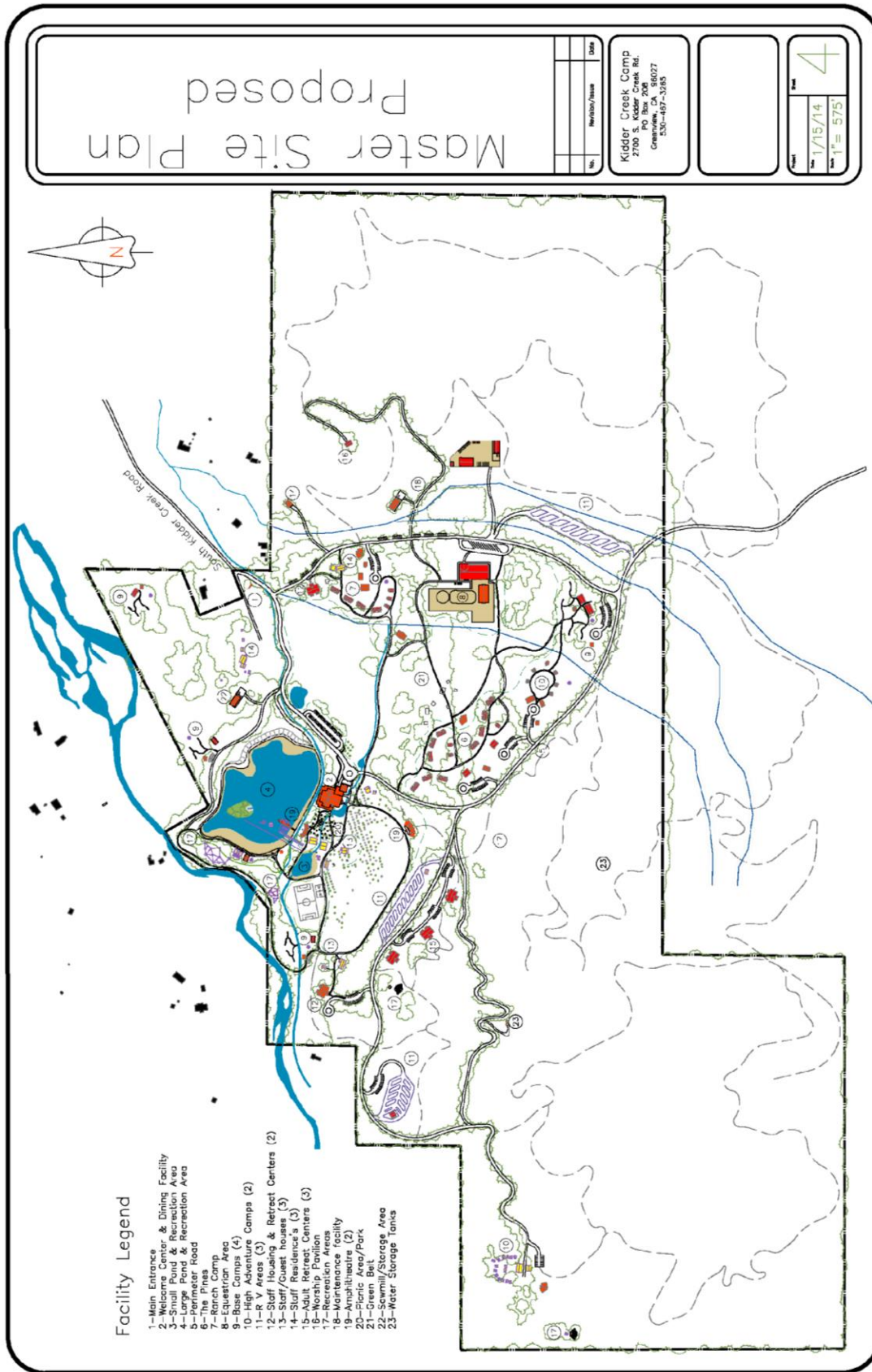


Figure 3.0-3, Proposed Master Site Plan Map (not to scale)

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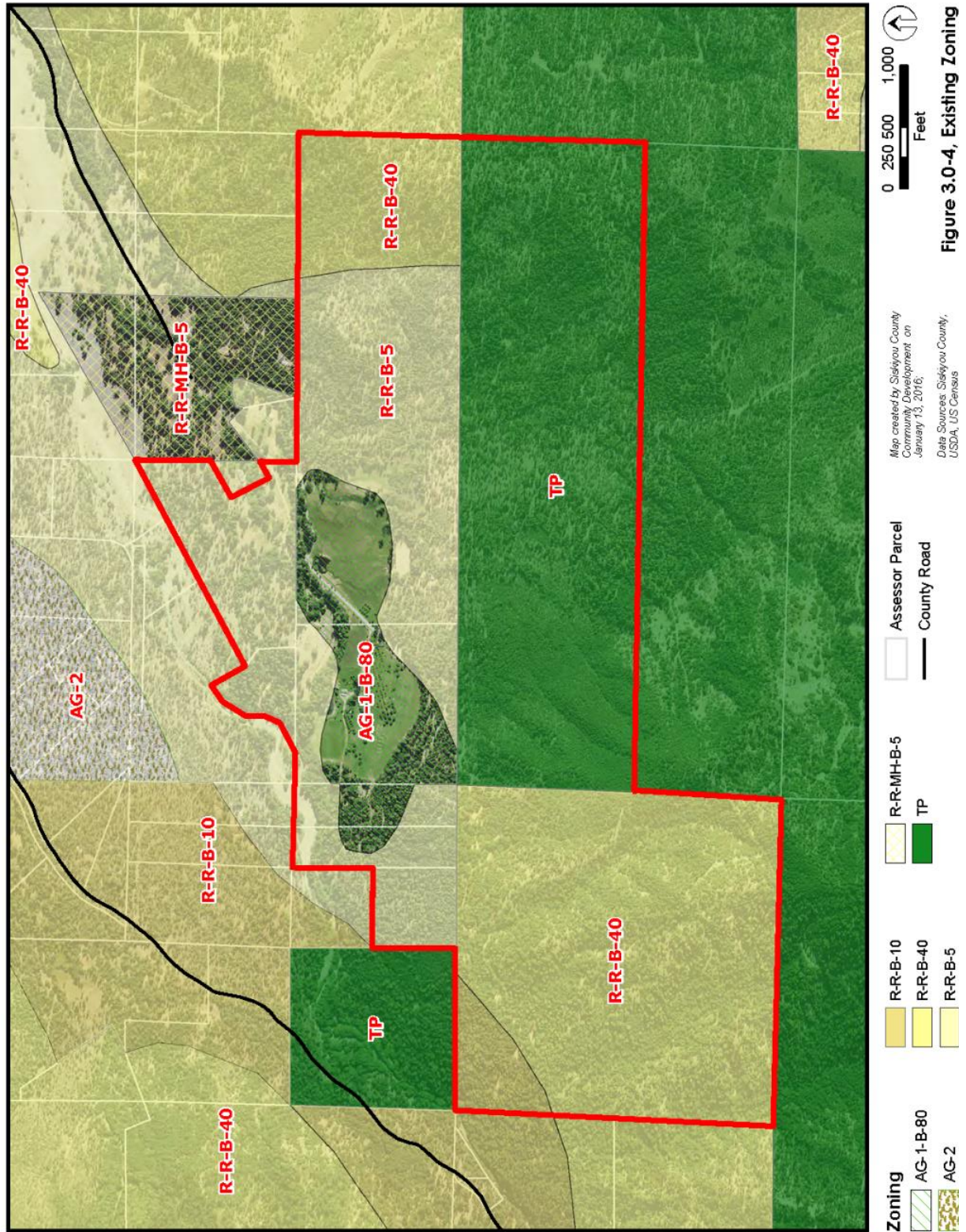


Figure 3.0-4, Existing Zoning Map



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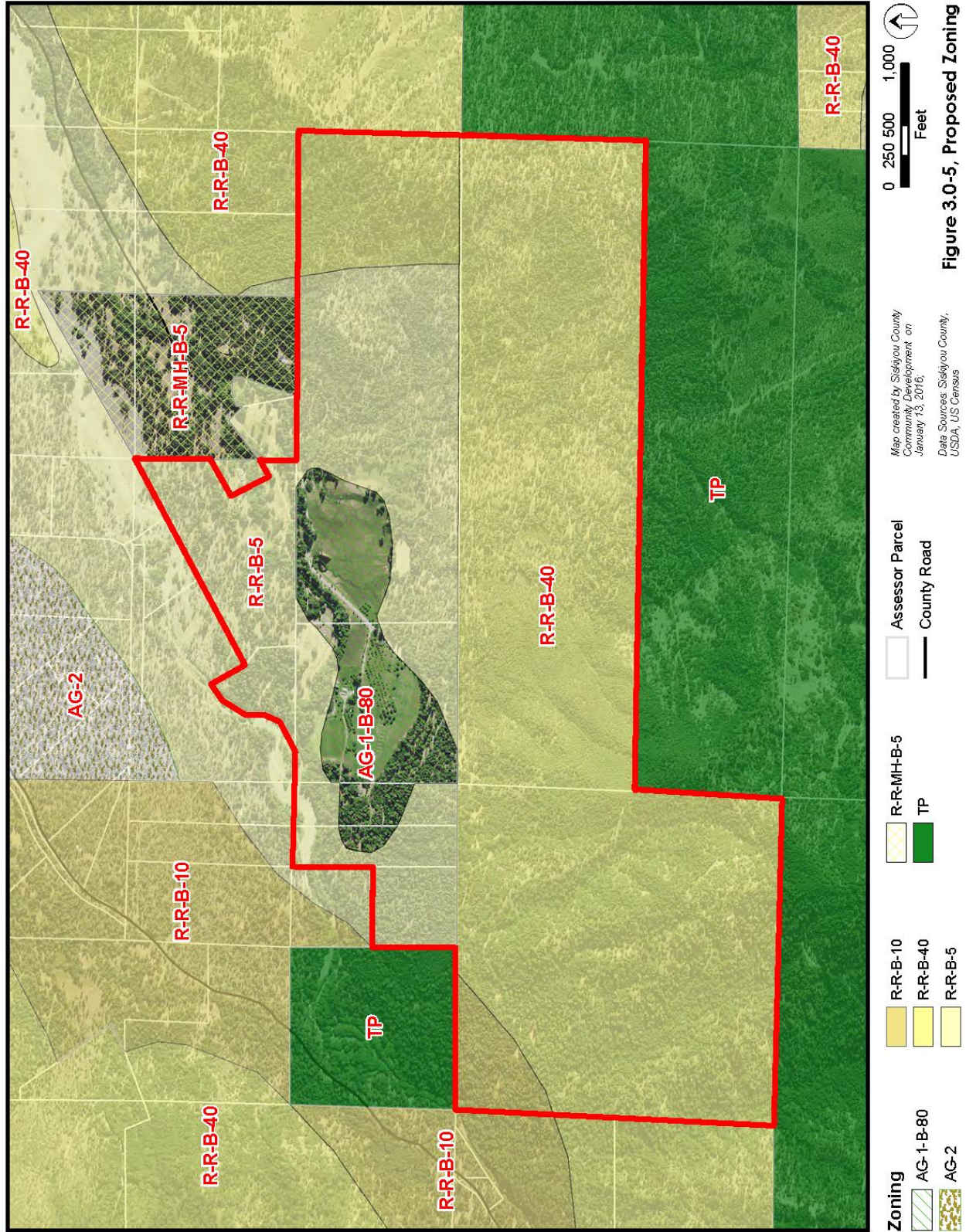


Figure 3.0-5, Proposed Zoning Map

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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporat ed	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.1 AESTHETICS.</b> Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

The project site (Camp) is located at the western terminus of S. Kidder Creek Road, approximately 2 miles west of State Highway 3 in the Scott Valley, south of the community of Greenview. The Camp is in the foothills of the Marble Mountains, which are a sub-range of the Klamath Mountains. The highest peak in the Marble Mountains is Boulder Peak at 8,299 feet. Boulder Peak is located approximately 8 miles northwest of the Camp.

The 580-acre project site ranges in elevation from approximately 3,000 to 3,950 feet. Slopes at the site generally range from 0 to over 30 percent. Vegetation at the site is characterized by meadows, apple orchards, mixed conifer forests, oak woodlands, and shrubs. The project site is surrounded by agriculturally zone and residentially zoned parcels to the north, east, and west, and timber preserves to the south. There is a mix of low-density residential and undeveloped parcels surrounding the site.

There are no officially designated state scenic highways in the project vicinity; however, the segment of Hwy 3 two miles east of the site is eligible for designation as a State Scenic Highway (Caltrans, 2016) and is identified as a scenic highway in the *Scenic Highways Element* of the Siskiyou County General Plan.

The proposed rezone from TPZ to R-R-B-40 would result in the potential for additional development that would not be permitted under the TPZ zoning designation. However, parcels to the north, west, and east are similarly zoned for residential and agricultural uses.

### Discussion of Impacts:

- a) *Less Than Significant Impact.* Although the project site is located in a scenic area, it is not part of a scenic vista. While the project would allow for the development of new structures associated with the camp expansion, future structures would be substantially similar to existing structures at the site and in the project vicinity. Therefore, potential changes to the visual character of the project site are considered less than significant.

- b) *No Impact*. There are no state scenic highways in the project vicinity; however, as noted above, Hwy 3, two miles east of the site is designated as a scenic highway in the Siskiyou County General Plan. The construction of proposed structures and other improvements associated with the camp expansion would likely result in the removal of some trees and other vegetation. There are no rock outcroppings or historic structures at the site. The anticipated removal of a limited number of trees would not significantly alter the existing landscape. The proposed project would not impact scenic resources along the Scenic Byway. Additionally, no other scenic resources would be damaged as a result of the project.
- c) *Less Than Significant Impact*. See Response 4.1 (a). Although the existing visual character of the project site would likely change somewhat as a result of proposed development, such changes would be consistent with nearby development along S. Kidder Creek Road. The area proposed to be rezoned from TPZ to R-R-B-40 would include new structures that would not be permitted under current (TPZ) zoning. However, the number of improvements proposed for the 170-acres to be rezoned is limited. As a result, visual changes to the project site would be less than significant.
- d) *Less Than Significant Impact*. It's anticipated that any future outdoor lighting resulting from proposed improvements would be consistent with existing development at the site and nearby. Additionally, future development of the project site would be subject to Section 10-6.5602 of the Siskiyou County Code, which requires that exposed sources of light, glare, or heat be shielded so as not to be directed outside the premises. Adherence to County Code Section 10-6.5602 would ensure that potential impacts associated with light or glare would remain less than significant.

**Mitigation Measures:**

None required.

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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.2 AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY RESOURCES.</b> In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997), prepared by the California Department of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state's inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment project; and forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resource Board. Would the project:				
a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to nonagricultural use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland to nonagricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

#### AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

According to the California Department of Conservation, Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program (FMMP), the portions of the project site are designated as *Prime Farmland* (P), *Farmland of Local Importance* (L), and *Grazing Land* (G). Surrounding parcels are similarly classified. Prime Farmland is considered an Important Farmland by the CA Department of Conservation; Farmland of Local Importance and Grazing Land are not considered Important Farmland by the State. **Figure 4.2-1** on Page 4.0-6 illustrates the location of the farmland types described above. The project site is not in a Williamson Act contract; the nearest contracted lands are located 1.5 miles east and 2 miles north of the site.

**FORESTRY RESOURCES**

Forest lands are defined under Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 12220(g) as "land that can support 10-percent native tree cover of any species, including hardwoods, under natural conditions, and that allows for management of one or more forest resources, including timber, aesthetics, fish and wildlife, biodiversity, water quality, recreation, and other public benefits." Timberland is defined under Public Resources Code Section 4526 as "land, other than land owned by the federal government and land designated by the board as experimental forest land, which is available for, and capable of, growing a crop of trees of a commercial species used to produce timber and other forest products, including Christmas trees. Commercial species shall be determined by the board on a district basis."

The project site is located in the *North Coast and Montane* vegetation zone and most of the site is considered a *Productive Forest Site*, capable of growing 10 percent cover of industrial wood species. The vegetation cover types at the site include conifer forest/woodland, mixed conifer and hardwood forest/woodland, shrub, and herbaceous (USDA Vegetation Classification and Mapping, 2015). A Botanical Survey Assessment was prepared for the project (Resource Management, 2014), which identified a number of conifer and oak species at the site. A complete list of plant species identified at the site is detailed in the Botanical Survey included in Attachment C.

The proposed rezone of 170 acres from TPZ to R-R-B-40 is regulated by the state under Government Code Section 51120 *et seq.* The applicant has requested an immediate rezone instead of a 10-year rollout rezone. The purpose of the rezone is to allow for a limited number of new structures associated with the Camp in the area currently zoned TPZ. The Camp intends on retaining as much timberland as possible; timberland is considered an amenity of the camp experience. Therefore, the rezone will be processed pursuant to Government Code Section 51134.

**Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *Less Than Significant Impact.* Although there are areas designated as Prime Farmland identified on the 2012 Siskiyou County Important Farmland Map published by the California Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, the applicant is not proposing to place any new structures within those areas designated as *Prime Farmland*. The areas designated as *Prime* would be use for passive and active recreational uses, but the land would not be converted in a permanent manner. Therefore, the impact is considered less than significant.
- b) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The project site is not subject to a Williamson Act contract and is not located near any contracted lands. The closest contracted lands are located over 1 mile north and east of the site. The current zoning at the site, AG-1, R-R, and TPZ, allows for agricultural uses. The proposed rezone from TPZ to R-R would continue to allow for agricultural uses. Therefore, the project will not adversely impact agricultural activity and/or a Williamson Act contract.
- c) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The project would not involve any other changes to the environment that would conflict with zoning for timber production or result in the conversion of a significant amount of forest land. Portions of the project site include potentially harvestable timber. It is anticipated that some timber would be removed with the proposed improvements. Additionally, the proposed rezone of 170 acres of TPZ lands would remove timber lands from a Timber Preserve; however, the proposed R-R-B-40 zoning district designation allows for the growing and harvesting of timber. Parcels to the south and west of



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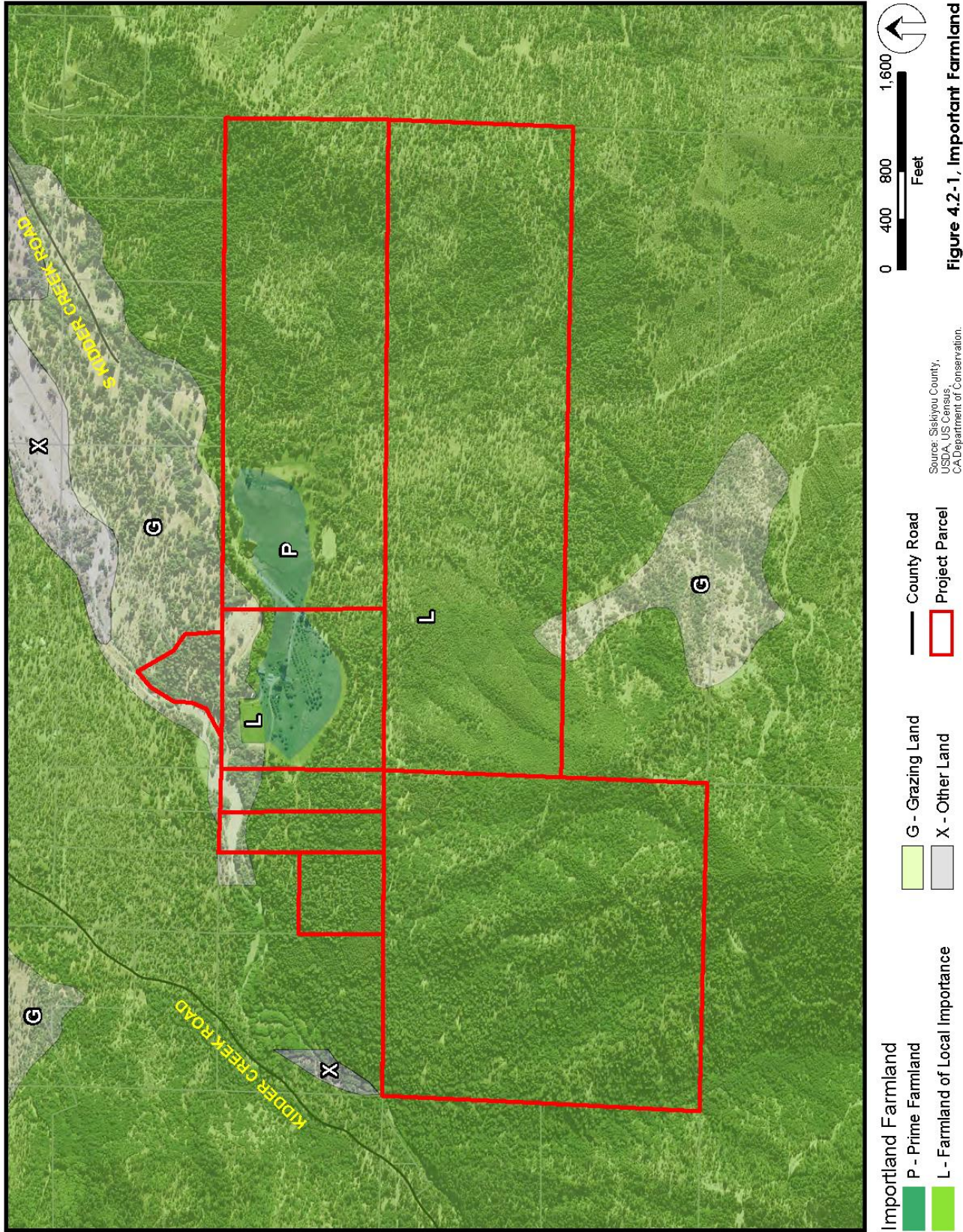
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the site are zoned TPZ, and significant amount of land surrounding the project site are considered timberland. The proposed improvements associated with the Camp's expansion would place structures in areas defined by the states as forest land and timberland; however, the limited improvements is not anticipated to adversely impact forestry use of the adjacent TPZ properties, or result in a significant amount of forested lands being removed from timber production. There are approximately 558,000 acres of TPZ zoned land in Siskiyou County. The proposed rezone and use permit is approximately 0.03 percent of TPZ zoned lands. Therefore, the impact is considered less than significant.

- d) *Less Than Significant Impact.* See subsection (c), above.
- e) *Less Than Significant Impact.* See subsections (a) and (c), above. The project would not convert Prime Farmland. While some trees may be removed with the proposed improvements, the improvements and use would have a less than significant impact on agriculture and forestry resources.

### **Mitigation Measures:**

None required.





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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.3 AIR QUALITY.</b> Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:				
a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in nonattainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions that exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

The project site is located in a region identified as the Northeast Plateau Air Basin (NEPAB), which principally includes Siskiyou, Modoc, and Lassen counties. This larger air basin is divided into local air districts, which are charged with the responsibility of implementing air quality programs. The local air quality agency affecting the project area is the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District (SCAPCD). Within the SCAPCD, the primary sources of air pollution are wood burning stoves, wildfires, farming operations, unpaved road dust, managed burning and disposal, and motor vehicles.

As noted above, the SCAPCD is the local air quality agency with jurisdiction over the project site. The SCAPCD adopts and enforces controls on stationary sources of air pollutants through its permit and inspection programs and regulates agricultural and non-agricultural burning. Other SCAPCD responsibilities include monitoring air quality, preparing air quality plans, and responding to citizen air quality complaints.

### Ambient Air Quality Standards

Air quality standards are set at both the federal and state levels of government (**Table 4.3-1**). The federal Clean Air Act requires the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish ambient air quality standards for six criteria air pollutants: ozone, carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide, lead, and suspended particulate matter. The California Clean Air Act also sets ambient air quality standards. The state standards are more stringent than the federal standards, and they include other pollutants as well as those regulated by the federal standards. When the concentrations of pollutants are below the allowed standards within an area, that area is considered to be in attainment of the standards.

**Table 4.3-1  
Federal and State Ambient Air Quality Standards**

Pollutant	Averaging Time	Federal Primary <sup>1</sup>	Federal Secondary <sup>1</sup>	California <sup>2</sup>
Ozone	8 Hour 1 Hour	0.070 ppm --	0.070 ppm --	0.07 ppm 0.09 ppm
Carbon Monoxide	8 Hour 1 Hour	9 ppm 35 ppm	-- --	9 ppm 20 ppm
Nitrogen Dioxide	Annual 1 Hour	0.053 ppm 100 ppb	0.053 ppm --	0.03 ppm 0.18 ppm
Sulfur Dioxide	Annual 24 Hour 3 Hour 1 Hour	0.03 ppm 0.14 ppm -- 75 ppb	-- -- 0.5 ppm --	-- 0.04 ppm -- 0.25 ppm
Fine Suspended Particulate Matter (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )	Annual 24 Hour	12.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup> 35.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	15.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup> 35.0 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	12 µg/m <sup>3</sup> --
Suspended Particulate Matter (PM <sub>10</sub> )	Annual 24 Hour	-- 150 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	-- 150 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	20 µg/m <sup>3</sup> 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Sulfates	24 Hour	--	--	25 µg/m <sup>3</sup>
Lead	30 Day Calendar Qtr	-- 1.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	-- 1.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.5 µg/m <sup>3</sup> --
Hydrogen Sulfide	1 Hour	--	--	0.03 ppm
Vinyl Chloride	24 Hour	--	--	0.01 ppm
Visibility-Reducing Particles	8 Hour (10 am - 6 pm PST)	--	--	( <sup>3</sup> )

Source: California Air Resources Board, 2015

<sup>1</sup> National Primary Standards: The levels of air quality necessary, with an adequate margin of safety, to protect the public

National Secondary Standards: The levels of air quality necessary to protect the public welfare from any known or anticipated adverse effects of a pollutant.

National standards (other than ozone, particulate matter, and those based on annual averages or annual arithmetic mean) are not to be exceeded more than once a year. The ozone standard is attained when the fourth highest eight-hour concentration in a year, averaged over three years, is equal to or less than the standard. For PM<sub>10</sub>, the 24-hour standard is attained when the expected number of days per calendar year with a 24-hour average concentration above 150 µg/m<sup>3</sup> is equal to or less than one. For PM<sub>2.5</sub>, the 24-hour standard is attained when 98 percent of the daily concentrations, averaged over three years, are equal to or less than the standard. Contact U.S. EPA for further clarification and current federal policies.

<sup>2</sup> California standards for ozone, carbon monoxide (except Lake Tahoe), sulfur dioxide (1 and 24 hour), nitrogen dioxide, suspended particulate matter - PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, and visibility reducing particles, are values that are not to be exceeded. All others are not to be equaled or exceeded. California ambient air quality standards are listed in the Table of Standards in Section 70200 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.

<sup>3</sup> Extinction coefficient of 0.23 per kilometer - visibility of ten miles or more (0.07 - 30 miles or more for Lake Tahoe) due to particles when relative humidity is less than 70 percent. Method: Beta Attenuation and Transmittance through Filter Tape.

#### Air Quality Monitoring

Ozone (hourly and 8-hour average) and particulate matter 2.5 (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) are the only contaminant that receives continuous monitoring in Siskiyou County; additionally, PM<sub>2.5</sub> is monitored every six days using the Federal Reference Method.

The closest SCAPCD air quality monitoring station to the project site is located in the City of Yreka approximately 21 miles northeast of the project site. This station monitors ozone and particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). **Table 4.3-2** shows particulate matter from monitoring efforts from 2013 - 2015 at the Yreka station.

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**Table 4.3-2**  
**Siskiyou County Air Quality Data**

Pollutant	Standard	Year		
		2013	2014	2015
Ozone (O <sub>3</sub> )				
Maximum 1-Hour Concentration (ppm)		0.077	0.082	0.068
Maximum 8-Hour Concentration (ppm)		0.071	0.066	0.061
Number of Days Exceeding State 1-Hour Standard	> 0.09 ppm	0	0	0
Number of Days Exceeding State/Federal 8-Hour Standard	> 0.07 ppm	1	0	0
Inhalable Particulates (PM <sub>10</sub> ) <sup>1</sup>				
Maximum 24-Hour Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		54.6	90.6	59.0
Estimated No. of Days Exceeding State Standard	> 50 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	*	*	*
Estimated No. of Days Exceeding Federal Standard	> 150 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	0	0	0
Ultra-Fine Particulates (PM <sub>2.5</sub> )				
Maximum 24-Hour Concentration (µg/m <sup>3</sup> )		43.5	71.9	51.0
Estimated No. of Days Exceeding Federal 24-Hour Standard	> 35 µg/m <sup>3</sup>	12.3	*	*

Source: California Air Resources Board, 2016

<sup>1</sup> Siskiyou County is no longer required to monitor PM<sub>10</sub>.

\* Insufficient data

### Monitored Air Pollutants

Ozone is a gas comprised of three oxygen atoms. It occurs both in the earth's upper atmosphere and at ground level. Ozone can be either beneficial or detrimental to human health, depending on its concentration and where it is located. Beneficial ozone occurs naturally in the earth's upper atmosphere, where it acts to filter out the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays. Bad ozone occurs at ground level and is created when cars, industry, and other sources emit pollutants that react chemically in the presence of sunlight. Ozone exposure can result in irritation of the respiratory system, decreased lung function, aggravated asthma, and possible lung damage with persistent exposure.

PM<sub>10</sub> (i.e., suspended particulate matter less than 10 microns) is a major air pollutant consisting of tiny solid or liquid particles of soot, dust, smoke, fumes, and aerosols. The size of the particles (about 0.0004 inches or less) allows them to easily enter the lungs where they may be deposited.

PM<sub>2.5</sub> (i.e., suspended particulate matter less than 2.5 microns) is similar to PM<sub>10</sub> in that it is an air contaminant that consists of tiny solid or liquid particles; though in this case the particles are about 0.0001 inches or smaller (often referred to as fine particles). PM<sub>2.5</sub> is typically formed in the atmosphere from primary gaseous emissions that include sulfates emitted by power plants and industrial facilities and nitrates emitted by power plants, automobiles, and other types of combustion sources. The chemical composition of fine particles highly depends on location, time of year, and weather conditions.

Inhalation of PM<sub>2.5</sub> and PM<sub>10</sub> can cause persistent coughing, phlegm, wheezing, and other physical discomfort. Long-term exposure may increase the rate of respiratory and cardiovascular illness.

As shown in **Table 3.2** above, neither the project site nor Siskiyou County have been identified as having significant air quality problems and are considered to be in attainment or unclassified for all federal and state air quality standards. As a result, the County is not subject to an air quality attainment or maintenance plan.

**Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *No Impact.* Siskiyou County is classified as being in attainment or unclassified for all federal and state air quality standards and, as a result, is not subject to an air quality plan.
- b) *Less Than Significant Impact* See Response 4.3(a) above. While particulate matter (i.e., dust) and diesel emissions could be generated during future development of proposed improvements, the amount of construction emissions likely to be generated during the development of the proposed improvements is minor. Further, construction emissions would be temporary and cease once construction is complete. It is anticipated that dust would be generated from certain camp activities, such as horse riding, mountain bike riding; however, the amount of dust generated from these activities is not considered significant. As a result, there would not be a violation of air quality standards associated with the project nor would project-related emissions contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation.
- c) *Less Than Significant Impact.* See Responses 4.3(a) and 4.3(b) above. Any air contaminants likely to be generated as a result of future development of the proposed parcels would have a negligible impact on the County's ability to meet federal and state air quality standards.
- d) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated.* Sensitive receptors are generally defined as facilities that house or attract groups of children, the elderly, persons with illnesses, and others who are especially sensitive to the effects of air pollutants. Schools, hospitals, residential areas, and senior care facilities are examples of sensitive receptors. The project site is in an area of sparse development. The nearest home sites outside of the boundaries of the camp are approximately 600 feet northeast and 900 feet east of the camp entrance. While the project would result in an increase of vehicular traffic associated with the proposed increase in occupancy, the increase in pollutants would be relatively low considering the current and estimated cumulative vehicle trips (See Section 4.16 Traffic/Transportation for trip generation estimates). It is anticipated that the proposed improvements would be built over a 20-year timeframe. During construction activities, there would likely be a temporary increase of emissions associated with gas and diesel powered construction equipment and machinery. However, the anticipated increased emission would be temporary and not have a significant or long-term impact. Land disturbances would occur as proposed improvements are constructed. There are a number of soil types at the site, which are detailed in Table 4.6-1. Due to portions of the site being classified as high for erosion, there is the potential for fugitive dust during land disturbance activities. However, implementation of mitigation measure **MM 3.1** is recommended below in order to reduce the project's dust emissions to a level that is considered less than significant.
- e) *Less Than Significant Impact.* Offensive odors rarely cause any physical harm; however, they still can be very unpleasant, leading to considerable distress among the public and often generating citizen complaints to local governments and regulatory agencies. Odor impacts on residential areas and other sensitive receptors, such as daycare centers and schools, are

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of particular concern. Major sources of odor-related complaints by the general public commonly include wastewater treatment facilities, landfill disposal facilities, food processing facilities, agricultural activities, and various industrial activities (e.g., petroleum refineries, chemical and fiberglass manufacturing, painting/coating operations, feed lots/dairies, composting facilities, landfills, and transfer stations).

The proposed project would not generate offensive odors. The most significant source of odor would be associated with the horses kept on-site. The current and proposed location of the horse riding arena is over 800 feet from the boundary of the camp. Therefore, odors associated with horses kept at the site are not anticipated to impact neighboring properties. Best management practices associated with the keeping of horses would ensure that on-site odors would not significantly impact occupants at the project site. Temporary, localized odors during construction may occur. Odors would be generated by tailpipe emissions from gas and diesel-powered construction equipment. Odors would not affect a substantial number of residences or be present for an extended period of time. Accordingly, potential odor impacts are considered less than significant.

### **Mitigation Measures:**

**MM 3.1:** Prior to construction activities, the project applicant shall submit a Dust Control Plan to the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District (SCAPCD). This plan shall ensure that adequate dust controls are implemented during all phases of project construction, including the following:

- 1) Water exposed earth surfaces as necessary to eliminate visible dust emissions;
- 2) When grading within 100 feet of any residence, park or other sensitive receptor boundary, utilize pre-soaking with sprinkler or water trucks in addition to normal watering for dust control;
- 3) Suspend grading operations when wind is sufficient to generate visible dust clouds;
- 4) Pave, use gravel cover, or spray a dust agent on all haul roads;
- 5) Impose an on-site speed limit on unpaved roads to 15 mph or lower (this speed must be posted);
- 6) All grading operations shall be suspended when sustained wind speeds exceed 25 mph;
- 7) All exposed surfaces and overburden piles shall be revegetated or covered as quickly as possible;
- 8) If fill dirt is brought to, or stockpiled on, the construction site, tarps or soil stabilizers shall be placed on the dirt piles to minimize dust problems;
- 9) Clean earthmoving construction equipment as needed to ensure that haul trucks leaving the site do not track dirt onto area roadways;
- 10) Cover all trucks hauling soil, sand, and other loose materials and ensure that all trucks hauling such materials maintain at least two feet of freeboard;
- 11) Institute measures to reduce wind erosion when site preparation is completed;
- 12) Install sandbags or other erosion control measure to prevent silt runoff onto public roadways;

- 13) Designate a person or persons to monitor the dust control programs as approved by the SCAPCD, and to order increased watering, as necessary, to prevent the transport of dust off site. This designee's duties will include holiday and weekend periods when work may not be in progress. A phone number of the applicant's designate contact person shall be included in the Dust Control Plan, and updated as necessary.
- 14) The approved Dust Control Plan shall be included on all development plans, including, but not limited to building permit plans and grading plans.

Timing/Implementation: Prior to and during construction

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development Department – Planning Division; Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District

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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.4 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES.</b> Would the project:				
a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Game or US Fish and Wildlife Service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands, as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal wetlands, etc.), through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted habitat conservation plan, natural community conservation plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) document species that may be rare, threatened or endangered. Federally listed species are fully protected under the mandates of the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA). "Take" of listed species incidental to otherwise lawful activity may be authorized by either the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), depending upon the species.

Under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), CDFW has the responsibility for maintaining a list of threatened and endangered species. CDFW also maintains lists of "candidate species" and "species of special concern" which serve as "watch lists." State-listed species are fully protected under the mandates of CESA. "Take" of protected species incidental

to otherwise lawful management activities may be authorized under Section 2081 of the Fish and Game Code of California.

Under Section 3503.5 of the California Fish and Game Code, it is unlawful to take, possess, or destroy any birds in the orders of Falconiformes or Strigiformes (i.e., raptors) or to take, possess or destroy the nest or eggs of any such bird except as otherwise provided by this code or any regulation adopted pursuant thereto.

The Native Plant Protection Act (California Fish and Game Code Sections 1900-1913) prohibits the taking, possessing, or sale within the state of any rare, threatened or endangered plants as defined by the CDFW. Project impacts on these species would not be considered significant unless the species are known to have a high potential to occur within the area of disturbance associated with the project.

#### Special-Status Species

Special-status species are commonly characterized as species that are at potential risk or actual risk to their persistence in a given area or across their native habitat (locally, regionally, or nationally) and are identified by a state and/or federal resource agency as such. These agencies include governmental agencies such as CDFW, USFWS, or private organizations such as CNPS. The degree to which a species is at risk of extinction is the limiting factor on a species' status designation. Risk factors to a species' persistence or population's persistence include habitat loss, increased mortality factors (take, electrocution, etc.), invasive species, and environmental toxins. In context of environmental review, special-status species are defined by the following codes:

- 1) Listed, proposed, or candidates for listing under the federal Endangered Species Act (50 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 17.11 – listed; 61 Federal Register [FR] 7591, February 28, 1996 candidates);
- 2) Listed or proposed for listing under the California Endangered Species Act (Fish and Game Code [FGC] 1992 Section 2050 et seq.; 14 California Code of Regulations [CCR] Section 670.1 et seq.);
- 3) Designated as Species of Special Concern by the CDFW;
- 4) Designated as Fully Protected by the CDFW (FGC Sections 3511, 4700, 5050, 5515); and
- 5) Species that meet the definition of rare or endangered under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (14 CCR Section 15380) including CNPS List Rank 1b and 2.

The applicant submitted a *Wildlife Resources Report*, *Wetlands Delineation*, and *Botanical Resources Survey* (documents are included in **Attachment C**). These documents were circulated to State Resource Agency's for early consultation. CDFW submitted early consultation comments, dated August 29, 2014, regarding the potential for special-status species, wetland and drainage features, and other potential regulatory requirements at the project site. CDFW comments are included in **Attachment E** of this document. Subsequent to CDFW's comment letter, the applicant's consultants revised the *Wildlife Resources Report* and *Botanical Resources Survey* to address CDFW comments.



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### Discussion of Impacts:

a) *Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated.*

Special-Status Plants: Two populations of a special status plant species, Shasta chaenactis (*Chaenactis suffrutescens*) were found during botanical surveys. The plant populations were found above the intake area of the proposed 7-acre pond. Mitigation Measure **MM 4.1** would reduce potential impacts to Shasta chaenactis to a less than significant level.

Special-Status Wildlife: During wildlife surveys at the projects site, a Pacific Fisher (*Martes pennanti*) was identified near the camp entrance and an active osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) was identified in a Douglas fir tree near the existing pond. Mitigation Measures **MM 4.2**, **MM 4.3**, and **MM 4.4** would reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level.

b) *Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated.* The project site is traversed by Kidder Creek in the northwest portion of the site. Additionally, the Barker Irrigation Ditch, a constructed pond, a number of ephemeral waterways, and seasonally wet meadow are located at the site. Mitigation Measure **MM 4.5**, requiring a building setback from naturally-occurring water features, would reduce impacts to a level of less than significant.

c) *Less Than Significant Impact With Mitigation Incorporated.* A wetlands delineation survey and report was prepared for the project site. Typically, wetlands and riparian habitats are under the regulatory jurisdiction of the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, and wetlands that are considered "jurisdictional" are also regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Typically, discharges of dredged or fill material below the plane of ordinary high water in non-tidal waters of the United States require authorization and the issuance of a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972. A map of the delineated wetlands is included in Figure 4.4-1, below. The USACE reviewed the project site and made a preliminary jurisdictional determination, correspondence dated May 20, 2016; which identified areas that may be considered waters of the United States. The USACE map accompanying said correspondence is included in Figure 4.4-2, below. The applicant is not planning on dredging, filling, or adversely impacting the wetlands in any manner. To ensure that wetlands are avoided and riparian habitats are not adversely impacted, Mitigation Measures **MM 4.5** and **MM 4.6** are proposed to reduce potential impacts to a less than significant impact.

d) *Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated.* Existing habitat within the project area provides suitable foraging and nesting opportunities for raptors and other migratory birds. Both raptors and migratory birds are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and may be impacted by project implementation should they be present. All native breeding birds (except game birds during the hunting season), regardless of their listing status, are protected under the MBTA. There are numerous trees located within the project site that have the potential to support nesting activity. Trees removed during the nesting season as a result of project implementation could result in direct impacts to the special-status avian species and other nesting birds should they be present. Therefore, mitigation measure **MM 4.4** is provided below in order to reduce potential impacts to migratory birds to a level that is considered less than significant.

e) *No Impact.* The proposed project would not conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources.

- f) *No Impact*. No habitat conservation plans, natural community conservation plans, or other local, regional, or state habitat conservation plans apply to the project area.

**Mitigation Measures:**

**MM 4.1** Regarding the two identified populations of *Chaenactis suffrutescens* (Shasta chaenactis), as identified and described in the Botanical Resource Survey (Tyler 2014), the following mitigation measures shall be implemented:

- a. A qualified botanist shall survey the area identified as containing the two plant populations. The extent of the plant populations shall be mapped at a legible scale, and include setbacks to identifiable natural and/or human-made structures or features. The map shall be provided for review to Planning Division staff. No land disturbances shall occur until said map is reviewed and approved by Planning Division staff. Prior to any land disturbances within 100 feet of the identified plant populations, construction fencing shall be erected to protect the plant populations. The fencing shall be located and secured in a manner that does not adversely impact the plant populations. A qualified biologist shall provide best management practices (BMPs) regarding the placement of construction fencing to ensure that the plant populations are not adversely impacted.
- b. Interpretative signage shall be placed in proximity to the plant populations to educate camp staff and visitors regarding the plants status as a special status species. A description of the plants habitats and illustrations or photographic images of the plant shall be included on the signage. A minimum of one sign shall be placed at each of the identified plant populations. The proposed signage shall be submitted to Planning Division staff for review and approval.

Timing/Implementation: Prior to land disturbance activities.

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development  
Department - Planning Division

**MM 4.2** Regarding Pacific Fishers (*Martes pennant*), the following mitigation measure shall be implemented.

- a. Land disturbance and construction activities that involve the removal of vegetation shall take place outside of the Pacific fisher denning period of March through August, when the female Pacific fisher and kits are vulnerable to incidental take while residing in tree dens or ground dens in the area; or
- b. If construction or land disturbance activities that involves the removal of vegetation takes place during the denning season (March through August), preconstruction surveys shall be completed by a qualified wildlife biologist to ensure that construction activities do not adversely impact denning fishers. The survey shall take place no more than one week prior to vegetation removal associated with construction or land disturbance activities. If an active den is discovered during the survey, no vegetation shall be removed within 50 feet of the den until the fishers have vacated the den. The results of the pre-construction survey shall be sent to the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, Attn: CEQA, 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA 96001.

Timing/Implementation: Prior to construction or land disturbance activities that involve the removal of vegetation.

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Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development Department - Planning Division; California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**MM 4.3** To reduce potential impacts to Pacific Fishers (*Martes pennant*) from poisoning due to the eating of dead or dying rodents exposed to rodenticides, the following mitigation measure shall be implemented:

No rodenticides shall be used to control the proliferation of rodents.

Timing/Implementation: During the life of the use permit

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development Department - Planning Division

**MM 4.4** In order to avoid impacts to nesting migratory birds and/or raptors, including osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*), protected under Fish and Game Code Section 3503, one of the following shall be implemented:

- a. Vegetation removal associated with construction of driveways and residences shall be limited to September 1 through January 31 when birds are not nesting; or
- b. If vegetation removal will occur during the avian breeding season of February 1 through August 31, a survey for nesting migratory birds shall be completed by a qualified biologist no more than one week prior to vegetation removal associated with construction of driveways and residences. If an active nest is located during the survey, no vegetation shall be removed until the young have fledged, as determined through additional monitoring by a qualified biologist. The results of the nesting bird survey(s) shall be sent to the Department at: California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Attn: CEQA, 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA 96001.

Timing/Implementation: No more than one week prior to vegetation removal during the avian breeding season of February 1 through August 31.

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development Department - Planning Division; California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**MM 4.5** Where structures, buildings, or other land disturbing activities are proposed to be located less than 50 feet from a naturally occurring waterway or water body, the following shall be completed:

- a) A stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP), completed by a Qualified Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan Developer (QSD), shall be submitted to the Siskiyou County Community Development Department – Planning Division for review and approval. The SWPPP shall be developed to the same standards that would be required for Construction General Permit; and
- b) Stormwater associated with newly created impervious surfaces shall be retained, detained, or directed away from said waterways or water bodies.

Timing/Implementation: Prior to land disturbance activities within 50 feet of a naturally occurring waterway or water body

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division

**MM 4.6** Jurisdictional *Waters of the United States*, as regulated by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, shall be avoided; or

If avoidance is not possible, an application for a Section 404 permit shall be approved by the USACE prior to any land disturbance activities that would result in the dredge, fill, or alteration of hydrology to any jurisdictional waters. Where avoidance is not possible measures shall be implemented to minimize unavoidable impacts, restoration procedures, and compensatory creation or enhancement to ensure no net loss of wetland extent or function.

Timing/Implementation: In perpetuity

Enforcement/Monitoring: United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE); Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division

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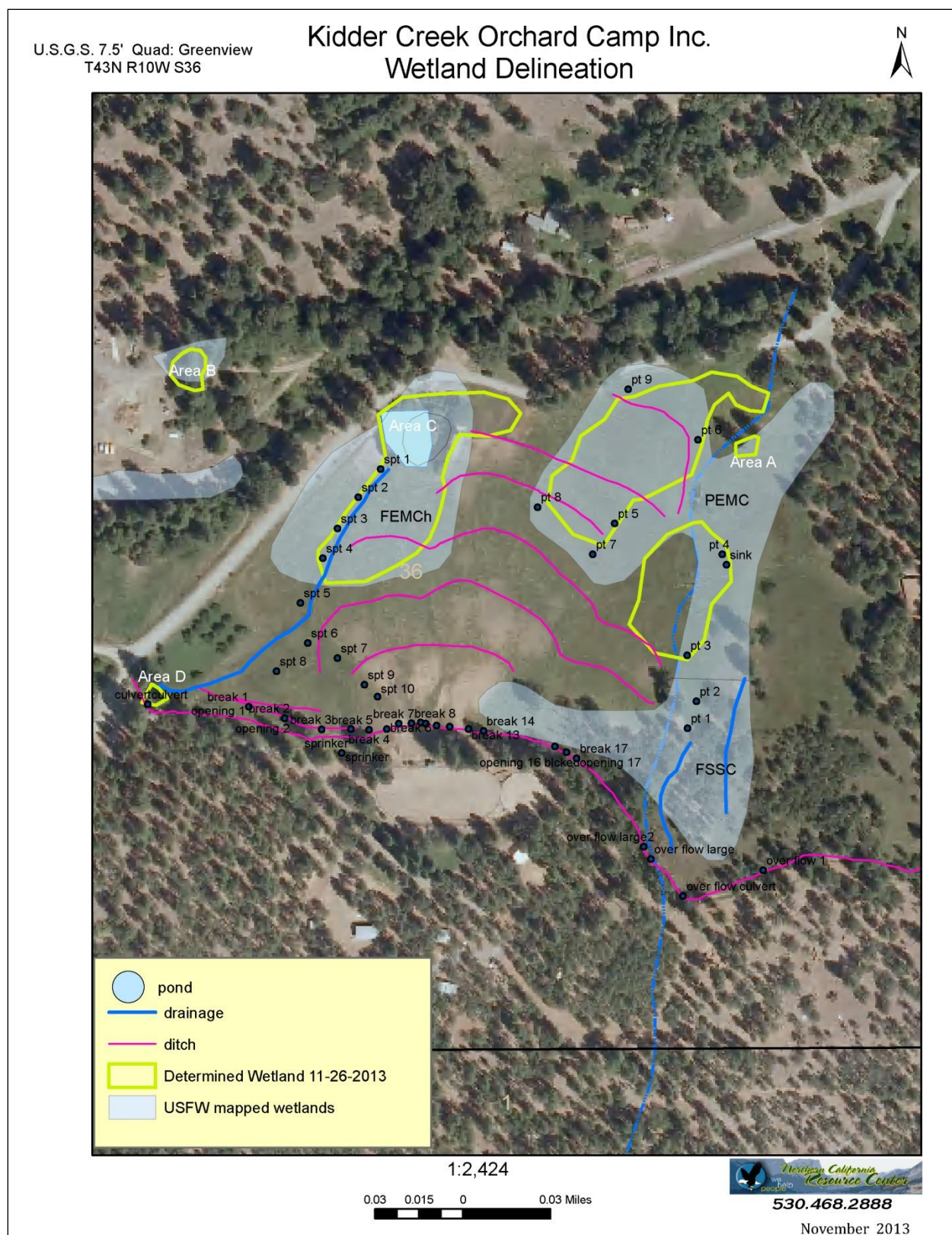


Figure 4.4-1, Wetland Delineation Map





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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.5 CULTURAL RESOURCES.</b> Would the project:				
a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in Section 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to Section 15064.5?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geological feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource as defined in Public Resources Code Section 21074?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

The project site was surveyed for cultural and historical resources in 2010 and 2013 by Resource Management (2014) archaeologists. No prehistoric or historic archaeological sites were identified during the surveys.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5 defines the term "historical resources." Generally speaking, a "historical resource" includes sites that are listed in, or determined to be eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, sites that are included in a local register of historical resources, or a resource that is considered "historically significant." A lack of designation at the national, state, or local level does not preclude a resource from being determined to be a historical resource. On January 1, 2015, Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 21074, which defines a "tribal cultural resource", became effective. PRC Section 21074 states the following:

(a) "Tribal cultural resources" are either of the following:

(1) Sites, features, places, cultural landscapes, sacred places, and objects with cultural value to a California Native American tribe that are either of the following:

(A) Included or determined to be eligible for inclusion in the California Register of Historical Resources.

(B) Included in a local register of historical resources as defined in subdivision (k) of Section 5020.1.

(2) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Section 5024.1 for the

*purposes of this paragraph, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe.*

- (b) A cultural landscape that meets the criteria of subdivision (a) is a tribal cultural resource to the extent that the landscape is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape.*
- (c) A historical resource described in Section 21084.1, a unique archaeological resource as defined in subdivision (g) of Section 21083.2, or a "nonunique archaeological resource" as defined in subdivision (h) of Section 21083.2 may also be a tribal cultural resource if it conforms with the criteria of subdivision (a).*

**Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated.* As described above, no historical resources have been identified within the project site. However, ground disturbance associated with development of the site has the potential to impact subsurface historic resources should any be present. Therefore, mitigation measure **MM 5.1** is provided to address the potential for the discovery of any unrecorded or previously unknown resources.
- b) *Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated.* While no evidence of archaeological resources has been identified within the project site, ground disturbance has the potential to impact subsurface archaeological resources should any be present. Therefore, mitigation measure **MM 5.1** is included to address the potential for the discovery of any unrecorded or previously unknown resources.
- c) *Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated.* There are no records of paleontological resources being discovered within or immediately adjacent to the project site. Nevertheless, unanticipated and accidental discoveries of paleontological resources are possible as future development of the project site occurs. Therefore, in order to ensure that potential impacts to paleontological resources remain less than significant, mitigation measure **MM 5.2** is provided below.
- d) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated.* There is no record of Native American or early European burial sites within or adjacent to the project site. Regardless, there is a possibility of the unanticipated and accidental discovery of human remains during ground-disturbing project-related activities. Therefore, mitigation measure **MM 5.3** is provided below to address the potential discovery of any unrecorded or previously unknown resources.
- e) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated.* Although no "tribal cultural resources" have been identified as being located on or adjacent to the project site, mitigation measures **MM 5.1**, **MM 5.2**, and **MM 5.3** would provide adequate mitigation to reduce potential impacts to a less-than-significant level should any resources be identified during development of the site.

**Mitigation Measures:**

- MM 5.1** If, during the course of project implementation, cultural resources (i.e., prehistoric sites, historic features, isolated artifacts, and features such as concentrations of shell or glass) are discovered, all work shall cease in the area of the find, the Siskiyou County Community Development Department – Planning Division shall be immediately notified, and a professional archaeologist that meets the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards in prehistoric or historical



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archaeology shall be retained to determine the significance of the discovery. The County shall consider mitigation recommendations presented by a professional archaeologist and implement a measure or measures that the County deems feasible and appropriate. Such measures may include avoidance, preservation in place, excavation, documentation, curation, data recovery, or other appropriate measures.

Timing/Implementation: During ground disturbance activities associated with development of the site.

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development Department - Planning Division

**MM 5.2** If, during the course of project implementation, paleontological resources (e.g., fossils) are discovered, all work shall cease in the area of the find, the Siskiyou County Community Development Department – Planning Division shall be immediately notified, and a qualified paleontologist shall be retained to determine the significance of the discovery. The County shall consider the mitigation recommendations presented by a professional paleontologist and implement a measure or measures that the County deems feasible and appropriate. Such measures may include avoidance, preservation in place, excavation, documentation, curation, data recovery, or other appropriate measures.

Timing/Implementation: During ground disturbance activities associated with development of the site.

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development Department - Planning Division

**MM 5.3** If, during the course of project implementation, human remains are discovered, all work shall cease in the area of the find, the Siskiyou County Community Development Department – Planning Division shall be immediately notified, and the County Coroner must be notified, according to Section 5097.98 of the California Public Resources Code and Section 7050.5 of the California Health and Safety Code. If the remains are determined to be Native American, the coroner will notify the Native American Heritage Commission, and the procedures outlined in California Code of Regulations Section 15064.5(d) and (e) shall be followed.

Timing/Implementation: During ground disturbance activities associated with development of the site.

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development Department - Planning Division

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.6 GEOLOGY AND SOILS.</b> Would the project:				
a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death, involving:				
i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ii) Strong seismic ground shaking?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
iv) Landslides?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction, or collapse?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of wastewater?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Setting:**

As indicated on the 2010 Fault Activity Map of California (DOC, 2010), there are a number of faults located in the region. The closest of these include the Mount Shasta faults located approximately 40 miles to the east/southeast. None of these faults, however, have shown evidence of displacement within the last 700,000 years. The nearest potentially active faults (i.e., faults along which displacement has occurred within the past 200 years) are located in the Cedar Mountain Fault Zone approximately 43 miles east of the project site. The largest earthquake originating along this fault zone in recent times had a magnitude of 4.6 and occurred in August 1978 (USGS, 2015).

The Seismic Safety and Safety Element of the Siskiyou County General Plan states that over a 120-year period, nine or ten earthquakes capable of "considerable damage" have occurred in the region. No deaths have been reported from these quakes and building damage was

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considered minor or unreported. No known damage has resulted from an earthquake in the McCloud area. Regardless, Siskiyou County, like much of California, is located in an area with potential for major damage from earthquakes corresponding to intensity VII on the Modified Mercalli Scale.

Although much of area around Mount Shasta was impacted by a massive debris flow during the collapse of ancestral Mount Shasta (i.e., a volcano that was located on the site of contemporary Mount Shasta until roughly 160,000 to 360,000 years ago), landslides are not prominent in the area. The project site is relatively level, generally with slopes of less than 5 percent. Further, standard construction practices limit the amount of potential erosion, and the California Building Code addresses necessary construction techniques to accommodate soils with expansive characteristics.

Table 4.6-1, below, lists the NRCS soils identified at the site. Improvements are generally limited to those areas with soil map units of 183, 184, and 238.

**Table 4.6-1 NRCS Soil Classifications**

Map Unit	Name	Permeability	Water Erosion	Shrink/Swell	Runoff
105	Atter Very Cobbly Sandy Loam, 0 to 5 percent slopes	Excessively drained, very rapid	Slight	Low	Slow
151	Etsel Very Gravelly loam, 30 to 75 percent slopes	Excessively drained, moderate	Very high	Low	Rapid
165	Kindig-Neuns Gravelly Loads, 50 to 80 percent slopes	Well drained, moderate	Very high	Low	Very rapid
183	Marpa-Kinkel-Boomer, Cool Complex, 5 to 15 percent slopes	Well drained, moderate or moderately slow	Moderate	Low	Medium
184	Marpa-Kinkel-Boomer, Cool Complex, 15 to 50 percent slopes	Well drained, moderate or moderately slow	Moderate	Low/Moderate	Medium
212	Riverwash	Excessively drained	---	---	---
230	Stoner Gravelly Sandy Loam, 2 to 5 percent slopes	Well drained, moderate	Slight	Low	Slow
238	Xerofluvents, Nearly Level	Excessive, variable	---	---	Slow

**Discussion of Impacts:**

a)

- i) *Less Than Significant Impact.* There are no known active or potentially active faults within or adjacent to the project site. The closest mapped faults to the project area lie approximately 40 miles to the east. The California Geologic Survey does not identify the project site as being in an area affected by this fault or any other Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone.
- ii) *Less Than Significant Impact.* See Response 4.6(a)(i) above. The project site is located in a potentially seismically active area and, as a result, any structures resulting from the proposed subdivision of land would likely to be subject to future seismic activity. Improperly designed and/or constructed structures could be subject to damage from seismic activity with resulting injury or death for the occupants. However, any future development resulting from the proposed subdivision of land would be required to be designed to meet all California Building Code seismic design standards, as well as site-specific and project-specific recommendations contained in the geotechnical analysis required prior to building permit issuance.
- iii) *Less Than Significant Impact.* Liquefaction occurs when loose sand and silt that is saturated with water behaves like a liquid when shaken by an earthquake. Liquefaction can result in the following types of seismic-related ground failure:
  - Loss of bearing strength – soils liquefy and lose the ability to support structures
  - Lateral spreading – soils slide down gentle slopes or toward stream banks
  - Flow failures – soils move down steep slopes with large displacement
  - Ground oscillation – surface soils, riding on a buried liquefied layer, are thrown back and forth by shaking
  - Flotation – floating of light buried structures to the surface
  - Settlement – settling of ground surface as soils reconsolidate
  - Subsidence – compaction of soil and sediment

Three factors are required for liquefaction to occur: (1) loose, granular sediment; (2) saturation of the sediment by groundwater; and (3) strong shaking. Impacts associated with liquefaction are unlikely given the well-drained soils on the project site and low incidence of seismic activity in the region.

- iv) *Less Than Significant Impact.* Because the project site is relatively flat and the nearest hillsides do not show a history of instability, the potential for landslides is considered low.
- b) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated.* Erosion is the process by which soil material is detached and transported from one location to another by wind or water. Erosion occurs naturally in most systems but is often accelerated by human activities that disturb soil and vegetation. The rate at which natural and accelerated erosion occur is largely a function of climate, soil cover, slope conditions, and inherent soil properties.

According to the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the soil types identified within the project site exhibit a low or moderate potential for water erosion (USDA-NRCS, 1994). Further, limited land disturbances are likely to result from future development of single-family

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residences and residential accessory structures on the proposed parcels. Nevertheless, in order to ensure that potential impacts due to wind and water erosion remain less than significant, **MM 6.1** is recommended below.

- c) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The potential for landslides on the project site was addressed under Response 4.6(a)(iv) and was determined to be less than significant. The potential for lateral spreading, liquefaction, subsidence, and other types of ground failure or collapse was addressed under Response 4.6(a)(iii) and was also determined to be less than significant.
- d) *Less Than Significant Impact.* Expansive or shrink-swell soils are soils that swell when subjected to moisture and shrink when dry. Expansive soils typically contain clay minerals that attract and absorb water, greatly increasing the volume of the soil. This increase in volume can cause damage to foundations, structures, and roadways. The soils at the project site are considered to have low shrink-swell potential. In addition, standard procedures as required by the California Building Code would reduce any potential impact associated with shrink-swell soils to a level that is considered less than significant.
- e) *No Impact.* Future development on the project site will be provided with sewer service from the MCSD. As such, there will be no impacts resulting from soils that are incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems.

### Mitigation Measures:

**MM 6.1** The applicant shall either revegetate soils disturbed by land clearing for construction of improvements or provide and maintain an adequate ground cover within these disturbed areas. Adequate ground cover may be accomplished through paving and/or laying down wood chips, shredded bark, or similar material(s). If construction activities are suspended for six (6) or more months, disturbed soils shall be revegetated or adequately covered until construction activities resume. Upon completion of construction activities, soils shall be revegetated or adequately covered within six (6) months.

Timing/Implementation: During ground disturbance activities associated with improvements.

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development Department – Planning Division

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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.7 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.</b> Would the project:				
a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

No air district or other regulatory agency in northern California has identified a significance threshold for greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated by a proposed project, or a methodology for analyzing impacts related to GHG emissions or global climate change. By the adoption of Assembly Bill (AB) 32 and Senate Bill (SB) 97, however, the State of California established GHG reduction targets and has determined that GHG emissions as they relate to global climate change are a source of adverse environmental impacts in California. AB 32, the California Climate Solutions Act of 2006 (see Statutes 2006, Chapter 488, enacting Health and Safety Code, Sections 18500–38599), establishes regulatory, reporting, and market mechanisms to achieve quantifiable reductions in GHG emissions and a cap on statewide GHG emissions.

The impact that GHG emissions have on global climate change does not depend on whether the emissions were generated by stationary, mobile, or area sources, or whether they were generated in one region or another. Thus, consistency with the state's requirements for GHG emissions reductions is the best metric for determining whether the proposed project would contribute to global warming. In the case of the proposed project, if the project substantially impairs the state's ability to conform to the mandate to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020, then the impact of the project would be considered significant.

### Discussion of Impacts:

- a) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The improvements and uses associated with the proposed project would likely increase greenhouse gas emissions. As the Camp expands and camper occupancy levels increase, the use of fossil fuel powered equipment during construction of improvements and increased vehicle use associated with transporting campers to the site and to off-site activity areas would likely increase greenhouse gas emissions. Emissions associated with the construction of improvements at the site would be of a limited scope and duration and would have a less than significant impact on the environment. The traffic study (Traffic Works, 2016) estimates that there will be an increased Average Daily Trips (ADT) from 414 to 1,772 near the east end of S. Kidder Creek Road. Approximately 1,110 of those trips are associated with the camp expansion. While these trips are an increase of localized trips, and hence an increase of localized greenhouse gas emissions, it is unlikely that these trips would be new trips at the state-wide level. Given that greenhouse gas emissions are not stationary; this impact is considered less than significant.
- b) *No Impact.* The proposed project would not conflict with any adopted plans, policies, or regulations adopted for the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

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### **Mitigation Measures:**

None required.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.8 HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.</b> Would the project:				
a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan area or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within 2 miles of a public airport or a public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
g) Impair implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Setting:**

A material is considered hazardous if it appears on a list of hazardous materials prepared by a federal, state, or local agency, or if it has characteristics defined as hazardous by such an agency. A hazardous material is defined in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 662601.10, as follows:

*A substance or combination of substances which, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics, may either (1) cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible, or*

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*incapacitating reversible, illness; or (2) pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or environment when improperly treated, stored, transported or disposed of or otherwise managed.*

Most hazardous material regulation and enforcement in Siskiyou County is managed by the Siskiyou Community Development Department - Environmental Health Division, which refers large cases of hazardous materials contamination or violations to the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). When issues of hazardous materials arise, it is not at all uncommon for other agencies to become involved, such as the Air Pollution Control District and both the federal and state Occupational Safety and Health Administrations (OSHA).

Under Government Code Section 65962.5, both the California Department of Toxic Substances Control and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) are required to maintain lists of sites known to have hazardous substances present in the environment. Both agencies maintain up-to-date lists on their websites. A search of the DTSC and SWRCB lists did not identify any hazardous waste violations in the vicinity of the project site.

### **Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *No Impact.* The proposed zone change and use permit to expand the camp does not include routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials. Therefore, this project would have no impact.
- b) *Less Than Significant Impact.* See Response 4.8(a). Although unlikely, a potential accidental release of hazardous materials could occur during future development of the project site. Any such release would likely be minor spillages of fuels and oils associated with construction equipment. However, there is nothing specific to the project that would indicate a greater likelihood for an accidental release of hazardous materials than during development of other residences in the County. As such, potential impacts are considered less than significant.
- c) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The proposed project is not located within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school. There is nothing about the project that is likely to result in hazardous emissions or that would entail the handling of hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste.
- d) *No Impact.* According to the DTSC Envirostor database and SWRCB GeoTracker database, which were reviewed on March 13, 2016, the project site has not been identified as a hazardous material spill site.
- e) *No Impact.* The project site is more than two miles from any public or private airport. The closest public airport to the project site is the Scott Valley Airport, located approximately five miles east of the project site.
- f) *No Impact.* See Response 4.8(e). The project site is not located in the vicinity of a private airstrip.
- g) *Less Than Significant Impact.* There is nothing about the proposed rezone and use permit, including future improvements and occupancy levels that would substantially interfere with an adopted emergency response or evacuation plan.

- h) *Less Than Significant Impact*. There is the potential for wildland fires in the region given the relatively dry summer climate, with hot days and wind, and the project site location in a *Very High* severity fire hazard zone by Cal Fire (Cal Fire, 2007). However, development of the site is required to comply with Fire Safe Regulations enacted pursuant to Public Resources Code Sec. 4290. Both S. Kidder Creek Road and the emergency secondary access would need to comply with 4290 regulations.

**Mitigation Measures:**

None required.

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<b>4.9 HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY.</b> Would the project:				
a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on- or off-site?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures that would impede or redirect flood flows?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury, or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of a failure of a levee or dam?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

The most significant hydrologic feature in the project vicinity is Kidder Creek, which traverses the northwest portion of the site, and the Barker Ditch, which also traverses the site. There is a small pond, used for recreations at the site, and a proposed 7-acre pond, which would also be used

for recreational activities. Additionally, potential jurisdictional wetlands were identified at the site, which are detailed in the *Wetlands Delineation Report*, included in Attachment C.

The Camp currently disposes of wastewater through nine County-approved septic systems. It is anticipated that the expansion of facilities would be accommodated through conventional septic systems. However, the central dining facility would likely require an alternative system. Depending on the wastewater flows of the central dining facility a waste discharge permit through the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board may be necessary if average flows exceed 1,500 gallons per day.

The applicant has determined that at least one new groundwater well will be required with the proposed expansion. Additionally, a water storage and delivery system will be constructed to accommodate projected daily demand plus required storage for fire suppression. The camp is currently regulated by the State Office of Drinking Water (ODW), and would continue to be permitted, monitored, and inspected by ODW.

As mapped by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Mapping program, none of the project area is located within the 100-year floodplain. (FIRM Map 06093C2000D).

A new 7-acre pond is proposed to be constructed. The proposed pond would impound approximately 36 acre-feet and have an average depth of 6 feet. A preliminary design for the pond was submitted with the original use permit application in 2011. Subsequently, the applicant purchased additional land, which has been included in a revised application submittal and is now part of this project, resulting in a proposed reconfiguration of the pond shape. The original pond was a kidney-shaped design; the modified pond is round-shaped design. According to the applicant, the pond was modified to move it away from wetlands; the overall volume will stay the same and the depth of the dam will stay the same. Engineering of the revised pond shape has not been completed at this time. The applicant intends to have engineered plans completed should the project be approved.

**Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The proposed rezone and improvements and uses associated with the use permit would not impact water quality standards and/or waste discharge requirements. As the improvements are developed, adequate wastewater disposal systems would be required prior to issuance of a building permit for a specific improvement. If average daily flows exceed 1,500 gallons, the applicant would need to obtain approval of a Waste Discharge Permit from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- b) *Less Than Significant Impact.* It is anticipated that at least one new well would be required to accommodate the expanded camp. There is no evidence that existing wells are depleting groundwater, and no evidence that the proposed well(s) would substantially deplete groundwater. Although the project would result in the creation of impervious surface, these surfaces would be relatively limited and would not interfere with groundwater recharge. Therefore, there is a less than significant impact.
- c) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated.* Future development of improvements would result in the grading and contouring of land to accommodate building pads and other proposed improvements. Given the size of the project site, and the limited number of new structures and other improvements, the existing drainage pattern would not be substantially altered due to land leveling and/or contouring. However, there is the potential that existing waterways could be impacted if building sites are located in proximity to

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waterways and best management practices are not utilized to ensure that erosion and/or surface water associated with additional impervious surfaces. Therefore, mitigation measure **MM 4.5** (in Section 4.4, Biological Resources), is recommended to reduce potential impacts to waterways and water bodies to a less than significant impact. Additionally, it is possible that more than one acre of ground could be disturbed during a particular improvement. If more than one acre were to be disturbed, the developer would be required to obtain a General Construction Stormwater Permit from the RWQCB, the approval of which requires preparation of a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) subject to RWQCB review and approval. In order to be approved, the SWPPP would need to include best management practices (BMPs) designed to reduce or eliminate erosion and runoff. BMPs typically include the use of straw wattles, covering stockpiled materials, revegetation of disturbed areas, silt fences, and other physical means of slowing stormwater flow from graded areas in order to allow sediment to settle out. Additionally, Mitigation Measure **MM 6.1** requires that disturbed soils be revegetated or maintained with adequate groundcover to reduce the potential for erosion.

- d) *Less Than Significant Impact*. See Response 4.9(c) above.
- e) *Less Than Significant Impact*. See Responses 4.9(c) through 4.9(d) above. Any minor increase in stormwater runoff resulting from development of impervious surfaces would be negligible relative to the amount of undeveloped land that would remain adjacent to the home sites capable of accommodating the runoff.
- f) *Less Than Significant Impact*. See Responses 4.9(a) through 4.9(e).
- g) *No Impact*. The project is not within a 100-year flood hazard area.
- h) *No Impact*. See Response 4.9(g) above.
- i) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated*. The project site includes an existing pond, and a proposal to create a second larger, 7-acre pond. The applicant intends on designing the pond to be under the jurisdictional threshold of what is considered a dam by the Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams. A dam that has a height<sup>1</sup> of less than 6 feet or less is exempt from oversight by the Division of Safety of Dams. Mitigation Measure **MM 9.1** would reduce the risk of a dam failure to a less than significant impact.
- j) *No Impact*. The project site is not located near an ocean or large body of water with potential for seiche or tsunami. As discussed under Responses 4.6(a)(iii) and 4.6(a)(iv), the project area is not at risk of mudflows.

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<sup>1</sup> Dam height is measured from the downstream toe to the maximum storage elevation/spillway. California Water Code (WAT) Section 6002 states the following: "Dam" means any artificial barrier, together with appurtenant works, which does or may impound or divert water, and which either (a) is or will be 25 feet or more in height from the natural bed of the stream or watercourse at the downstream toe of the barrier, as determined by the department, or from the lowest elevation of the outside limit of the barrier, as determined by the department, if it is not across a stream channel or watercourse, to the maximum possible water storage elevation or (b) has or will have an impounding capacity of 50 acre-feet or more. Additionally, WAT Section 6003 states the following: Any such barrier which is or will be not in excess of six feet in height, regardless of storage capacity, or which has or will have a storage capacity not in excess of 15 acre-feet, regardless of height, shall not be considered a dam.

### Mitigation Measures:

**MM 9.1** Prior to any land disturbance activities associated with the construction of the proposed 7-acre pond, the following shall be completed:

- a) If the dam necessary to impound the proposed pond is subject to Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams jurisdiction, proof of full compliance with the required permitting and plan approval shall be provided to the Siskiyou County Community Development Department – Planning Division; or
- b) If the dam necessary to impound the proposed pond is not subject to the Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams jurisdiction, the applicant shall submit plans to the County stamped by a qualified engineer registered in the State of California detailing the structural design of the dam. The County will review and approve said plans to ensure that the proposed dam is structurally adequate and is not a hazard. The applicant shall be responsible for paying all costs associated with the County's review of said plans. The County retains the right to hire a third party engineering firm to review the required plans.

Timing/Implementation: Prior to land disturbance activities associated with pond construction

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division



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<b>4.10 LAND USE AND PLANNING.</b> Would the project:				
a) Physically divide an established community?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

The basis for land use planning at the project site is the County's General Plan and the Scott Valley Area Plan. The Land Use Element of the General Plan provides the primary guidance on issues related to land use and land use intensity. The Land Use Element provides designations for land within the County and outlines goals and policies concerning development and use of that land. The Scott Valley Area Plan provides guidance for those areas located within the Scott River watershed, such as the project site.

The primary goal of the Land Use/Circulation Element of the Siskiyou County General Plan is to allow the physical environment to determine the appropriate future land use pattern that will develop in Siskiyou County. This is alternative to conventional planning practice in which one master land use map indicates future land use patterns based primarily on social, political, and economic factors. Its focus is for future development to occur in areas that are easiest to develop without entailing great public service costs, that have the least negative environmental effect, and that do not displace or endanger the county's critical natural resources.

The technique used for the development of the Land Use Element involved preparation of a series of overlay maps identifying development constraint areas. Constraints take the form of both natural, physical barriers or problems and those culturally imposed on the basis of resource protection. The combination of overlay maps provides a visual display of tones representing physical constraints in a particular geographic area in terms of the perceived effect of urban development. In identifying an absence of physical constraints, it also indicates where urban development may proceed without encountering known physical problems.

Siskiyou County General Plan *Land Use Element* identifies the project site as being located within the following mapped areas: Soils – Erosion Hazard; Soils: Severe Septic Tank Limitations (High); Slope; Surface Hydrology – Rivers and Streams; Wildfire Hazard - High; and Woodland Productivity – Moderate Suitable. The following are the applicable policies established for development within those mapped resource and natural hazard areas:

Policy no. 7      *Specific mitigation measures will be provided that lessen soil erosion, including contour grading, channelization, revegetation of disturbed*

slopes and soils, and project timing (where feasible) to less[en] the effect of seasonal factors (rainfall and wind).

Policy no. 10      Single-family residential, heavy or light industrial, heavy or light commercial, open space, non-profit and non-organizational recreational uses, commercial/recreational uses, and public or quasi-public uses only may be permitted.

The permitted uses will not create erosion or sedimentation problems.

Policy no. 11      All areas with 30 percent or greater natural slope shall not be developed with facilities requiring septic tanks for sewage disposal.

Policy no. 16      Single-family residential, light industrial, light commercial, open space, non-profit and non-organizational recreational uses, commercial/recreational uses, and public or quasi-public uses only may be permitted, if the area is proven to be less than 30 percent.

The permitted uses will not create erosion or sedimentation problems.

Policy no. 22      No development may be allowed within the designated floodways, and any development proven outside the designated floodway and within the 100-Year Flood hazard boundary shall be in accordance with the requirements of the County's flood plain management ordinance.

Policy no. 24      Single-family residential, light industrial, light commercial, open space, non-profit and non-organizational in nature recreational uses, commercial/recreational uses, and public or quasi-public uses may only be permitted if the requirements of Policy 22 have been met.

The permitted uses will not create erosion or sedimentation problems.

Policy no. 27      No residential or industrial development shall be allowed on water bodies. Exceptions may be considered for water supply, hydroelectric power generation facilities, public works projects necessary to prevent or stabilize earth movement, erosion, and the enhancement of migratory fish and other wildlife, light commercial, open space, non-profit and non-organizational in nature recreational uses, and commercial/recreational uses.

Policy no. 30      All development proposed within a wildfire hazard area shall be designed to provide safe ingress, egress, and have an adequate water supply for fire suppression purposes in accordance with the degree of wildfire hazard.

Policy no. 32      Single-family residential, light industrial, light commercial, open space, non-profit and non-organizational in nature recreational uses, commercial/recreational uses, and public or quasi-public uses only may be permitted.

The permitted uses will not create erosion or sedimentation problems.

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- Policy no. 33      *All land uses and densities shall be designated so as not to destroy timber productivity on large parcels and highly suitable woodland soils. (Class I and II.)*

In addition to the policies noted above, the following composite policies have been determined to be applicable to the proposed project:

- Policy no. 41.3(b)      *All light commercial, light industrial, multiple family residential, and commercial/recreational, public and quasi-public uses must provide or have direct access to a public road capable of accommodating the traffic that could be generated from the proposed use.*
- Policy no. 41.3(e)      *All proposed uses of the land shall be clearly compatible with the surrounding and planned uses of the area.*
- Policy no. 41.3(f)      *All proposed uses of the land may only be allowed if they clearly will not be disruptive or destroy the intent of protecting each mapped resource.*
- Policy no. 41.5      *All development will be designed so that every proposed use and every individual parcel of land created is a buildable site, and will not create erosion, runoff, access, or fire hazard or any other resource or environmentally related problems.*
- Policy no. 41.6      *There shall be a demonstration to the satisfaction of the Siskiyou County Health Department and/or the California Regional Water Quality Control Board that sewage disposal from all proposed development will not contaminate ground water.*
- Policy no. 41.7      *Evidence of water quality and quantity acceptable to the Siskiyou County Health Department must be submitted prior to development approval.*
- Policy no. 41.8      *All proposed development shall be accompanied by evidence acceptable to the Siskiyou County Health Department as to the adequacy of on-site sewage disposal or the ability to connect into an existing city or existing Community Services District with adequate capacity to accommodate the proposed development. In these cases the minimum parcel sizes and uses of the land permitted for all development will be the maximum density and lands uses permitted that will meet minimum water quality and quantity requirements, and the requirements of the county's flood plain management ordinance.*
- Policy no. 41.9      *Buildable, safe access must exist to all proposed uses of land. The access must also be adequate to accommodate the immediate and cumulative traffic impacts of the proposed development.*
- Policy no. 41.10      *All area plans adopted by the county will take precedence to any policies of the county wide Land use Element. Any area plan prepared for any area of the County must be geographically defined in a logical manner and contain all requirements of applicable state laws. Any plan approved by the Board of Supervisors will become a part of the County Land Use Element for that applicable portion of the county.*

- Policy no. 41.12    *All significant historic and prehistoric places and features when identified shall be preserved and protected in accordance with accepted professional practices.*
- Policy no. 41.13    *All rare and endangered plant species identified and recognized by state and federal government shall be preserved and protected in accordance with accepted professional practices.*
- Policy no. 41.18    *Conformance with all policies in the Land Use Element shall be provided, documented, and demonstrated before the County may make a decision on any proposed development.*
- Policy no. 41.19    *It is the intent of all the policies in the Land Use Element to accomplish the following:*
- b. Ensure compatibility of all land uses. (Subsections a, c, and d are not applicable to the project.)*

The Scott Valley Area Plan identifies the project site as being located within the following mapped areas: Prime Agricultural Land and Excessive Slope. The following are the applicable policies established for development within those mapped resource and natural hazard areas

*Prime Agricultural Land*

- Policy no. 1        *Only agricultural and public uses may be permitted on prime agricultural soils.*

*Excessive Slope*

- Policy no. 17       *Only agricultural, residential, open space, and small scale commercial, industrial, recreational uses, and public or quasi-public uses may be permitted.*
- Policy no. 18       *Residential, small scale commercial, industrial, recreational uses, and public or quasi-public uses may only be permitted when they are clearly compatible with the surrounding and existing uses of the land.*

*Non-Resource Area Policies*

- Policy no. 31       *Only agricultural, residential, open space, and small scale commercial, industrial, recreational uses, and public or quasi-public uses may be permitted.*
- Policy no. 32       *Residential, small scale commercial, industrial, recreational uses, and public or quasi-public uses may only be permitted when they are clearly compatible with the surrounding and planned uses of the land.*
- Policy no. 34       *If more than one development policy affects the same parcel of land, the most restrictive development policy shall apply, first, followed by the other policies in order of diminishing restrictions.*
- Policy no. 35       *All development will be designed so that every individual parcel of land created is a buildable site, and will not create erosion, runoff, access, fire*

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*hazard, resource protection, or any other environmentally related problems. This policy shall also apply to all proposed uses of the land.*

*Policy no. 36 Safe, buildable access must exist to all proposed uses of the land. The access must also be adequate to accommodate the immediate and cumulative traffic impacts of the proposed development.*

*Policy no. 37 The policies of this plan shall not apply to developments functioning and legally existing prior to the adoption of this plan.*

In concert with the General Plan and Scott Valley Area Plan, the Siskiyou County Code establishes zoning districts within the County, and specifies allowable uses and development standards for each district. Under state law, each jurisdiction's zoning must be consistent with its general plan. The area of the project site currently zoned TPZ is proposed to be changed to Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-40). Pursuant to Section 10-6.4802 of the Siskiyou County Code, the R-R-B-40 district permits single-family dwellings and residential accessory structures and uses. Existing zoning on the rest of the project site is Prime Agricultural District, 80 acre-minimum parcel size (AG-1-B-80); Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-5), Rural Residential Agricultural, 10-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-10), and Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-40).

Siskiyou County Code (SCC) Section 10-6.1502(c) allows for recreational facilities in any zoning district upon approval of a conditional use permit. In addition to the zone change described in the previous paragraph, the applicant is requesting a use permit, pursuant to SCC Section 10-6.1502(c) and 10-6.1201 *et seq.*

### Discussion of Impacts:

- a) *No Impact.* The project would not result in the division of an existing community as the project site is not located within an established community. Greenview, the nearest community, is located approximately 2 miles northeast of the site.
- b) *Less than Significant Impact.* The project site includes multiple zoning districts, as described above, and as shown on **Figure 3.0-4 (Existing Zoning)** and **Figure 3.0-5 (Proposed Zoning)**. Scott Valley Area Plan Policy No. 1 (Prime Agricultural) states that only agricultural and public uses may be permitted on prime agricultural soils. A portion of the project site, mainly consisting of the flat meadow and orchard areas, is designated as Prime Agricultural Land, as shown on the Scott Valley Area Plan Natural Resources Map 3. Kidder Creek Orchard Camp predates both the Scott Valley Area Plan and the current General Plan. The proposed expansion of the camp does not include any structures or other permanent-type uses on those areas designated as Prime Agricultural Land. This area has been used for passive recreational uses in the past and will continue to be used for similar uses. The project would not conflict with applicable plans that have jurisdiction over the project area. Consistent with the applicable County land use and Scott Valley Area Plan policies, the project is an organized camp, compatible with adjacent land uses. Further, access adequate to accommodate the immediate and cumulative traffic impacts of the proposed development would be provided, all necessary building permits would be obtained prior to development, and conformance with state Fire Safe regulations would be required. As such, the proposed project is consistent with the County General Plan, Scott Valley Area Plan, and Zoning Code.
- c) *No Impact.* See Section 4, Biological Resources. No habitat conservation or natural community conservation plans are applicable to the project area.

**Mitigation Measures:**

None required.

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<b>4.11 MINERAL RESOURCES.</b> Would the project:				
a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan, or other land use plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

Historically, gold mining was responsible for the establishment of several communities within Siskiyou County. Although some mining still takes place, the resource is greatly diminished and no longer plays a significant role in the economy. Nevertheless, gold continues to draw interest in the region, especially when gold prices are high.

The State Mining and Geology Board has the responsibility to inventory and classify mineral resources and could designate such mineral resources as having a statewide or regional significance. If this designation occurs, the local agency must adopt a management plan for such identified resources. At this time, there are no plans to assess local mineral resources for the project area or Siskiyou County.

### Discussion of Impacts:

- a) *No Impact.* The project would not result in the loss of an available known mineral resource that would be of value to the region or residents of the state.
- b) *No Impact.* See Response 4.11(a) above. There are no locally important mineral resource recovery sites within the project area delineated in the County general plan.

### Mitigation Measures:

None required.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.12 NOISE.</b> Would the project result in:				
a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance or of applicable standards of other agencies?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) For a project located within an airport land use plan area or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within 2 miles of a public airport or a public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Setting:**

The Siskiyou County General Plan Noise Element identifies land use compatibility standards for exterior community noise for a variety of land use categories for project planning purposes. For residential land uses and transient lodging uses, an exterior noise level of 60 Ldn (Day-Night Level) is identified as being "acceptable" requiring no special noise insulation or noise abatement features unless the proposed development is itself considered a source of incompatible noise for a nearby land use. The outdoor noise level planning criteria identified in the Noise Element are intended to "assure that a 45 Ldn indoor level will be achieved by the noise attenuation of regular construction materials."

Existing noise sources near the project site are fairly limited, but include local traffic and noise associated with the existing camp and nearby low density residential development.

**Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated.* The proposed project would generate temporary noise levels during construction of the project that may affect nearby noise-sensitive receptors. Noise-sensitive receptors located in the project vicinity include a limited number of residences. Temporary construction noise would likely consist of heavy equipment, backup alarms, construction trucks, and paving equipment. Although construction noise is temporary in nature, it could pose a nuisance to noise-sensitive

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receptors adjacent to the project area. Implementation of mitigation measure **MM 12.1** would reduce potential construction noise impacts to a level that is considered less than significant. In addition, noise levels would increase once the proposed expansion is implemented and phased-in over time. Typical noise sources attributed to the camp include camp guests and employees speaking and noises associated with camp activities. It is not anticipated that these noise sources would expose people to noise levels in excess of the noise standards established in the Noise Element of the Siskiyou County General Plan. To reduce potential impacts from noise generated at the project site, mitigation measure **MM 12.2** is recommended.

- b) *Less Than Significant Impact.* During development of the project site, heavy equipment may be utilized that could generate localized groundborne vibration and groundborne noise perceptible to residences or other sensitive uses in the immediate vicinity of the construction site. However, since the duration of impact would be brief and would occur during less sensitive daytime hours (i.e., between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.), the impact from construction-related groundborne vibration and groundborne noise is considered less than significant
- c) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The project would result in an increase in ambient noise levels associated with the addition of camp guests and staff. This is considered less than significant as the project site is adjacent to a large subdivision, and is compatible with that use.
- d) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated.* See Response 4.12(a).
- e) *No Impact.* The project is not located within two miles of a public airport or within an airport land use plan area.
- f) *No Impact.* The project is not located in the vicinity of a private airstrip.

### Mitigation Measures:

**MM 12.1** During project site development construction activities shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays. Construction activities are prohibited on Sundays and federal holidays. This condition shall be noted on Building Permits documents and any Improvement Plans required for this project.

Timing/Implementation: During grading and construction of improvements

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division

**MM 12.2** The use of loud or amplified sound (i.e. music, stereo equipment, public address (PA) systems, etc.) shall be limited to 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM Monday through Saturday, and 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM Sunday and National and State-recognized holidays. Noise shall be limited to 60 dB at the boundaries of the project site during the hours listed above and 45 dB at all other times.

Timing/Implementation: As long as the Use Permit is valid

Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.13 POPULATION AND HOUSING.</b> Would the project:				
a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Setting:**

The project site is not located within an existing community. The project site is within an area of characterized by rural residential densities and large timberland holdings.

**Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The project would not induce substantial permanent population growth at or in the vicinity of the project site. The proposed project would increase the temporary transient occupancy at the site. The proposed zone change would not permit substantial amounts of addition structures and no roads are proposed to be substantially improved.
- b) *No Impact.* The project would not displace any housing.
- c) *No Impact.* No persons would be displaced by the project.

**Mitigation Measures:**

None required.

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<b>4.14 PUBLIC SERVICES.</b> Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for any of the following public services:				
a) Fire protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Police protection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Parks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Other public facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

#### FIRE PROTECTION

Fire protection services for the project site are provided by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) and the Scott Valley Fire District. The nearest Scott Valley fire station is located in Greenview, 3.4 road miles from the project site. The nearest Cal Fire station is in Fort Jones, approximately 8.5 miles from the site. The Etna Fire Department, located approximately 7 miles from the site, would likely provide additional support in case of an emergency.

#### POLICE PROTECTION

Police protection services at the project site are provided by the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department. The nearest Sheriff's Department substation is located at in Yreka, located approximately 25 driving miles from the site. Additionally, the City of Etna Police and California Highway Patrol would likely provide additional support to the Sheriff's Department in case of any emergency.

#### SCHOOLS

The area is served by the Etna Union School District for kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grades at Etna Elementary and Etna High schools. Both schools currently operate under their capacity. Both schools also impose development fees on new construction to offset any impact development would have on increased enrollment.

#### RECREATION

Recreational opportunities for both youth and adults are varied and plentiful in the project area. Nearby Scott River and its tributaries provide opportunities for water recreation, including swimming and fishing. There are also outdoor recreation opportunities located in the nearby national forests.

**OTHER PUBLIC FACILITIES**

Other public facilities found in the project vicinity include the Siskiyou County Library – Etna Branch, the U.S. Postal Service Greenview post office, and public lands owned and administered by the U.S. Forest Service.

**Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The project site is located within the Scott Valley Fire District. Additionally, Cal Fire PRC 4290 regulations are applicable at the site. The project would not have a significant, adverse effect on fire protection services.
- b) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The project would not generate a significant increase in calls for police protective services or affect the provision of police services in the community.
- c) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The project would potentially result in a minor increase in school enrollments if future camp staff were to move to the area from outside school district boundaries, which would be offset by development impact fees associated with new construction. Schools are not at capacity; the project would not generate a need for new school facilities.
- d) *Less than Significant Impact.* The project would result in an increase in use of nearby national forests and rivers associated with the camp excursions. The camp is required to obtain permits from the applicable federal agencies that have jurisdiction. The forest service lands and rivers that are utilized for off-site excursions should be able to accommodate the increased use. Federal permitting agencies would monitor the increased use through the issuance of permits.
- e) *No Impact.* The project would not impact any other governmental services or facilities.

**Mitigation Measures:**

None required.

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<b>4.15 RECREATION.</b>				
a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project include recreational facilities, or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

Recreational opportunities for both youth and adults are varied in the project area. The Scott River and its tributaries and large tracts of USFS lands provide opportunities for a variety of public outdoor recreation activities including, hiking, camping, fishing, boating, swimming, and water recreation.

### Discussion of Impacts:

- a) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The potential increase in population of camp staff resulting from the project would have a negligible impact on local recreation facilities and would not cause deterioration or the need for expanded or new facilities.
- b) *No Impact.* See Response 4.15(a). The project does not include the construction of recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of such.

### Mitigation Measures:

None required.

	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.16 TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC.</b> Would the project:				
a) Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and freeways, pedestrian and bicycle paths, and mass transit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including, but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that result in substantial safety risks?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in inadequate emergency access?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Setting:**

Project Location:

The Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (KCOC) is located at the west end of S. Kidder Creek Road, in the Scott Valley, approximately 2.1 miles west of State Highway 3. All KCOC traffic arrives and departs via S. Kidder Creek Road. The majority of project related traffic is to/from the north (Yreka) via Highway 3.

Local Roadway Network:

South Kidder Creek Road is a Siskiyou County maintained rural two-lane east-west roadway that begins at Highway 3 and effectively ends at the KCOC camp entrance (end of pavement) where it transitions to a private road. South Kidder Creek Road has a paved roadway width of 20 to 24 feet, with a narrowest paved width of 19 feet at the camp entrance. The speed limit is 55 miles per hour, consistent with all un-posted County roads.



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Highway 3 is a Caltrans managed two-lane north-south State Highway with a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour. The Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection is a "T" configuration with STOP control on the S. Kidder Creek Road approach. The intersection has single-lane approaches on all three legs.

### **Proposed Project:**

KCOC is proposing to enhance and expand their existing recreational camp. KCOC recently acquired approximately 180 acres that are zoned Timberland Production District (TPZ) and is requesting a zone change from TPZ to Rural Residential Agricultural District. The camp is currently permitted for up to 165 campers/guests (staff not included in previous use permit) at any given time. The proposed KCOC master plan includes increasing the total number of guests and staff to a maximum occupancy of 844 persons within the camp. At this occupancy level, the proposed project is anticipated to generate up to 1,110 new daily trips and 213 new peak hour trips on a peak summer weekend day (Saturday/Sunday).

KCOC currently utilizes buses and van pools and intends to do so in the future, potentially expanding the bus service options and/or the number of attendees that could reasonably arrive/depart via buses. Currently, approximately 33% to 45% of guests/campers arrive by bus or van. During the peak weekend that was counted (in July 2015), 42.5% of the incoming and outgoing campers arrived by buses or van pools. Kidder Creek Orchard Camp anticipates increasing the bus/van rider percentage to a consistent 40 to 50% in the future. In addition, KCOC is also considering additional bussing options such as a drop zone and bus to/from camp that would increase the percentage of campers arriving by bus and thereby decrease the number of private vehicles on S. Kidder Creek Road.

### **Discussion of Impacts:**

Refer to the ***Traffic Impact Study for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (Attachment D)*** for a full discussion of traffic and transportation related elements.

#### **a) Less Than Significant Impact.**

South Kidder Creek Road currently carries up to 414 vehicles per day during a peak weekend day and up to 67 vehicles per hour during the weekend peak hour. The proposed project is anticipated to generate up to an additional 1,110 vehicle trips per day. The project's trip generation would be considerably lower during the weekdays and off-season periods. With the addition of project traffic, daily traffic volumes at the east end of S. Kidder Creek Road could potentially increase to about 1,524 vehicles per day during a peak summer weekend day and 280 vehicles per hour during the peak summer weekend hour. South Kidder Creek Road has more than sufficient capacity remaining to comfortably accommodate the project traffic without causing any capacity issues. The two-way capacity of S. Kidder Creek Road is estimated to be 2,000 vehicles per hour. The "Plus Project" conditions traffic volumes on S. Kidder Creek Road are anticipated to be at approximately 14% of the roadway's capacity.

With the addition of project traffic, the Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection is anticipated to operate at LOS "B". The increase in traffic would not be substantial in relation to the available roadway capacity, and all studied road segments and intersections would function at level of service of "B" or better, resulting in a stable flow of traffic with little delay at intersections. Traffic operations would remain well within Siskiyou County and Caltrans level of service standards. The project does not conflict with any applicable plans,

ordinances, or policies regarding all modes of transportation on S. Kidder Creek Road, State Highway 3, or at the study intersection.

b) Less Than Significant Impact.

The project has minimal impact on traffic operations on S. Kidder Creek Road and at the Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection. With the addition of project traffic and cumulative background growth, total traffic volumes will reach about 15% of the roadway capacity. The average delay at the Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection is anticipated to increase by less than 0.5 seconds per vehicle (compared to existing conditions) with the addition of project traffic. This increase is insignificant when within acceptable level of service categories (LOS "C" or better). The project would not decrease the level of service on the S. Kidder Creek Road segments or at the Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection to less than "C". The proposed project would not conflict with any applicable congestion management program or level of service standard.

c) No Impact.

The closest public airport to the project site is the Scott Valley Airport, located approximately 5 miles from the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. The project would not change air traffic patterns or affect air travel safety as there are no extraordinarily tall project components or activities beyond normal recreational/residential type land development.

d) No Impact.

The project does not propose any changes to the existing access, travel route, or roadway elements to and from the site and hence no substantial increase in hazards will occur. South Kidder Creek Road satisfies the County's minimum roadway width requirements of "having a minimum of 18 feet of paved traveled way" as stated in the Siskiyou County General Plan Circulation Element (Page 7). South Kidder Creek Road has a paved roadway width of more than 18 feet from Highway 3 to the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp entrance (end of County road). The following table shows the existing roadway widths at various locations along S. Kidder Creek Road.

**Table 4.16-1 Roadway Widths along S. Kidder Creek Road**

Location/Mile Point (miles from Hwy 3)	Paved Roadway Width (ft)	Location/Mile Point (miles from Hwy 3)	Paved Roadway Width (ft)
0.1	23.00	1.2	20.50
0.2	22.00	1.3	20.50
0.3	23.00	1.4	20.50
0.4	24.00	1.5	20.50
0.5	24.50	1.6	21.00
0.6	24.00	1.7	20.50
0.7	24.50	1.8	20.50
0.8	25.00	1.9	21.00
0.9	24.75	2.0	20.00
1.0	24.00	2.1	19.00
1.1	21.50		

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South Kidder Creek Road has sufficient Stopping Sight Distance as it meets the minimum required Stopping Sight Distance criteria specified in *Exhibit 5-2. Design Controls for Stopping Sight Distance and for Crest and Sag Vertical Curves* published in "A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 2004" by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

Crash data for the previous ten (10) consecutive years (January 2005 to December 2014) was obtained from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) Caltrans database and Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS) mapping function. Three accidents were reported within the past 10 years, with none occurring in the last 5 years. The summary of crashes is shown in the following table.

**Table 4.16-2 Summary of Collision History on S. Kidder Creek Road (Jan 2005 to Dec 2014)**

Year	# Collision(s)	Fatality	Injury	Property Damage Only
2007	1	0	0	1
2008	1	0	0	1
2009	1	0	1	0

No patterns or specific safety concerns related to the roadway itself were identified as the incidents were reported at three different locations along S. Kidder Creek Road. All three reported collisions involved a single vehicle hitting a "Fixed Object", which is a common accident type in rural, low traffic volume environments. There were no vehicle to vehicle collisions reported.

e) No Impact.

The project does not propose any changes that would negatively affect emergency access. In April of 2014, Cal Fire inspected the KCOC property including the viability of a secondary access to the camp property. Cal Fire identified and provided a list of requirements the camp and proposed roads/secondary access would have to meet for fire safe regulations. KCOC will comply with requirements and Fire Safe regulations as is required through the building permit process. A recommended condition of approval will require that the emergency access route(s) meet Cal Fire standards. The secondary access point will not be used for primary ingress and egress from the site, therefore additional traffic due to the project will not affect this access. The current main access road was found to be compliant with the Fire Safe Regulations.

f) No Impact.

The proposed project does not include any actions that would conflict with any Siskiyou County adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation. There are no existing or planned pedestrian, bicycle, or transit facilities in the project area that would be impacted.

Walking and biking are encouraged within the camp itself and are an integral part of the summer camp environment. Walking and mountain bike facilities are planned to be provided within the project areas to support the internal camp activities.

Many camp attendees currently arrive by private buses or vanpools and this activity is anticipated to continue and be expanded by KCOC. The project promotes reduced reliance on personal vehicles in this way.

**Mitigation Measures:**

None.

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	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.17 UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS.</b> Would the project:				
a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Require or result in the construction of new stormwater drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider that serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand, in addition to the provider's existing commitments?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Setting:

#### WATER

Domestic water would be provided by the individual wells. Drinking water at the site is subject to permitting, inspection, and monitoring by the California Department of Health Services, Office of Drinking Water.

#### WASTEWATER

Wastewater disposal and treatment would be provided by the individual sewage disposal systems. Should waste water flows for any individual sewage disposal system exceed 1,500 gallons per day, a waste discharge permit would be required by the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.

#### STORM DRAINAGE

Given the low density of proposed development at the site, existing and proposed storm drainage facilities are limited. The project site is large enough to accommodate additional

stormwater runoff associated with the development of impervious surfaces, such as driveways and structures.

#### **SOLID WASTE**

The Yreka-Oberlin Road Transfer and Recycling Station is located at 2420 Oberlin Road in Yreka. Solid waste from this transfer station is subsequently transported and disposed of at the Dry Creek Landfill in White City, Oregon. Under existing state permits, the Dry Creek Landfill may accept 972 tons of solid waste per day until the year 2056 and had an estimated remaining capacity of 28,421,000 cubic yards in 2006 (CH2M HILL, 2006).

#### **Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *Less Than Significant Impact.* Wastewater disposal is regulated under the federal Clean Water Act and the state Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act. The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) implements these acts by administering the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), issuing water discharge permits, and establishing best management practices. There are currently nine septic systems at the site. It is anticipated that future development would be accommodated by individual sewage disposal systems. However, the dining hall facility would likely require an alternative system that would need to be permitted through the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board. Systems that exceed 1,500 gallons per day require a waste discharge permit from the Regional Board. A recommended condition of approval for the use permit will require an engineer's estimate of anticipated wastewater flows prior to any increase of occupancies at the project site. Additionally, evidence of sufficient wastewater capacity and usable sewage disposal area will be required prior to any increases in occupancies.
- b) *Less Than Significant Impact.* A groundwater well serves the project site. With the proposed expansion, the Camp would need to build a new water delivery and storage system, which would also likely require at least one new groundwater well. The existing and expanded system would be permitted, monitored, and inspected by the State Office of Drinking Water. New groundwater wells would require a well permit from the County Environmental Health Division prior to drilling activities. On average, each person at a youth camp consumes approximately 45 gallons of water per day. Currently, based on 310 persons occupying the camp, approximately 14,000 gallons of water per day are utilized. At a build-out of 844 occupants, approximately 38,000 gallons of water per day would be utilized. A recommended condition of approval for the use permit will require an engineer's estimate of water consumption and proof of adequate water supplies prior to increases in occupancy at the site.
- c) *Less Than Significant Impact.* See Responses 4.9(c), 4.9(d) and 4.9(e). No new or expanded stormwater drainage facilities are required for the project. The project site, approximately 580 acres, is large enough to accommodate additional stormwater runoff associated with additional development.
- d) *Less Than Significant Impact.* It is anticipated that at least one new groundwater well would need to be drilled to accommodate the proposed expansion. The total number of new wells would largely depend on the production rate of a new well. Groundwater wells are permitted by the Siskiyou County Environmental Health Division. A condition of approval will require evidence that adequate water supplies exists prior to any proposed increases of occupancies at the camp.
- e) *Less Than Significant Impact.* See Response 4.17(a).

## 4.0 ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST

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- f) *Less Than Significant Impact.* Currently, the camp generates approximately 6 yards of solid waste per week during the summer high season, which is removed twice per week by Scott Valley Disposal. Based on a proposed increase from 165 campers (310 occupants) to 844 occupants, the amount of solid waste generated would likely increase to approximately 30 yards per week. Solid waste is transported to the Yreka Transfer Station and subsequently disposed of at the Dry Creek Landfill in southern Oregon. Under existing permits, the landfill may accept 972 tons of solid waste per day until the year 2056. The project's daily contribution to the landfill relative to the landfill's capacity is considered less than significant.
- g) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The proposed project would comply with all state and federal statutes regarding solid waste.

**Mitigation Measures:**

None required.



	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<b>4.18 MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE</b>				
a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of rare or endangered plants or animals, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? "Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) Does the project have environmental effects that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Discussion of Impacts:**

- a) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated.* While several Initial Study sections have identified the potential for significant environmental impacts without mitigation, including potential impacts to air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hydrology and water quality, and noise with the implementation of mitigation measures proposed within the relevant sections of this Initial Study, all potential project impacts would be reduced to a level that is considered less than significant.
- b) *Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated.* Implementation of the proposed project, in conjunction with other approved or pending projects in the region, has the potential to result in cumulatively considerable impacts to the physical environment. However, with implementation of mitigation measures proposed within the relevant sections of this Initial Study, these potential cumulative impacts would be reduced to a level that is considered less than significant. Additionally, the traffic impact analysis studied the anticipated build-out of S. Kidder Creek Road, and determined that traffic would not be cumulatively significant.
- c) *Less Than Significant Impact.* The proposed project would not result in adverse impacts on human beings either directly or indirectly.

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## 5.0 ELIMINATION AND/OR SUBSTITUTION OF MITIGATION MEASURES

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### 5.1 ELIMINATION AND/OR SUBSTITUTION OF MITIGATION MEASURES

As discussed in Section 3 (Project Description) of the IS/MND, three previous use permits at the project site have been approved by the County. Environmental review pursuant to CEQA was completed and two Mitigated Negative Declarations were adopted in 1985 (SCH# 1985110397) and 1996 (SCH# 1996103658). Additionally, a fourth use permit was approved for an off-premises sign at State Highway 3. All previous environmental documents are included in Attachment A to the IS/MND for the current project.

As part of the current project, it is proposed that the existing mitigation measures from the previous environmental documents be eliminated where appropriate or substituted with new mitigation measures that are equivalent or more effective. Mitigation Measures that are proposed to be eliminated have either been satisfied and are no longer necessary or are no longer applicable to the project site and/or business operations.

CEQA Guidelines Section 15074.1 (Substitution of Mitigation Measures in a Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration) allows for mitigation measures to be substituted where "equivalent or more effective" mitigation is proposed. Section 15074.1 (d) states the following:

*"Equivalent or more effective" means that the new measure will avoid or reduce the significant effect to at least the same degree as, or to a greater degree than, the original measure and will create no more adverse effect of its own than would have the original measure."*

Where mitigation measures are proposed to be substituted, the lead agency must do both of the following:

(1) Hold a public hearing on the matter. Where a public hearing is to be held in order to consider the project, the public hearing required by this section may be combined with that hearing. Where no public hearing would otherwise be held to consider the project, then a public hearing shall be required before a mitigation measure may be deleted and a new measure adopted in its place.

(2) Adopt a written finding that the new measure is equivalent or more effective in mitigating or avoiding potential significant effects and that it in itself will not cause any potentially significant effect on the environment

#### **Use Permit 76-39 - 1977**

This use permit for the Camp included approval of a Negative Declaration. No mitigation measures were adopted with this approval.

#### **Use Permit 68-79 - 1979**

This use permit approved the installation of an off-premises sign at the intersection of State Hwy 3 and S. Kidder Creek Road. No mitigation measures were adopted with the approval of the Negative Declaration (SCH# 79110922).

## 5.0 ELIMINATION AND/OR SUBSTITUTION OF MITIGATION MEASURES

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### Use Permit 85-37 – 1985

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH# 1985110397) was approved with this use permit and included 8 mitigation measures, which are detailed below:

1. All designated camping uses and existing facilities for camping activities are permitted.

*A Condition of Approval for the current project will limit the allowable uses at the site.*

2. Activities shall be confined to camping with the exception of an allowable annual auction. Appropriate dust control shall be applied before the auction.

*A Condition of Approval for the project will limit the allowable uses at the site.*

3. The applicant shall provide funding approved by the Public Works Department sufficient for one application annually of lignin sulfonate, a non-toxic odorless chemical, for dust proofing South Kidder Creek Road from the end of the paved section to the campground property commencing prior to the 1986 camping season.

*South Kidder Creek Road is now a paved surface. There is no longer a need for dust control measures on the paved road.*

4. Design, drainage grading, and sub-base application (a minimum of 3 inches of rock suitable for travel and shoulder width of 32 feet) is to be completed as a first phase road improvement by June 1, 1986 from the north property line to the "Y" intersection near the campground office (a distance of approximately one-tenth mile).

*South Kidder Creek Road is now a paved surface. This mitigation measure has been satisfied and is no longer necessary.*

5. Additional processed rock and dust control approved by the Public Works Department shall be provided by June 1, 1987 to the same areas as previously required above.

*South Kidder Creek Road is now a paved surface. There is no longer a need for dust control measures on the paved road.*

6. Steps will be taken to reduce noise from the Public Address System.

*Recommended Mitigation Measures MM 12.1 and 12.2 address potential impacts from noise generated at the site.*

7. Internal road dust that becomes a nuisance will be controlled.

*A recommended notation for the use permit approval will referenced the limitations on certain types of air contaminants, including dust, pursuant to California Health and Safety Code Section 41701.*

8. Signing, acceptable to the Department of Public Works and, to the extent possible, equivalent to that provided for the recent auction, will be provided at future auctions.

*Off-premises signs require approval of a use permit. No off-premises signs are proposed with the approval of this project. This mitigation measure is no longer necessary or applicable to the proposed project.*

### **Use Permit 95-12 – 1995**

A Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH# 1996103658) was adopted with this use permit approval. The following mitigation measures were adopted:

1. Kidder Creek Orchard Camps shall maintain drinking water flow records and population records through the 1996 camping season for the Ranch Camp, Log Cabin Camp kitchen, and the Log Cabin Camp bathrooms. At the conclusion of the 1996 camping season, and prior to the 1997 camp opening, the camp will construct any systems upgrades determined necessary by the Health Department in order to ensure that the systems are operating efficiently and properly in compliance with the California Health and Safety Code.

*The project site is regulated by the State Office of Drinking Water. The camp will be required to meet the minimum standards pursuant to state regulations.*

2. The Siskiyou County Department of Public Works shall improve the unsurfaced portion of South Kidder Creek Road with 6" of rock base 20' in width for approximately 1.1 miles and surface the roadway with an oil penetrate and chip seal for the same length of the roadway. These improvements are scheduled for completion no later than the fall of 1997. The applicants shall pay the annual \$1000 mitigation fee for lignin applications to the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works in June of 1996 and June 1997 or until such time as the surfacing is complete, but no later than the agreed completion date of the fall of 1997.

*South Kidder Creek Road is now a paved surface. This mitigation measure has been satisfied.*

3. Kidder Creek Orchard Camps shall pay a mitigation fee of \$1.00 per camper (any overnight guest) until such time as the total obligation of \$25,000 is paid. The fees which are collected annually shall be paid to the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works in November of each year. This fee totals roughly 62 percent of the \$40,000 cost of the road maintenance necessary to mitigate traffic related impacts. The following road maintenance work shall be conducted by the Department of Public Works on South Kidder Creek Road during a phased improvement program:

During the first phase in the Spring of 1996, the Department of Public Works will place signs on the roadway as determined necessary by the traffic engineer to advise motorists of the narrow road conditions. Vegetation will be removed from the roadside to improve the sight distance and effective width.

During the second phase, the overall roadway width will be widened to a total of 24' for a length of 0.24 miles beginning at the old cattle guard. The anticipated amount of materials removed will be less than 700 cubic yards of material which will be used as road base. Approximately 500' of roadway will be widened by four feet by moving existing rock slope protection at the end of the project. Drainage improvements will include the replacement of an existing irrigation ditch culvert and the extension of a second culvert to accommodate roadway widening. In conjunction with the above described maintenance work, the Department of Public Works will improve the unsurfaced portion of South Kidder

## 5.0 ELIMINATION AND/OR SUBSTITUTION OF MITIGATION MEASURES

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Creek Road with 6" of rock base for approximately 1.1 miles and surface 20' in width that portion of roadway with an oil penetrate and chip seal. The roadway maintenance is scheduled to be completed no later than the Fall of 1997.

*South Kidder Creek Road is now a paved surface. Conditions of approval will address long-term maintenance of South Kidder Creek Road.*

4. Kidder Creek Orchard Camps shall, on a quarterly basis, meet with CDF representatives to evaluate their vegetation management program. The following dates will be used as a tentative schedule:
  1. March 1st of each year
  2. Two weeks prior to the opening of the camping season
  3. Mid-way through the camping season
  4. At the end of the camping season

*Conditions of approval will ensure that vegetation at the site is compliant with Cal Fire vegetation management requirements of PRC 4290. Additionally, the Office of the State Fire Marshall conducts annual inspections of organized camps.*

5. Kidder Creek Orchard Camp shall meet the standards as set forth in the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law booklet (CURFFL) as follows: The Ranch Camp kitchen must meet the requirements before the camp opening in the Spring of 1997. The Log Cabin Camp kitchen shall meet the requirements before the camping season in the Spring of 1999. Kidder Creek Orchard Camps shall also meet the conditions as set forth in the California Administrative Code for Organized Camps under Title 17 for swimming facility, prior to the 1996 operating season.

*The site is permitted and inspected by the Environmental Health Division – Consumer Protection Unit to ensure that the site is properly equipped and meets the minimum requirements for food service and consumption. The swimming facility (pond) is inspected as part of the State Department of Public Health Organized Camp regulations. Conditions of approval will ensure compliance with said County and State regulations.*

**6.1 DOCUMENTS REFERENCED IN INITIAL STUDY AND/OR INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE**

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## SECTION 7.0

### ATTACHMENTS



ATTACHMENT A

PRIOR ENVIRONMENTAL  
DOCUMENTS/APPROVALS

UP-76-39 (1977)  
MEETING MINUTES  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION

BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF SISKIYOU, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

5th day of January 1977

PRESENT: Commissioners Lange, Nilsson, Martin, Heidewald, Steinhaus  
Cedros, Cannon, Hillery

ABSENT: Commissioner Muma

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary Hedberg, Assistant Planner Sellman, Steve Lingren,  
Jack Anderson, Jim Parham all from the Department of Public  
Works and Mr. Ray Torrey, Supervisor.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION - KIDDER CREEK ORCHARDS  
CAMP OF THE BEREAN FUNDAMENTAL CHURCH for a  
Use Permit to establish a base camp for Youth  
backpackers - Sec. 2 and 36, Twp 42 & 43, R. 10W.

APPROVED

STAFF REPORT: The Planning Department reports that this Use Permit  
is for a base camp for youth backpackers, non-  
denominational and primitive in nature for 36  
children, 8 counselors and 2 staff members.  
Water will be from springs and streams.  
Sewage by septic tank

AGENCY INPUT: The Planning Department and the Technical Committee  
recommended approval.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mr. Norm Malmberg and Mr. Bob Jones and a group of  
representatives of the Berean Church were present  
at the meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner  
Martin to approve the Negative Declaration with the  
following findings:

1. Any grading will be minimal, result in a stable final  
slope, will not contribute to erosion and will not  
unduly stress other portions of the hill.
2. The proposed project will not adversely affect water  
quality of either ground or surface waters.
3. The proposed project will not adversely affect the  
health of any persons adjacent or remote.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

I, Frances Heinrichsen, Planning Department Secretary and Clerk of the Siskiyou  
County Planning Commission do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and  
correct copy of the minute order of said Siskiyou County Planning Commission passed

on January 5, 1977,

*Frances Heinrichsen*  
Planning Department Secretary and Clerk  
Siskiyou County Planning Commission



BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
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ABSENT: Commissioner Muma

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Jack Anderson, Jim Parham all from the Department of Public  
Works and Mr. Ray Torrey, Supervisor.

4. There are no rare or endangered species inhabiting the site, nor will any wildlife systems be unduly displaced.
5. The proposed project will not significantly affect air quality in the area.
6. There will be no unusual forms of bi-products or solid waste produced by the proposed project.
7. There is no significant growth-inducing impact.
8. The proposed project conforms with applicable general specific, and local plans.
9. There are no known archeological sites in the project area.
10. The project is compatible with soil capabilities.

Voted upon and passed by the following vote:

AYES: Lange, Heidewald, Martin, Cedros, Cannon, Hillery

NOES: None

ABSENT: Muma, Nilsson

COMMISSIONER NILSSON was present at the meeting at this time.

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COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

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Siskiyou County Planning Commission



THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF SISKIYOU, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_

PRESENT: Commissioners LANGE, MUMA, NILSSON, HEIDEWALD, STEINHAUS  
CEDROS, CANNON, MARTIN, MARTIN

ABSENT: Commissioner

ALSO PRESENT: Secretary HEDBERG, Planner Sellman, Steven Lindgren-Department  
of Public Works, Supervisor Ray Torrey

USE PERMIT APPLICATION - KIDDER CREEK ORCHARDS  
CAMP of the Berean Fundamental Church for a  
base camp for youth backpackers, Sections 2  
and 36, Twp 42 and 43 N., Range 10 W. Scott Valley

APPROVED

STAFF REPORT: The Negative declaration on this matter was approved  
on January 2, 1977.

AGENCY INPUT: The Technical Committee and Planning Department  
recommended continuance until the Health Department  
had checked this out and made recommendations.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mr. Robert Jones, and Mr. Jerry Springer appeared  
and spoke in favor of this application. No one  
appeared to speak in opposition to this matter.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner  
Cedros, to approve the Use Permit, voted upon and passed by  
the following vote:

AYES: Lange, Muma, Nilsson, Heidewald, Martin, Cedros, Cannon  
Hillery

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

MATTER CARRIED

Requirements of the Health Department will be automatic.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

I, Frances Heinrichsen, Planning Department Secretary and Clerk of the Siskiyou  
County Planning Commission do hereby certify the foregoing to be a full, true and  
correct copy of the minute order of said Siskiyou County Planning Commission passed

on January 19, 1977,

Frances Heinrichsen  
Planning Department Secretary and Clerk  
Siskiyou County Planning Commission

# PLANNING DEPARTMENT

TELEPHONE: 842-3531, EXTENSION 42  
PLANNING DIRECTOR DAVID G. HEDBERG



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## NEGATIVE DECLARATION:

Siskiyou County Planning Department

Applicant's Name Kidder Creek Orchards camp of the Berean Fundamental Church

Address c/o Berean Fundamental Church, Etna, California

Location of Project: T. 43 ; R. 10 Sec. 36 Assessor's Parcel No. 24-440-140-150  
42 2 25-370-040

UP-68-79 (1979)  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
MEETING MINUTES WITH CONDITION OF APPROVAL



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NORMA PRICE, CLERK  
SISKIYOU COUNTYBY DEPUTYAPPENDIX D  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATIONTO: Secretary of Resources  
1416 Ninth Street, Room 1311  
Sacramento, California 95814FROM: Siskiyou County Planning  
Commission, Counthouse Annex.  
Yreka, California 96097County Clerk  
County of SiskiyouSUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section  
21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code. A copy of the  
☒ Negative Declaration ☐ Environmental Impact Report is on  
file for public inspection at the Siskiyou County Planning  
Department located at the above address.

PROJECT TITLE (UP-68-79) Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc., Star Route 2, Box 943, Ftna, CA 96027	
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If submitted to State Clearinghouse) 79110922	
CONTACT PERSON David G. Hedberg, Planning Director	TELEPHONE (916)842-3531, ext. 242
PROJECT LOCATION T43N, R9W, Section 29, MDB&M.	
PROJECT DESCRIPTION This application is to place a small directional sign on the east side of Highway 3, directly opposite south Kidder Creek Road.	

This is to advise that the Siskiyou County Planning Commission has made the  
following determinations regarding the above described project:

- The project has been ☒ approved by the Lead Agency.  
☐ disapproved by the Lead Agency.
  - The project ☐ will have a significant effect on the environment.  
☒ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
  - ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project  
pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. All mitigation measures  
adopted by the Lead Agency are contained in the Environmental  
Impact Report.
- ☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant  
to the provisions of CEQA.

  
Signature
Planning Director  
TitleDecember 13, 1979  
Date



SISKIYOU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

DECEMBER 5, 1979

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PRESENT: Commissioners Lange, Gaub, Frey, Muma, Steinhaus, Cedros,  
Cannon and Hillery.

ABSENT: Commissioner Martin

ALSO PRESENT: David Hedberg, Planning Director; Robert Sellman  
Assistant Planning Director; Mike Eley, Planner;  
Jack Anderson, Steve Lindgren and Jim Parham,  
Department of Public Works; Supervisor Ray Torrey.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION - USE PERMIT  
KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMPS, INC.

APPROVED

STAFF REPORT: This application is to place a small directional sign  
on the east side of Highway 3, directly opposite south  
Kidder Creek Road. T43N, R9W, Section 29, MDB&M.  
Zoned A2B-40. The Planning Department recommended  
approval.

PUBLIC INPUT: Norm Malmberg was present to represent the applicant.

MOTION: It was moved by Muma, seconded by Hillery to make the finding  
that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect  
on the environment and that a NEGATIVE DECLARATION be filed.  
VOTED upon and the Vice Chairman declared the motion passed  
unanimously.

USE PERMIT

APPROVED

STAFF REPORT: The Planning Department recommended that the above  
described project be approved with the following  
condition:

Condition:

1. The applicant build the sign in accordance with the  
Use Permit application.

PUBLIC INPUT: None

MOTION: It was moved by Muma, seconded by Cedros to grant approval  
of the Use Permit subject to the condition. VOTED upon and  
the Vice Chairman declared the motion passed unanimously.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

I, Kathleen Foster, Planning Department Stenographer and Clerk of the  
Siskiyou County Planning Commission do hereby certify the foregoing  
to be a full, true and correct copy of the minute order of said  
Siskiyou County Planning Commission passed on December 5, 1979.

  
Kathleen Foster, Clerk  
SISKIYOU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

UP-85-37  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE INFORMATION  
MEETING MINUTES WITH CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL  
AND MITIGATION MEASURES

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NORMA PRICE CLERK  
SISKIYOU COUNTY  
BY J. Pace  
DEPUTY

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION**

TO: XX Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 121  
Sacramento, CA 95814

or  
XX County Clerk  
County of Siskiyou

FROM: (Public Agency)  
Siskiyou County Planning  
P.O. Box 1085  
Yreka, CA 96097

**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

**Project Title** Use Permit 85-37

Kidder Creek Orchard Camps

**State Clearinghouse Number**  
(if submitted to Clearinghouse)

**Contact Person**  
Robert W. Sellman  
Planning Director

**Telephone Number**  
(916) 842-3531  
Extension 242

Submitted: 7/20/84

**Project Location** T42N, R10W, Sec. 36 & 2. Located at the end of South Kidder Creek Rd. and Highway 3, south of the Greenview Townsite.

**Project Description** To operate a private recreation facility for youths to include: Log Cabin Camp, Ranch Camp, Youth Camp, Whitewater Rafting, Backpacking and Soccer Camp. Additional use is annual auction for funding purposes on this property.

This is to advise that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors  
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)  
has approved the above described project and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project XX will, \_\_\_ will not, have a significant effect on the environment.
2. \_\_\_ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- XX A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The EIR or Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at:

Siskiyou County Planning Department  
Courthouse Annex, Yreka, CA 96097

3. Mitigation measures XX were, \_\_\_ were not, made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations \_\_\_ was, XX was not, adopted for this project.

Date Received for Filing \_\_\_\_\_

Robert W. Sellman  
Signature

Planning Director  
Title

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## USE PERMI8T 85-37/KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMPS

**SCH Number:** 1985110397

**Document Type:** NOD - Notice of Determination

**Project Lead Agency:** Siskiyou County

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### Project Description

OPERATE PRIVATE REC FAC FOR YOUTHS

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### Contact Information

**Primary Contact:**  
ROBERT W. SELLMAN

916/842-3531 X242  
P.O. BOX 1085  
YREKA, CA 96097

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### Project Location

County: SIS  
City: S. GREENVIEW TOWNSITE  
Region:  
Cross Streets: T42N, R10W, SEC 36 & 2; S KIDDER CREEK RD & HWY 3  
Latitude/Longitude:  
Parcel No:  
Township:  
Range:  
Section:  
Base:  
Other Location Info: T42N, R10W, SEC 36 & 2; S KIDDER CREEK RD & HWY 3

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### Determinations

This is to advise that the ☐ Lead Agency ☐ Responsible Agency has approved the project described above on 1/1/1900 and has made the following determinations regarding the project described above.

1. The project ☒ will ☐ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☒ were ☐ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings ☐ were ☐ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

**Final EIR Available at:**

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**Date Received:** 10/31/1985

## COUNTY OF SISKIYOU, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

22nd day October, 19 85

PRESENT: Supervisors Philip Mattos, Patti Jackson, Roger Zwanziger, Norma Frey and George Thackeray. Chairman Zwanziger presiding.

ABSENT: None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Richard E. Sierck

Deputy  
COUNTY CLERK: Rae Turbovsky

COUNTY COUNSEL: Frank J. DeMarco

PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - APPEAL OF CLIFF KETTLE AND ROGER DAVIS ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND USE PERMIT FOR KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP UPHELD. (2) USE PERMIT CONDITIONALLY APPROVED.

This was the time set for a continued public hearing on the appeal of Cliff Kettle and Roger Davis on the Planning Commission's approval of a Negative Declaration and Use Permit for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp.

Planning Director Robert Sellman advised that he met with representatives of the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp and the appellants on October 9, 1985 and the appeal has been resolved with the addition of certain mitigation measures and conditions.

On recommendation of the Planning Director, it was moved by Supervisor Thackeray, seconded by Supervisor Frey, and unanimously carried, that the appeal of Cliff Kettle and Roger Davis on the Planning Commission's approval of a Negative Declaration and Use Permit is upheld.

#### Negative Declaration

There being no public input, it was moved by Supervisor Thackeray, seconded by Supervisor Mattos, and unanimously carried, that the Negative Declaration for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp is approved with the finding that the proposed project COULD have a significant effect on the environment. There will not be a significant effect because of the previously listed Mitigation Measures as approved by the Planning Commission (1 through 5) and the addition of three additional Mitigation Measures (6 through 8) as listed below.

#### Mitigation Measures:

1. All designated camping uses and existing facilities for camping activities are permitted.
2. Activities shall be confined to camping with the exception of an allowable annual auction. Appropriate dust control shall be applied before the auction.

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY OF SISKIYOU, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

22nd day October, 19 85

PRESENT: Supervisors Philip Mattos, Patti Jackson, Roger Zwanziger, Norma Frey and George Thackeray. Chairman Zwanziger presiding.

ABSENT: None.

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CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - APPEAL OF CLIFF KETTLE AND ROGER DAVIS ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND USE PERMIT FOR KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP UPHELD. (2) USE PERMIT CONDITIONALLY APPROVED. (CONTINUED.)

3. The applicant shall provide funding approved by the Public Works Department sufficient for one application annually of lignin sulfonate, a non-toxic odorless chemical, for dust proofing South Kidder Creek Road from the end of the paved section to the campground property commencing prior to the 1986 camping season.

4. Design, drainage grading and sub-base application (a minimum of 3 inches of rock suitable for travel and shoulder width of 32 feet) is to be completed as a first phase road improvement by June 1, 1986 on the county road from the north property line to the "Y" intersection near the campground office (a distance of approximately one-tenth mile.

5. Additional processed base rock and dust control approved by the Public Works Department shall be provided by June 1, 1987 to the same areas as previously required above.

6. Steps will be taken to reduce noise from the Public Address System.

7. Internal road dust that becomes a nuisance will be controlled.

8. Signing, acceptable to the Department of Public Works and, to the extent possible, equivalent to that provided for the recent auction, will be provided at future auctions.

Use Permit

There being no public input, the public hearing was declared closed.

It was moved by Supervisor Thackeray, seconded by Supervisor Frey, and unanimously carried, that the Use Permit for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp is approved with the previously listed conditions (1 through 8) and with the addition of the four additional conditions (9 through 12) as listed below.

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22nd day October, 19 85

PRESENT: Supervisors Philip Mattos, Patti Jackson, Roger Zwanziger, Norma Frey  
and George Thackeray. Chairman Zwanziger presiding.

ABSENT: None.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR: Richard E. Sierck

Deputy  
COUNTY CLERK: Rae Turbovsky

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PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - APPEAL OF CLIFF KETTLE AND ROGER DAVIS ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND USE PERMIT FOR KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP UPHELD. (2) USE PERMIT CONDITIONALLY APPROVED. (CONTINUED).

Conditions:

1. The use shall be in accordance with the approved amended plot plan.
2. The Use Permit does not supersede deed restrictions.
3. All county road and yard setbacks must be met.
4. All designated camping uses and existing facilities for camping activities are permitted.
5. Activities shall be confined to camping with the exception of an allowable annual auction. Appropriate dust control shall be applied before the auction.
6. The applicant shall provide funding up to \$1,000 annually in cash or materials as approved by the Public Works Department sufficient for one application annually of lignin sulfonate, a non-toxic odorless chemical, for dust proofing South Kidder Creek Road from the end of the paved section to the campground property commencing prior to the 1986 camping season.
7. Design, drainage grading and sub-base application (a minimum of 3 inches of rock suitable for travel and shoulder width of 32 feet) is to be completed as a first phase road improvement by June 1, 1986 on the county road from the north property line to the "Y" intersection near the campground office (a distance of approximately one-tenth mile).
8. Additional processed base rock and optional dust control approved by the Public Works Department shall be provided by June 1, 1987 to the same areas as previously required above.
9. Steps will be taken to reduce noise from the Public Address System.

Continued....

BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SISKIYOU, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

22nd day October, 19 85

PRESENT: Supervisors Philip Mattos, Patti Jackson, Roger Zwanziger, Norma Frey  
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ABSENT: None.

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PURPOSE OF MEETING: Regular

CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING - APPEAL OF CLIFF KETTLE AND ROGER DAVIS  
ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
AND USE PERMIT FOR KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP UPHELD. (2) USE  
PERMIT CONDITIONALLY APPROVED.

10. Internal road dust that becomes a nuisance will be controlled.
11. Signing acceptable to the Department of Public Works and,  
to the extent possible, equivalent to that provided for the recent  
auction, will be provided at future auctions.
12. All requirements of the state Fire Marshal will be met.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF SISKIYOU ) ss

I, NORMA PRICE, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, do hereby certify the  
foregoing to be a full, true and correct copy of the minute order of said Board of Supervisors passed on 10-22-85.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Board of Supervisors, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

cc: File  
Planning ✓  
Cliff Kettle  
Kidder Creek Orchard Camp

NORMA PRICE  
County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board  
of Supervisors of Siskiyou County, California

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk



UP-95-12  
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE INFORMATION  
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM



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## KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP USE PERMIT (UP-95-12)

**SCH Number:** 1996103658

**Document Type:** NOD - Notice of Determination

**Project Lead Agency:** Siskiyou County

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### Project Description

THE APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A USE PERMIT TO EXPAND KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMPS, AN EXISTING PRIVATE RECREATIONAL FACILITY. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CAMPER'S UTILIZING THE CAMP IS PROPOSED TO INCREASED FROM APPRX. 1,802 COMBINED CAMPER'S AND STUDENTS PER YEAR TO A MAXIMUM OF 3,340 ANNUALLY AT THE END OF TEN YEARS WITH A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 165.

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### Contact Information

**Primary Contact:**

RICHARD D. BARNUM  
SISKIYOU COUNTY PLANNING DEPT  
916-842-8200  
P.O. BOX 1085  
YREKA, CA 96097

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### Project Location

County: SISKIYOU  
City: SOUTH KIDDER CREEK  
Region:  
Cross Streets:  
Latitude/Longitude:  
Parcel No:  
Township:  
Range:  
Section:  
Base:  
Other Location Info:

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### Determinations

This is to advise that the ☐ Lead Agency ☐ Responsible Agency has approved the project described above on 1/1/1900 and has made the following determinations regarding the project described above.

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☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☒ were ☐ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings ☒ were ☐ were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

**Final EIR Available at:**

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**Date Received:** 5/15/1996

**INITIAL STUDY  
AND  
PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
for  
KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMPS, INC.  
USE PERMIT  
(UP-95-12)**

1. **Lead Agency Name and Address:** Siskiyou County Planning Department  
P.O. Box 1085  
Yreka, CA 96097
2. **Contact Person and Phone Number:** Gregg McKenzie, Assistant Planner  
(916) 842-8200
3. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.  
2700 South Kidder Creek Road  
Etna, CA 96027
4. **Project Agent's Name and Address:** Daniel Lee Flory, RCE  
9966 Sherman Lane  
Wilton, CA 95693
5. **Responsible/Trustee Agencies:** Siskiyou County Health Department, Siskiyou County Department of Public Works, Siskiyou County Building Department, California Department of Fish & Game, California Department of Forestry, Scott Valley Fire Protection District, California Highway Patrol, California Department of Transportation, Klamath National Forest, California Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Health Services, Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management.
6. **General Plan Designation:** Prime Agricultural/Non-Prime Agricultural and Rural Residential
7. **Zoning:** AG-2-B-40 (Non-Prime Agricultural, 40 acre minimum parcel size), R-R-B-40 (Rural Residential, 40 acre minimum parcel size), R-R-B-5 (Rural Residential, 5 acre minimum parcel size), and AG-1-B-80 (Prime Agricultural, 80 acre minimum parcel size).
8. **Project Location:** The project site is located adjacent to South Kidder Creek Road, approximately 2.7 miles west of the intersection of South Kidder Creek Road and State Highway 3 in T42N, R10W, Section 2 and T43N, R10W, Section 36, MDB&M; APN: 24-440-070, -140, -150; 25-370-040.
9. **Project Description:** The applicants are requesting approval of a Use Permit for a phased expansion of an existing private recreational facility comprising 333 acres zoned AG-1-B-80 (Prime Agricultural, 80 acres minimum parcel size), AG-2-B-40 (Non-Prime Agricultural, 40 acre minimum parcel size), R-R-B-40 (Rural Residential, 40 acres minimum parcel size) and R-R-B-5 (Rural Residential, 5 acre minimum parcel size). The facility is operated under an existing Use Permit (UP-84-37) as an organized camp with seasonal programs for outdoor education for schools and Christian camping for youth and adults. The existing Use Permit allows for uses which include:
  - Log Cabin Camp: 13 cabins, restrooms, kitchen/dining hall and a cook's cabin
  - Ranch Camp: 4 cabins, director's cabin, cook's cabin, kitchen/dining hall, restrooms, tack shed, and a hay shed
  - Wilderness Camp: off-site white water rafting and backpacking

- Youth Camp, Soccer Camp, and an annual auction
- Other improvements include two residences, an office, the honey house, shops, barns, corrals, an athletic field, and a swimming pond

These combined uses currently total approximately 1,802 combined campers and students per year with a maximum occupancy of 150.

The proposed additional facilities and uses for the current Use Permit (UP-95-12) would be developed over a 10-year period and would include all of the uses currently permitted under the existing Use Permit as well as the expansion of the facilities and the total number of campers permitted per year. The proposed improvements for the Log Cabin Camp include one additional 40' x 24', two-story staff cabin, a remodel of the existing bathhouse and the supply of electrical power to the Log Cabin Camp facilities. The total number of overnight campers per season will be 700 and the total number of outdoor educational students per season will be 1300. The improvements to the Ranch Camp include a remodel/expansion of the existing kitchen/dining room facility, the winterization of all Ranch Camp facilities and one additional 20' x 16' cabin. The total number of overnight campers utilizing the Ranch Camp facility will be 220. The improvements to the Wilderness Camp facility will involve no structural improvements and the total number of off-site overnight campers per season will be 120. There will be additional improvements to the overall camp facility which will include the construction and improvement of 10 RV spaces (water and septic included) for use by staff, volunteer workers and campers. The project proponents have also created additional parking which could serve as a helicopter landing area for emergency evacuations. The total number of campers utilizing these facilities will increase including overnight campers, youth and adults and educational programs including D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) which will total 1,000 per season.

The proposed primary season for camp use will be April through November; however, the Ranch Camp, when winterized, could be used on a year-round basis. The total number of campers utilizing Kidder Creek Orchard Camp is proposed to total 3,340 individuals per year at the end of ten years with a maximum occupancy of 165.

10. **Environmental Setting:** The project site is situated on the foothill slopes of the western edge of the Scott Valley, adjacent to Kidder Creek and South Kidder Creek Road. Kidder Creek is a tributary to the Scott River and a portion of the Klamath River Watershed. The elevation of the site ranges from 3,000 to 3,300 feet and the average annual precipitation is approximately 35 inches. Area soils are comprised of gravely loam and alluvium derived from mixed rock sources. Vegetation on the site is characterized by mainly mixed conifers, shrubs, perennial grasses, and forbs as well as an apple tree orchard. Wildlife identified in the project area includes deer, jackrabbit, coyote, fox and squirrel. The California Department of Fish & Game has identified the Spotted Owl and its habitat as being present in the project vicinity. The site is developed with various camp cabins and kitchen/dining facilities. Several irrigation ditches cross the property which provide water to the apple orchard and pasture areas as well as to the swimming pond.

From March 13, 1996 To April 12, 1996

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

☐ Parcel Map

Project Description: See attached.

☐ Final Map

☒ Use Permit

☐ Zone Change

☐ General Plan  
Amendment

☐ LAFCO

Owners: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp

General Plan Prime Agricultural/Non-Prime Agricultural and Residential

Zoning AG-2-B-40 (Non-Prime Agricultural, 40 acre minimum parcel size), R-R-B-40 (Rural Residential, 40 acre minimum parcel size), R-R-B-5 (Rural Residential, 5 acre minimum parcel size), and AG-1-B-80 (Prime Agricultural, 80 acre minimum parcel size)

Engineer/Agent: Daniel Lee Flory, RCE

Location: The project site is located adjacent to South Kidder Creek Road, approximately 2.7 miles west of the intersection of South Kidder Creek Road and State Highway 3 in T42N, R10W, Section 2 and T43N, R10W, Section 36, MDB&M; APN: 24-440-070, -140, -150; 25-370-040.

Environmental changes that may occur as a result of this project are discussed in the attached Initial Study.

Where applicable, mitigation measures are presented relative to environmental impacts discussed. Upon certification and adoption, mitigations utilized as a County requirement for this project will serve to reduce any environmental impacts foreseen to insignificant levels.

It has been determined that none of the environmental changes resulting from this project will have a significant adverse environmental effect on the environment, as defined by Sec. 15382 and 15064 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Written By: [Signature]

Title: Assistant Planner

Approved By: [Signature]

Date: 2/23/96



PROJECT TITLE : Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.

A. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS ( \* = Discussion of checklist response on attached sheets)

1 - No impact    2 - Less than Significant Impact    3 - Potentially Significant Unless Mitigated    4 - Potentially Significant Impact

<p><b>I. LAND USE AND PLANNING:</b> Would the proposal result in:</p> <p><u>1*</u> a. Conflict with general plan designation or zoning?</p> <p><u>1</u> b. Conflict with applicable environmental plans or policies adopted by agencies with jurisdiction over the project?</p> <p><u>1*</u> c. Be incompatible with existing land use in the vicinity?</p> <p><u>1*</u> d. Affect agricultural resources or operations (e.g., impacts to soils or farmlands, or impacts from incompatible land uses)?</p> <p><u>1</u> e. Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community (including a low-income or minority community)?</p>	<p><u>1</u> c. Seismic ground failure, including liquefaction?</p> <p><u>1</u> d. Seiche, tsunami, or volcanic hazard?</p> <p><u>1</u> e. Landslides or mudflows?</p> <p><u>2*</u> f. Erosion, changes in topography or unstable soil conditions from excavation, grading or fill?</p> <p><u>1</u> g. Subsidence of the land?</p> <p><u>1</u> h. Expansive soils?</p> <p><u>1</u> i. Unique geologic or physical features?</p>	<p><u>1</u> g. Altered direction or rate of flow of groundwater?</p> <p><u>3*</u> h. Impacts to groundwater quality?</p> <p><u>1</u> i. Substantial reduction in the amount of groundwater otherwise available for public water supplies?</p>
<p><b>II. POPULATION AND HOUSING:</b> Would the proposal result in:</p>	<p><b>IV. WATER.</b> Would the proposal result in:</p>	<p><b>V. AIR QUALITY.</b> Would the proposal:</p>
<p><u>1</u> a. Cumulatively exceed official regional or population projections?</p> <p><u>1*</u> b. Induce substantial growth in an area either directly or indirectly (e.g. through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)?</p> <p><u>1</u> c. Displace existing housing, especially affordable housing?</p>	<p><u>2*</u> a. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface runoff?</p> <p><u>1*</u> b. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding?</p> <p><u>1</u> c. Discharge into surface waters or other alteration of surface water quality (e.g. temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity)?</p> <p><u>1</u> d. Changes in the amount of surface water in any water body?</p> <p><u>1</u> e. Changes in currents, or the course of direction of water movements?</p> <p><u>2*</u> f. Change in the quantity or quality of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations or through substantial loss of groundwater recharge capability?</p>	<p><u>3*</u> a. Violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation?</p> <p><u>1</u> b. Expose sensitive receptors to pollutants?</p> <p><u>1</u> c. Alter air movement, moisture, or temperature, or cause any change in climate?</p> <p><u>1</u> d. Create objectionable odors?</p>
<p><b>III. GEOLOGIC PROBLEMS:</b> Would the proposal result in or expose people to potential impacts involving:</p>		<p><b>VI. TRANSPORTATION / CIRCULATION:</b> Would the proposal result in:</p>
<p><u>1</u> a. Fault rupture?</p> <p><u>1</u> b. Seismic ground shaking?</p>		<p><u>3*</u> a. Increased vehicle trips or traffic congestion?</p> <p><u>3*</u> b. Hazards to safety from design features (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?</p> <p><u>3*</u> c. Inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses?</p> <p><u>1</u> d. Insufficient parking capacity on site or off site?</p> <p><u>1</u> e. Hazards or barriers for pedestrians or bicyclists?</p> <p><u>1</u> f. Conflicts with adopted policies supporting transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?</p>

<p><u>1</u>    g.    Rail, waterborne or air traffic impacts?</p> <p><b>VII. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES</b> Would the proposal result in impacts to:</p> <p><u>2*</u>    a.    Endangered, threatened or rare species or their habitats (including but not limited to plants, fish, insects, animals and birds)?</p> <p><u>2*</u>    b.    Deterioration of any fish or wildlife habitat?</p> <p><u>1</u>    c.    Locally designated natural communities (e.g., oak forest, coastal habitat, etc.)?</p> <p><u>1</u>    d.    Wetland habitat (e.g. marsh, riparian and vernal pool)?</p> <p><u>1</u>    e.    Wildlife dispersal or migration corridors?</p> <p><b>VIII. ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES</b> Would the proposal:</p> <p><u>1</u>    a.    Conflict with adopted energy conservation plans?</p> <p><u>1</u>    b.    Use non-renewable resources in a wasteful and inefficient manner?</p> <p><u>1</u>    c.    Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of future value to the region and the residents of the State?</p> <p><b>IX. HAZARDS</b> Would the proposal involve:</p> <p><u>1</u>    a.    A risk of accidental explosion or release of hazardous substances including, but not limited to: oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation)?</p> <p><u>1</u>    b.    Possible interference with an emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?</p> <p><u>3*</u>    c.    The creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard?</p> <p><u>1</u>    d.    Exposure of people to existing sources of potential health hazards?</p>	<p><u>3*</u>    e.    Increased fire hazard in areas with flammable brush, grass, or trees?</p> <p><b>X. NOISE</b> Would the proposal result in:</p> <p><u>2*</u>    a.    Increases in existing noise levels?</p> <p><u>1</u>    b.    Exposure of people to severe noise levels?</p> <p><b>XI. PUBLIC SERVICES</b> Would the proposal have an effect upon:</p> <p><u>2*</u>    a.    Fire protection?</p> <p><u>1</u>    b.    Police protection?</p> <p><u>1</u>    c.    Schools?</p> <p><u>3*</u>    d.    Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?</p> <p><b>XII. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS</b> Would the proposal have an effect upon:</p> <p><u>1*</u>    a.    Power or natural gas?</p> <p><u>1</u>    b.    Communication systems?</p> <p><u>1</u>    c.    Local or regional water treatment or distribution facilities?</p> <p><u>3*</u>    d.    Sewer or septic tanks?</p> <p><u>1</u>    e.    Storm water drainage?</p> <p><u>1</u>    f.    Solid waste disposal?</p> <p><u>1</u>    g.    Local or regional water supplies?</p> <p><b>XIII. AESTHETICS</b> Would the proposal:</p> <p><u>1</u>    a.    Affect a scenic vista or scenic highway?</p> <p><u>1</u>    b.    Have a demonstrable negative aesthetic effect?</p> <p><u>1</u>    c.    Create light or glare?</p> <p><b>XIV. CULTURAL RESOURCES</b> Would the proposal:</p> <p><u>1</u>    a.    Disturb paleontological resources?</p> <p><u>2*</u>    b.    Disturb archaeological resources?</p> <p><u>1</u>    c.    Affect historical resources?</p> <p><u>1</u>    d.    Have the potential to cause a physical change which would affect unique ethnic cultural values?</p>	<p><u>1</u>    e.    Restrict existing religious or sacred uses within the potential impact area?</p> <p><b>XV. RECREATION</b> Would the proposal:</p> <p><u>1</u>    a.    Increase the demand for neighborhood or regional parks or other recreational facilities?</p> <p><u>1*</u>    b.    Affect existing recreational opportunities?</p> <p><b>XVI. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE:</b></p> <p><u>1*</u>    a.    Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?</p> <p><u>1*</u>    b.    Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals?</p> <p><u>2*</u>    c.    Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.)</p> <p><u>1*</u>    d.    Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.</p>
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**B. DISCUSSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EVALUATION AND DETERMINATION (SEE ATTACHMENT "A")**

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Project Title: Kidder Creek Orchard Camps (KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP), Inc.

### I. Land Use and Planning:

- a. Conflict with general plan designation or zoning? **NO IMPACT**

The proposed Use Permit for the expansion of a private recreational facility would be consistent with zoning and the General Plan designation through the use permit process. The current and proposed use is conditionally permitted under Section 10-6.1502 of the Siskiyou County Code. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

- c. Be incompatible with existing land use in the vicinity? **NO IMPACT**

The proposed project is compatible with the existing land use in the project vicinity as required by Composite Policy 41.3(e) of the Siskiyou County General Plan Land Use Element. The project site itself has been developed with existing infrastructure which supports the uses permitted by the existing use permit (UP-84-37). The proposal would expand the private recreational facility use to allow for additional structures and increase the number of users per year. The surrounding land uses include agriculture, single-family residential and timber production. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

- d. Affect Agricultural resources or operations (e.g., impacts to soils or farmlands, or impacts from incompatible land uses)? **NO IMPACT**

The project site is currently used for agricultural purposes including the raising of tree crops and equine. The expansion of the use would not impact any adjacent agricultural operations due to the confinement of this use within the parcel boundaries. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

### II. Population and Housing:

- b. Induce substantial growth in an area either directly or indirectly (e.g. through projects in an undeveloped area or extension of major infrastructure)? **NO IMPACT**

The proposed project would increase the total number of individuals occupying the project site at any one given time; however, the use is limited to a camping season of primarily April through November. No additional residential development is anticipated to occur as a result of this project which may induce substantial growth in the area either directly or indirectly. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

### III. Geologic Problems:

- f. Erosion, changes in topography or unstable soil conditions from excavation, grading or fill? **LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Minor grading associated with building site preparation and road improvements may result from this proposal. Due to the limited area necessary for the placement of additional structures, no impact is anticipated to occur from erosion. The soils unit is comprised of a gravelly loam and alluvial soils. The United States Soil Conservation Services identifies the soils units present on this site as having the ability to support cultivated crops, hay and pasture, rangeland, and homesite development. The structural development and road improvements are not located in areas within close proximity to



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Kidder Creek or its tributaries. The Siskiyou County Building Department implements the requirements of the Uniform Building Code and local engineering standards through the building permit process. Any structural requirements shall be met through the permitting process. Impacts resulting from erosion or changes in topography due to excavation or grading are anticipated to be less than significant. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

### IV. Water:

- a. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface runoff? **LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The proposed project would result in soil compaction and additional impervious surfaces necessary for the placement of additional structures. Due to the limited area necessary for the placement of these facilities, significant changes in drainage patterns, absorption rates and the rate or amount of surface water runoff are not anticipated. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

- b. Exposure to people or property to water related hazards such as flooding? **NO IMPACT**

The project site is located in Zone C of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's flood mapping, per Panel 060362-0850B, which is listed as an area of minimal flooding. The project proposal does not list any improvements or development which could impact Kidder Creek or its tributaries. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

- f. Change in the quantity or quality of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations or through substantial loss of groundwater recharge capability? **LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The proposed project will result in the phased expansion in the number of users from the current total of approximately 1,802 to a maximum of 3,340 per year. This expansion will create additional demand for domestic water supplies to the project site. The California Department of Health Services, Office of Drinking Water and Environmental Management, has reviewed the proposal and additional information submitted by the applicant. Based upon the review of the submitted information, it was determined that the additional demand will not significantly impact the existing water system. It was also determined that several sites within the project boundaries are available for additional wells, if necessary. In addition, tests of water quality were conducted and show that the water from the existing well meets the State's chemical and bacteriological standards for community drinking water. The Siskiyou County Health Department has also reviewed the proposal and found evidence of acceptable water quality and quantity in accordance with Composite Policy 41.7 of the General Plan Land Use Element. The anticipated demand associated with the expansion would not be individually or cumulatively significant. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

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- h. Impacts to groundwater quality? POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED

The proposed project will result in the phased expansion in the number of users from the current total of approximately 1,802 to a maximum of 3,340 per year. This expansion will result in an increased waste water flow into the septic tank and leach field systems that serve the project. The Siskiyou County Health Department has reviewed the proposal and determined that the area can support on-site sewage disposal for the projected expansion, pursuant to Composite Policy 41.6 of the General Plan Land Use Element. The Health Department has also reviewed and approved the submitted percolation tests for the proposed RV site. In order to ensure that the septic tank and leach field systems continue to function properly, the Health Department is requiring the following mitigation measure which upon completion is anticipated to reduce any potential for impact to a less than significant level.

### Mitigation #1

Kidder Creek Orchard Camps shall maintain drinking water flow records and population records through the 1996 camping season for the Ranch Camp, Log Cabin Camp kitchen and the Log Cabin Camp bathrooms. At the conclusion of the 1996 camping season, the camp will construct any system upgrades determined necessary by the Health Department in order to ensure that the systems are operating efficiently and properly in compliance with the California Health and Safety Code.

## V. Air Quality:

- a. Violate any air quality standard or contribute to an existing or projected air quality violation? POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED

The proposed project will result in an increased amount of traffic on South Kidder Creek Road. The supplement to the traffic study prepared by Weld-Brower & Associates shows an existing average daily traffic (ADT) volume attributable to Kidder Creek Orchard Camp of 82 vehicles per day. The proposal would increase this use to an ADT of 131 (attachment #2). The increase would result in the generation of a potentially significant amount of additional dust from those portions of South Kidder Creek Road which are not surfaced. Currently, as a condition of the previously approved Use Permit (UP-84-37) KCOC supplies a \$1000 annual fee to the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works for the application of lignin to the roadway for dust mitigation.

Under the current proposal, a traffic study and supplement were prepared by Weld-Brower & Associates. In addition supplemental information was prepared by the Department of Public Works. These documents identify road improvements necessary to mitigate traffic related impacts to South Kidder Creek Road, including dust (attachments #2,#3). As part of a scheduled road maintenance and mitigation plan, the Department of Public Works will improve the unsurfaced portion of South Kidder Creek Road. The following mitigation measure is anticipated to reduce any potentially significant impact resulting from dust generation to a less than significant level.

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### Mitigation #2

The Siskiyou County Department of Public Works shall improve the unsurfaced portion of South Kidder Creek Road with 6" of rock base 20' in width for approximately 1.1 miles and surface the roadway with an oil penetrate and chip seal for the same length of the roadway. These improvements shall be completed no later than the fall of 1997. The applicants shall pay the annual \$1000 mitigation fee for lignin applications to the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works in June of 1996 and June 1997 or until such time as the surfacing is complete but no later than the agreed completion date of the fall of 1997.

#### VI. Transportation/Circulation:

- a. Increased vehicle trips or traffic congestion? POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED

The project site is served by a 40' wide easement which fronts South Kidder Creek Road. South Kidder Creek Road is a two-lane rural roadway which varies in condition. At milepost 0 to milepost 0.7 the roadway is 24' wide and is an asphalt concrete roadway that has been resurfaced with a chip seal. At milepost 1.1 the roadway narrows to 14' to milepost 1.4 where the roadway is 16' wide and continues as such to the entrance to Kidder Creek Orchard Camp.

The proposed project will result in an increased amount of traffic on South Kidder Creek Road. The supplement to the traffic study prepared by Weld-Brower & Associates shows an existing average daily traffic volume attributed to Kidder Creek Orchard Camp of 82 vehicle trips per day (attachment #2). This proposal would increase this use to an average daily traffic volume of 131. The increase would potentially negatively impact portions of South Kidder Creek Road which are narrow and in need of repair. The study recommends that the vegetation along both sides of the road be removed and maintained to improve site distance and effective width. Once the vegetation is removed, the road side ditches should be restored and shoulders graded to improve the effective width. Signing should be added to the roadway to alert motorists to the road conditions (attachment #1).

The conclusions and recommendations of the study were taken into consideration by the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works identified additional road maintenance which would be necessary to mitigate the traffic related impacts. Once KCOC has reached its permitted expansion level, it would contribute 62 percent of the total average daily traffic on South Kidder Creek Road. A mitigation fee for road maintenance which is roughly proportional to and reasonably consistent with the amount of use and impact to the roadway has been developed. The mitigation fee and scheduled road maintenance is anticipated to reduce the traffic related impacts to South Kidder Creek Road to a less than significant level (attachment #3).

### Mitigation #3

Kidder Creek Orchard Camps shall pay a mitigation fee of \$1.00 per camper (any overnight guest) until such time as the total obligation of \$25,000 is paid. The fees which are collected annually shall be paid to the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works in November of each year.

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This fee totals roughly 62 percent of the \$40,000 cost of the road maintenance necessary to mitigate traffic related impacts. The following road maintenance work shall be conducted by the Department of Public Works on South Kidder Creek Road during a phased improvement program:

During the first phase in the Spring of 1996, the Department of Public Works will place signs on the roadway as determined necessary by the traffic engineer to advise motorists of the narrow road conditions. Vegetation will be removed from the roadside to improve the site distance and effective width.

During the second phase, the overall roadway width will be widened to a total of 24' for a length of 0.24 miles beginning at the old cattle guard. The anticipated amount of materials removal will be less than 700 cubic yards of material which will be used as road base. Approximately 500 feet of roadway will be widened by four feet by moving existing rock slope protection at the end of the project. Drainage improvements will include the replacement of an existing irrigation ditch culvert and the extension of a second culvert to accommodate roadway widening. In conjunction with the above described maintenance work, the Department of Public Works will improve the unsurfaced portion of South Kidder Creek Road with 6" of rock base for approximately 1.1 miles and surface 20' in width that portion of roadway with an oil penetrate and chip seal. The roadway maintenance shall be completed no later than the Fall of 1997.

- b. Hazards to safety from design features (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersection) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? **POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED**

The traffic study prepared by Weld-Brower & Associates and the supplement prepared by the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works identify approximately 0.24 miles of South Kidder Creek Road commonly referred to as the "S curves" which are currently hazards to traffic safety. The Department of Public Works has developed a mitigation fee and maintenance schedule which when implemented is anticipated to reduce any potentially significant impact to South Kidder Creek Road as follows: See Mitigation #3

- c. Inadequate emergency access or access to nearby uses? **POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED**

The project site is accessed by a 40' wide easement which fronts South Kidder Creek Road. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection reviewed the proposal and required KCOC to abandon one of the one-way roadways. KCOC has also graded and widened the surface road located behind the camp to 18 feet from the office to the Log Cabin Camp. A drainage culvert was installed across the existing service road and an alternate emergency access road has been established through the Littlepage property which is to be controlled for the purpose of emergency access only. KCOC has also completed vegetation removal as prescribed by CDF. These improvements were completed to the satisfaction of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

In order to ensure the continual emergency access for this site, CDF has developed the following mitigation measure which is anticipated to reduce any impact resulting from wildfire hazards to a less than significant level.



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This mitigation plan has been developed in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 4290 (Fire Safe Regulations) and is consistent with Composite Policy 41.9 of the Siskiyou County General Plan Land Use Element.

### Mitigation #4

Kidder Creek Orchard Camps shall, on a quarterly basis, meet with CDF representatives to evaluate their vegetation management program. The following dates will be used as a tentative schedule:

1. March 1st of each year
2. Two weeks prior to the opening of the camping season
3. Mid-way through the camping season
4. At the end of the camping season

### VII. Biological Resources:

- a. Endangered, threatened or rare species or their habitats (including but not limited to plants, fish, insects, animals and birds)? **LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The California Department of Fish & Game's Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB-RareFind) program was reviewed as part of the initial review of this project. The project vicinity was identified in the Natural Diversity Data Base as providing habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix Occidentalis Caurina*). The project application was circulated to the California Department of Fish & Game, a trustee agency with respect to threatened, endangered or rare plant and wildlife species. Mr. Tim Burton, Senior Biologist Supervisor (wildlife), reviewed the application and project site and stated that because the area is already developed and the proposed activities are associated with existing development and use, no special conditions or mitigation measures are necessary to protect fish and wildlife habitat. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

- b. Deterioration of any fish or wildlife habitat? **LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The California Department of Fish & Game's Natural Diversity Data Base (NDDDB-RareFind) program was reviewed as part of the initial review of this project. The project vicinity was identified in the Natural Diversity Data Base as providing habitat for the Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix Occidentalis Caurina*). The project application was circulated to the California Department of Fish & Game, a trustee agency with respect to threatened, endangered or rare plant species. Mr. Tim Burton, the Senior Biologist Supervisor (wildlife), reviewed the application and project site and stated that because the area is already developed and the proposed activities are associated with existing development and use, no special conditions or mitigation measures are necessary to protect fish and wildlife habitat. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

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### IX. Hazards:

- c. The creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard? **POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED**

The California Department of Health Services, Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management has reviewed and approved the proposal based upon the project site having an existing well with a sufficient capacity to meet the demand of the proposed expansion. In addition, water tests show that the water quality meets the State's chemical and bacteriological standards for community drinking water sources. The Siskiyou County Health Department has reviewed and approved the project application with the following mitigation measure which is anticipated to reduce any potentially significant impact from a health hazard or potential health hazard to a less than significant level.

#### Mitigation #5

Kidder Creek Orchard Camp shall meet the standards as set forth in the California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law booklet (CURFFL) as follows: The Ranch Camp kitchen must meet the requirements before the camp opening in the spring of 1997. The Log Cabin Camp kitchen shall meet the requirements before the camping season in the spring 1999. Kidder Creek Orchard Camps shall also meet the conditions as set forth in the California Administrative Code for Organized Camps under Title 17 for the swimming facility, prior to the 1996 operating season.

- e. Increased fire hazard in areas with flammable brush, grass, or trees? **POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED**

The project proponents have completed vegetation removal as prescribed by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and incorporated a heliport into the proposal for emergency evacuation. In order to ensure the continual compliance with vegetation removal for this site, CDF has developed the following mitigation measure which is anticipated to reduce any impact resulting from wildfire hazards to a less than significant level. This mitigation plan has been developed in accordance with Public Resources Code Section 4290 (Fire Safe Regulations) and is consistent with Composite Policy 41.9 of the Siskiyou County General Plan Land Use Element, See Mitigation #4.

### X. Noise:

- a. Increases in existing noise levels? **LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

Noise is currently generated from an existing public address system which is used weekly by all camps and on a daily basis when groups such as D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) are using the site. The system is also used for special events such as the annual auction. Due to the distance to the nearest neighboring residence, the hours of use, typically after sunrise and before dark and because no expansion of the use of the public address system is proposed, the use is unobtrusive and is anticipated to have a less than significant impact.

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### XI. Public Services

#### a. Fire Protection? LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The project site and proposed expansion has been reviewed and approved by the Scott Valley Fire Protection District and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection for water supply for fire suppression purposes, emergency access and vegetation management. Kidder Creek Orchard Camps has complied with the conditions of the California Department of Forestry for road surfacing, widening, abandonment, and a vegetation management plan shall be adopted as a mitigation under Sections 6(c) and 9(e) of this Initial Study. The proposed expansion is not anticipated to have a significant adverse impact upon fire protection services for this area. No further mitigation measures are necessary. (See Mitigation #4)

#### d. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads? POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED

The proposed project will further the necessity for maintenance and roadway improvements to South Kidder Creek Road. The Siskiyou County Department of Public Works is requiring the collection of a mitigation fee of \$25,000 which is roughly 62 percent of the \$40,000 cost of maintenance to South Kidder Creek Road. This fee will be added as a per camper charge to be collected until such time as the obligation is paid. The fees will be used to pay for a proportional share of the necessary road maintenance as identified in Mitigation #3. Mitigation #3 is anticipated to reduce any potentially significant adverse impact to the maintenance of public facilities to a less than significant level. (See Mitigation #3). No further mitigation measures are necessary.

### XII. Utilities and Service Systems:

#### a. Power or natural gas? NO IMPACT

The applicants propose to extend power to the Log Cabin Camp facilities; however, due to the minimal amount of voltage necessary and since the necessary infrastructure is already in place within the project boundaries, the extension is not anticipated to effect supplies or service systems negatively.

#### d. Sewer or septic tanks? POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED

The proposed project will result in an additional demand to the leach field and septic systems currently in place. The Siskiyou County Health Department has reviewed the proposed expansion and approved the application with the adoption of Mitigation #1 based upon the ability of the parcel to support additional on-site sewage disposal areas. (See Mitigation #1) No further mitigation measures are necessary.

### XIV. Cultural Resources:

#### b. Disturb archaeological resources? NO IMPACT

The project site was previously reviewed by the Northeast Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information Center as part of the review of Use Permit 84-37 for Kidder Creek Orchard Camps. The previous review indicated that the area contained within the project boundaries is considered to be archaeologically sensitive and that since construction activities and increased public use of this property may significantly

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impact any cultural resources which may be located on the project site, it was the recommendation that all the areas of the camp which have not been inspected previously by a qualified archaeologist be surveyed prior to project operation. An archaeological survey of the entire project area was conducted March 21, 1985, by B.P. Enterprises, Archaeology Consultants. B.P. Enterprises found no indication of prehistoric materials or features within the project area. One possible reason for lack of prehistoric activity within the area is the general northern exposure of the slopes. The high altitude of the area would make a southern exposure desirable even during the warmer times of the year. It was also the finding that, although historic activity has occurred on the property for many years, the remains from the earliest activity has been removed by subsequent activities. No features or materials from the early historic activity of any significance were identified within the project area. It was recommended that archaeological clearance be granted for the proposed project area. An intensive archaeological survey of the area has been conducted and the proposed project will not have an adverse impact upon any cultural resources. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

### XV. Recreation:

- b. Affect existing recreational opportunities? **NO IMPACT**

The proposed project will have a net positive impact upon the recreational opportunities in the project vicinity. The proposed expansion will create additional recreational opportunity for local youth as well as adults. **No mitigation measures are necessary.**

### XVI. Mandatory Findings of Significance:

- a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment? **LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

The proposed phased expansion of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp has the potential to degrade the quality of the environment. However, the mitigation measures which have been incorporated into this project will reduce any potential to degrade the environment to a less than significant level.

- b. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals? **NO IMPACT**

The proposed project is a phased expansion over the next ten years. The proposed expansion has resulted in the ability of the County and State reviewing agencies to bring KCOC into compliance with the applicable requirements of code. The expansion and resulting improvements and mitigations will ensure that no significant impact to the environment or environmental goals will occur.

- c. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? **POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT UNLESS MITIGATED**

An Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Kiewit-Pacific Co. gravel extraction site (Schoonmaker property) for Use Permit 95-08 and Reclamation Plan 95-01 has been prepared. The proposed project is for a Surface Mining and Reclamation Plan for the Kidder Creek Gravel Extraction Site. The site is located on Kidder Creek and is accessed by South Kidder Creek Road.



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The plan includes the excavation of approximately 80,000 cubic yards of gravel which will be transported off-site for use. The minimum period of time necessary to remove this amount of material is eight weeks and is the basis of the evaluation for accessing traffic related impacts. During the estimated eight weeks, approximately 22 trucks will be transporting excavated material each hour. Approximately one-half of these (11) will be leaving the site with full loads; the other one-half (11) will be returning to the site empty.

The increase of traffic generated from the expansion of KCOC is anticipated to occur over a ten year period. This increase will not have a demonstrable negative impact to the first 1.1 miles of South Kidder Creek Road from its intersection with State Highway 3. This portion of roadway is 24' in width and is surfaced with an asphalt/concrete base. The Siskiyou County Department of Public Works intends to further widen the paved road surface by 4 horizontal feet for the first 0.5 mile of South Kidder Creek Road from the intersection with State Highway 3 during the Spring of 1996. The traffic generated from the gravel extraction site will be confined to the first 0.5 mile of the roadway. Due to the limited time frame of eight weeks needed for gravel extraction, the phased increase of traffic resulting from the expansion of KCOC over the next ten years and the mitigations which have been incorporated into this project, the resulting cumulative impact to South Kidder Creek Road is not anticipated to be significant.

- d. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly. NO IMPACT

The proposed project has potentially significant adverse impacts; however, the mitigation measures which have been incorporated into the project are anticipated to reduce the potential of these impacts to a less than significant level.

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### XVII. Project Sponsor's Incorporation of Mitigations into Proposed Project

I/We have reviewed the Initial Study for the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Use Permit (95-12) application and particularly the mitigation measures identified herein. I/We hereby modify the application on file with the Siskiyou County Planning Department to include and incorporate all mitigations set forth in this Initial Study.

Marilyn B. Swartz  
Project Sponsor/Project Agent *KCOC Bd Chmn*

2-28-96  
Date

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Project Sponsor/Project Agent

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Date

**DETERMINATION:** On the basis of this initial evaluation:

\_\_\_\_ I find that the proposed project **COULD NOT** have a significant effect on the environment, and a **NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

X I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there **WILL NOT** be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on the attached sheet have been added to the project. A **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** will be prepared.

\_\_\_\_ I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect on the environment, and an **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required.

\_\_\_\_ I find that the proposed project **MAY** have a significant effect(s) on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets, if the effect is a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated." An **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT** is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

\_\_\_\_ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there **WILL NOT** be a significant effect in this case because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR pursuant to applicable standards and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to an earlier EIR, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project.

Gregg McKenzie  
Signature

3/4/96  
Date

Gregg McKenzie, Assistant Planner  
Printed Name

Siskiyou County Planning Department  
Richard D. Barnum, Director

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## MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM

**Description: Mitigation Measure #2**

The Siskiyou County Department of Public Works shall improve the unsurfaced portion of South Kidder Creek Road with 6" of rock base 20' in width for approximately 1.1 miles and surface the roadway with an oil penetrate and chip seal for the same length of the roadway. These improvements are scheduled for completion no later than the fall of 1997. The applicants shall pay the annual \$1000 mitigation fee for lignin applications to the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works in June of 1996 and June 1997 or until such time as the surfacing is complete, but no later than the agreed completion date of the fall of 1997.

### Impacts Mitigated: Dust Abatement

**Mitigation Level:** Full compliance upon scheduled completion in the fall of 1997.

**Lead Agency: Siskiyou County Planning Department**

**Funding Source: Siskiyou County Public Works Department / Kidder Creek Orchard  
Camps**

**Implementing Agency: Siskiyou County Public Works Department**

**Monitoring Agency: Siskiyou County Planning Department**

**Timing:** Scheduled for completion prior to the fall of 1997

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**KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP**  
**UP-95-12**  
**MITIGATION MONITORING PROGRAM**

**Description: Mitigation Measure #3**

Kidder Creek Orchard Camps shall pay a mitigation fee of \$1.00 per camper (any overnight guest) until such time as the total obligation of \$25,000 is paid. The fees which are collected annually shall be paid to the Siskiyou County Department of Public Works in November of each year. This fee totals roughly 62 percent of the \$40,000 cost of the road maintenance necessary to mitigate traffic related impacts. The following road maintenance work shall be conducted by the Department of Public Works on South Kidder Creek Road during a phased improvement program:

During the first phase in the Spring of 1996, the Department of Public Works will place signs on the roadway as determined necessary by the traffic engineer to advise motorists of the narrow road conditions. Vegetation will be removed from the roadside to improve the sight distance and effective width.

During the second phase, the overall roadway width will be widened to a total of 24' for a length of 0.24 miles beginning at the old cattleguard. The anticipated amount of materials removed will be less than 700 cubic yards of material which will be used as road base. Approximately 500' of roadway will be widened by four feet by moving existing rock slope protection at the end of the project. Drainage improvements will include the replacement of an existing irrigation ditch culvert and the extension of a second culvert to accommodate roadway widening. In conjunction with the above described maintenance work, the Department of Public Works will improve the unsurfaced portion of South Kidder Creek Road with 6" of rock base for approximately 1.1 miles and surface 20' in width that portion of roadway with an oil penetrate and chip seal. The roadway maintenance is scheduled to be completed no later than the Fall of 1997.

**Impacts Mitigated:** Increased Traffic and Traffic Safety

**Mitigation Level:** Full compliance upon the scheduled completion in the fall of 1997.

**Lead Agency:** Siskiyou County Planning Department

**Funding Source:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camps / Siskiyou County Public Works Department.

**Implementing Agency:** Siskiyou County Public Works Department

**Monitoring Agency:** Siskiyou County Planning Department

**Timing:** Scheduled for completion prior to the fall of 1997.

Date	Signature of Monitor	% Complete	Actions/Accomplishments

**Description: Mitigation Measure #4**

1. **March 1st of each year**
2. **Two weeks prior to the opening of the camping season**
3. **Mid-way through the camping season**
4. **At the end of the camping season**

**Mitigation Level: Full compliance with Public Resources Code Section 4290.**

**Funding Source:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camps

**Monitoring Agency: Siskiyou County Planning Department**

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**Description: Mitigation Measure #5**

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ATTACHMENT B  
ZONING DISTRICTS



## **Article 48. - Rural Residential Agricultural District (R-R)**

### **Sec. 10-6.4801. - R-R District.**

The regulations set forth in this article shall apply in the Rural Residential Agricultural District. The R-R District is intended to provide an area where rural residential uses can be compatibly mixed with commercial agricultural activities.

### **Sec. 10-6.4802. - Uses permitted.**

The following uses shall be permitted in the R-R District:

- (a) One single-family dwelling;
- (b) Small acreage farming, except commercial dairies, commercial kennels, commercial rabbit, fox, goat, horse, and hog farms, commercial chicken or poultry ranches, riding stables, rodeos, or commercial horse rentals;
- (c) Accessory uses and buildings normally incidental to single-family dwellings or small farming;
- (d) Crop and tree farming;
- (e) One mobile home per building site in lieu of a single-family dwelling;
- (f) One guesthouse;
- (g) Greenhouses;
- (h) One residential storage building, subject to the regulations as set forth in Section 10-6.1516 of the General Provisions;
- (i) One second dwelling unit per legal lot subject to the limitations as set forth in the General Provisions section of this code;
- (j) Amateur radio antennas. When used for private, noncommercial purposes, amateur radio antennas may be permitted in the R-R District. Height limitations may be exceeded by adding one foot yard setback for every foot of height in excess of those permitted by the zoning ordinance; and
- (k) Group care facilities for six (6) or fewer individuals.

### **Sec. 10-6.4803. - Conditional uses permitted.**

Subject to obtaining a use permit, the following uses shall be permitted in the R-R District:

- (a) Churches, schools, parks, playgrounds, and public utility and public buildings and uses;
- (b) Within a building the following commercial agricultural uses: raising of fur-bearing animals and poultry;
- (c) Home occupations;
- (d) Heavy equipment and vehicle parking, subject to the following limitations:
  - (1) The equipment is resident-owned and operated,
  - (2) Equipment does not include materials, parts, or supplies not incidental to the equipment,
  - (3) The equipment storage area is limited to twenty-five (25%) percent of the ownership, or one-quarter acre, whichever is less,
  - (4) Access shall be sufficient to carry the equipment without sustaining undue damage. Permits issued under this section may require that only unloaded equipment be parked,

- (5) Aesthetic screening shall be provided acceptable to the Planning Commission, enclosing the proposed equipment area as needed,
- (6) All health and safety approvals must be received;
- (e) The Planning Director is hereby authorized to waive Planning Department filing fees for uses allowed in subsection (d) of this section in the following situations:
  - (1) The continuous use existed prior to February 27, 1986 (effective date of the County's revised zoning ordinance),
  - (2) The continuous use was established while the property was zoned A-1 Unclassified;
- (f) Family day care facilities; and
- (g) One second dwelling unit per legal lot subject to the limitations as set forth in the General Provisions section of this code.

## **Article 50. - Prime Agricultural District (AG-1)**

### **Sec. 10-6.5001. - AG-1 District.**

The regulations set forth in this article shall apply in the Prime Agricultural District. The AG-1 District classification is intended to be applied to land areas which are used or are suitable for use for intensive agricultural production. Such areas are designated as "Prime" on the County General Plan.

### **Sec. 10-6.5002. - Uses permitted.**

The following uses shall be permitted in the AG1 District:

- (a) Single-family dwellings or mobile homes in lieu thereof, incidental and necessary for caretaker or agricultural pursuits;
- (b) Accessory uses incidental to agriculture;
- (c) Agricultural uses, including, but not limited to tree, vine, row, field crops, growing and harvesting of trees, livestock farming, and animal husbandry, but not including dairies, commercial feed lots, or commercial poultry or hog raising operations;
- (d) Farm labor housing;
- (e) Wholesale nurseries with retail sales incidental thereto, greenhouses, fish farms, frog farms, and roadside stands for seasonal sales of agricultural products from the premises; and
- (f) One second dwelling unit per legal lot subject to the limitations as set forth in the General Provisions section of this code.

### **Sec. 10-6.5003. - Conditional uses permitted.**

Subject to obtaining a use permit, the following uses shall be permitted in the AG-1 District:

- (a) Private airports and landing fells;
- (b) Dairies, commercial poultry operations, feed lots, and hog farms;
- (c) Public utility buildings;
- (d) Home occupations;
- (e) In addition to the uses listed above, the uses listed in Article 15, General Provisions, may also be permitted, subject to the issuance of a use permit; and

- (f) Continued operation of the Yreka Landfill, and any expansion or modification of municipal solid waster activities at the Yreka Landfill.

## **Article 51. - Timberland Production District (TPZ)**

### **Sec. 10-6.5101. - TPZ District.**

The purpose of this enactment is to provide a zoning district consistent with the requirements of the Z'berg-Warren-Keene-Collier Forest Taxation Reform Act of 1976, to encourage the production of timber, to protect immature trees so that they may eventually be harvested, and to provide for the restricting of the uses of timber land to the production of timber products in compatible uses. the regulations set forth in this district shall apply in the Timber Land Production District. The TPZ District is directed to those areas dedicated to the growing, conserving and production of timber in areas of sufficient size to be economically feasible. The TPZ District is designated to protect such areas from intrusion by incompatible uses.

### **Sec. 10-6.5102. - Uses permitted.**

The following uses shall be permitted in the TPZ District:

- (a) Growing and harvesting timber, including Christmas trees but not nursery stock;
- (b) Compatible uses as defined by subsection (h) of Section 51100 of the Government Code of the state, except where conditionally permitted by County Code;
- (c) Recreational and/or educational uses not interfering with the primary purpose of the district, which purpose is the growing and harvesting of timber, which use shall include, but no be limited to, swimming, hunting, fishing, camping, walking, hiking, picnicking, boating and environmental and ecological studies;
- (d) Grazing; and
- (e) A single-family residence or a mobile home in lieu thereof, provided a Timber Management Plan for the property has been prepared.

### **Sec. 10-6.5103. - Conditional uses permitted.**

Subject to obtaining a use permit, the following uses shall be permitted in the TPZ district:

- (a) Timber processing by portable facilities;
- (b) Wood processing and manufacturing facilities;
- (c) Exploration for mineral resources;
- (d) Extraction of mineral resources;
- (e) Exploration for and the development of energy resources;
- (f) Labor camps, mobile homes, and residential dwellings to house persons needed for, and directly involved and employed in, timber harvesting or planting operations.
- (g) The construction and/or occupancy of any building, structure, or other facility constructed and/or occupied consistent with and pursuant to the uses permitted in the TPZ District;
- (h) Aircraft landing facilities;
- (i) Heliports;
- (j) The erection, construction, or maintenance of gas, electric, water, sewage, or communication transmission facilities; and

- (k) In addition to the uses listed above, the uses listed in Article 15, General Provisions, may also be permitted, subject to the issuance of a use permit.

**Sec. 10-6.5104. - Qualification for inclusion.**

Land to be zoned Timber Land Production Zone (TPZ) shall meet the following qualifications:

- (a) Be a parcel shown on List A or B as specified by the Z'berg-Warren-Keene-Collier Forest Taxation Reform Act of 1976; or
- (b) Meet the minimum standards adopted by resolution of the Board for inclusion under List C for the Timber Land Production Zone District (TPZ).

**Sec. 10-6.5105. - Minimum term.**

Parcels zoned Timber Land Production Zone shall be zoned as such for an initial term of ten (10) years. On the first and each subsequent anniversary date of the initial zoning, a year shall be added to the initial term of ten (10) years, unless a Notice of Zoning is given as provided by Section 51120 of the Government Code of the State.

**Sec. 10-6.5106. - Division of parcels into areas of less than forty (40) acres prohibited.**

A parcel zoned as a Timber Production Zone District (TPZ) shall be divided into parcels containing less than forty (40) acres.

**Sec. 10-6.5107. - Rezoning.**

Any rezoning of the land from a Timber Land Production Zone District (TPZ) to another zoning district classification shall be in strict conformance with the requirements of the Z'berg-Warren-Keene-Collier forest Taxation Reform Act of 1976 (Section 51100 et seq. of the Government Code of the State).

**Sec. 10-6.5108. - Division of parcels zoned timberland production into parcels of less than one hundred sixty (160) acres.**

A parcel zoned as a Timber Land Zone District (TPZ) may be divided into parcels containing less than one hundred sixty (160) acres if each parcel to be created is divided in accordance with the provisions of Section 51119.5 of the Government Code of the State, or any successor thereto and meets the criteria set forth in subsection (b) of Section 10-6.5104 of this article. This procedure for dividing a parcel zoned Timber Land Production Zone (TPZ) into parcels containing less than one hundred sixty (160) acres shall be in accordance with County resolutions regarding division of parcels zoned Timber Land Production Zone (TPZ).

ATTACHMENT C

BOTANICAL RESOURCE SURVEY

WILDLIFE RESOURCES REPORT

WETLANDS DELINEATION SUMMARY

# **Botanical Resource Survey Addendum**

**FOR KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP LAND USE  
PERMIT APPLICATION**



*By*

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June 2013

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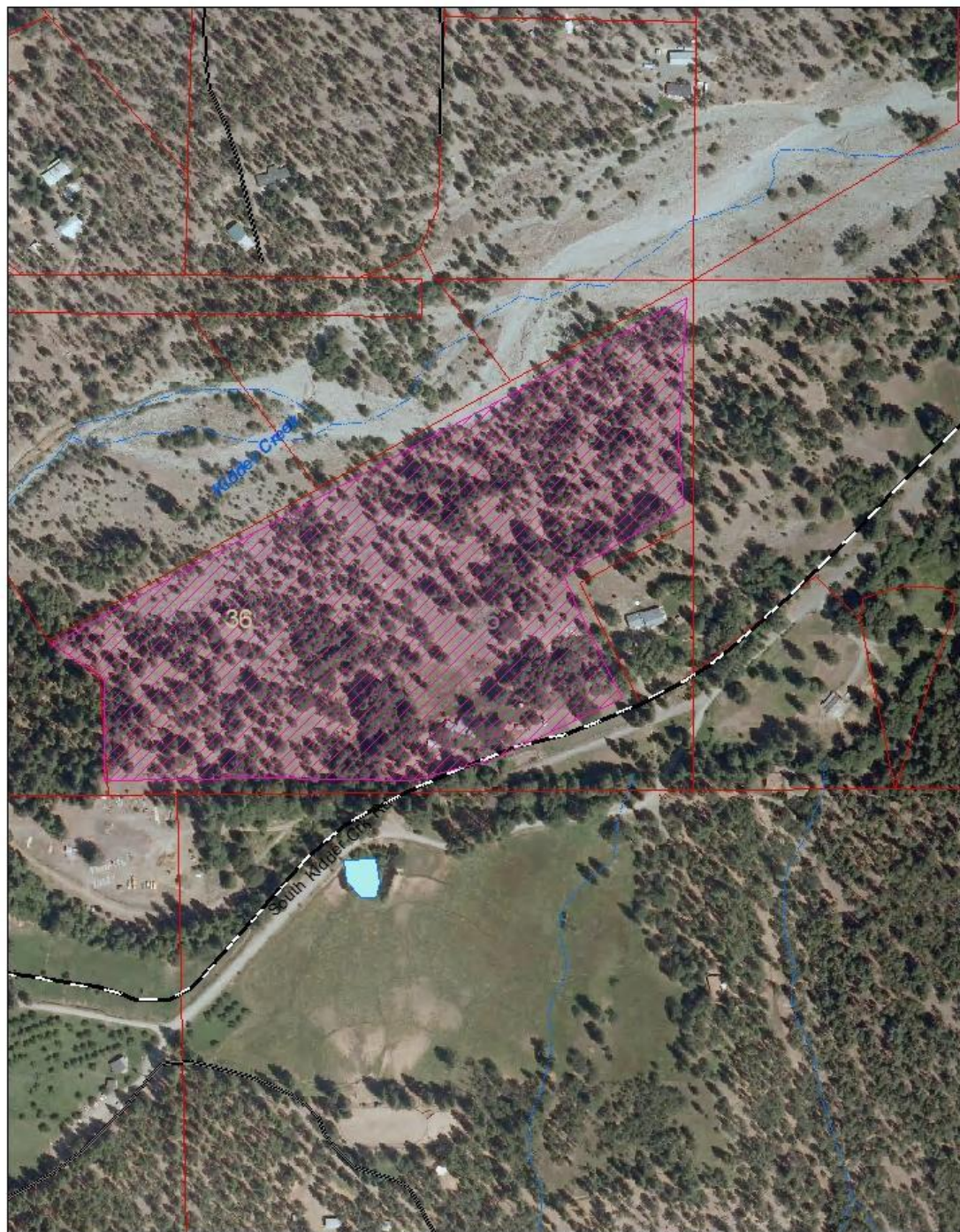


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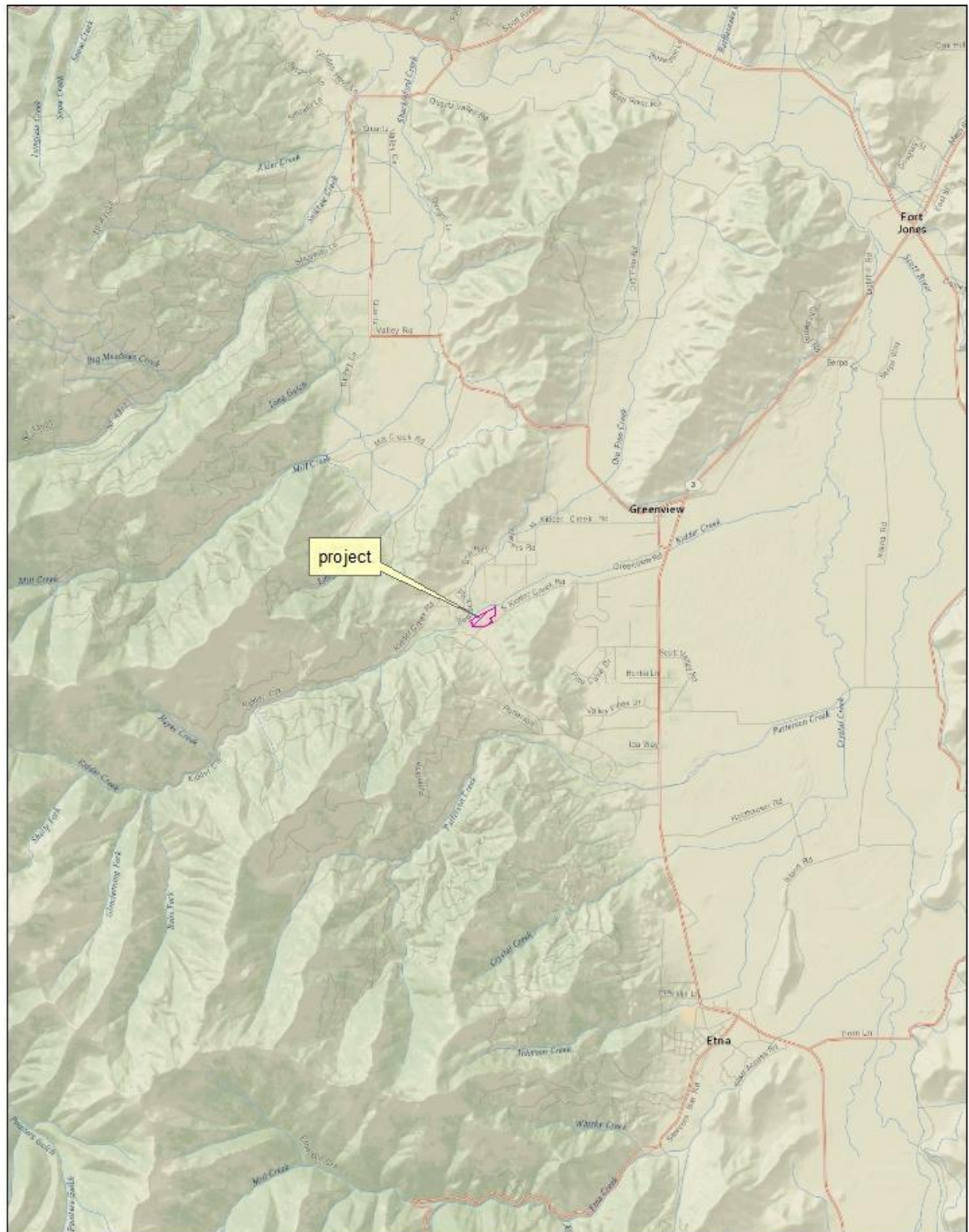
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## **Introduction:**

A botanical survey of the proposed Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, Inc. (KCOC) Addendum to Land Use Permit 2013 was conducted on April 24, and May 24, 2013. The Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, Inc. Land Use project area is located approximately 2.7 miles west of the intersection of South Kidder Creek Road and State Highway 3, south of the community of Greenview, Siskiyou County, California. The proposed project is located within: Township 43N, R10W, Section 36, Mt. Diablo Meridian, Siskiyou County, California. The project area lies within the Greenview 7.5' quadrangle.

The scope of this botanical survey consisted of an updated CNPS nine USGS quadrangle search listing any rare or special status plants known to be in the area, two field survey days, and report preparation.

The project consists of approximately 29 acres. The botany survey was a cursory inspection due to high the density of vegetation such as blackberry or forest duff in some areas. No rare or special status plants were located on the project property.

This document summarizes a floristic survey conducted by Kathleen Tyler botanist for Resource Management, with an initial visit on site April 24, 2013 and a follow-up site visit on June 24 to meet the biological window for verification of all species listed in the prefield research. The project site is located in Siskiyou County in the USGS Greenview 7.5' quadrangle, T42N, R9W, SE ¼ of Section 28.

## **Environmental Setting:**

The project area in reference to the *Soil Survey of Siskiyou County* (USDA 1981) describes this area as **184 Marpa-Kinkel-Boomer, cool complex with 5 to 15% slopes**. This complex is described as varying degrees of gravelly loam, derived mostly from metamorphosed rock. This soil is very deep and well drained. At the project location, the dominant trees in the drainage ditch area white alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*) and willow (*Salix* spp). The surrounding area can be described as a mixed conifer forest, Jeffery pine (*Pinus jeffreyi*), with scattered Douglas fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*), white fir (*Abies concolor*) and incense cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*), plus a scattering of Black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*).

## **Methodology**

Prefield preparation began by studying the rare, threatened, endangered, and sensitive plant lists from CDFG (California Department of Fish and Game), CNPS (California Native Plant Society), CNDDDB (California Natural Diversity Database) and the USDA Forest Service Region 5 Special Status Plant List. The quadrangle used in this search was the USGS 7 5' Greenview (718C). A nine quad-queried search for rare plants including the adjacent and surrounding quads of the Greenview quadrangle using elevation and habitat as criteria for the query was also part of the prefield research. According to these searches, the following special status plants were identified as having a potential of occurrence within the project area (Table 1). A single Quad search for

Greenview (718C) search of all rare plants listed (listed as 1 to 3 CNPS rating) was also queried regardless of habitat or elevation (Table 2). Focus of importance was given to these species, visiting the local herbaria to review the specimens of the plants on the list.

The California Native Plant Society (CNPS) codes are explained below. These are important to understand as to the rarity of a given plant in California, and their listings on Table 1 and Table 2 of this document.

## **California Rare Plant Ranks (formerly known as CNPS Lists)**

### **California Rare Plant Rank 1A: Plants Presumed Extirpated in California and Either Rare or Extinct Elsewhere**

All of the plants constituting California Rare Plant Rank 1A meet the definitions of Secs. 2062 and 2067 (California Endangered Species Act) of the California Department of Fish and Game Code, and are eligible for state listing. Should these taxa be rediscovered, it is mandatory that they be fully considered during preparation of environmental documents relating to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

### **California Rare Plant Rank 1B: Plants Rare, Threatened, or Endangered in California and Elsewhere**

Plants with a California Rare Plant Rank of 1B are rare throughout their range with the majority of them endemic to California. Most of the plants that are ranked 1B have declined significantly over the last century. California Rare Plant Rank 1B plants constitute the majority of taxa in the CNPS Inventory, with more than 1,000 plants assigned to this category of rarity.

### **California Rare Plant Rank 2A: Plants Presumed Extirpated in California, But More Common Elsewhere**

The plant taxa of California Rare Plant Rank 2A are presumed extirpated because they have not been observed or documented in California for many years. This list includes only those plant taxa that are presumed extirpated in California, but more common elsewhere in their range.

### **California Rare Plant Rank 2B: Plants Rare, Threatened, or Endangered in California, But More Common Elsewhere**

Except for being common beyond the boundaries of California, plants with a California Rare Plant Rank of 2B would have been ranked 1B. From the federal perspective, plants common in other states or countries are not eligible for consideration under the provisions of the Endangered Species Act.

### **California Rare Plant Rank 3: Plants About Which More Information is Needed - A California Rare Plant Rank 4: Plants of Limited Distribution - A Watch List**

The plants in this category are of limited distribution or infrequent throughout a broader area in California. While we cannot call these plants "rare" from a statewide perspective, they are

uncommon enough that their status should be monitored regularly. Should the degree of endangerment or rarity of a California Rare Plant Rank 4 plant change, we will transfer it to a more appropriate rank.

Some of the plants constituting California Rare Plant Rank 4 meet the definitions of Secs. 2062 and 2067 (California Endangered Species Act) of the California Department of Fish and Game Code, and few, if any, are eligible for state listing. Nevertheless, many of them are significant locally, and we strongly recommend that California Rare Plant Rank 4 plants be evaluated for consideration during preparation of environmental documents relating to CEQA. This may be particularly appropriate for:

- The type locality of a California Rare Plant Rank 4 plant,
- Populations at the periphery of a species' range,
- Areas where the taxon is especially uncommon,
- Areas where the taxon has sustained heavy losses, or
- Populations exhibiting unusual morphology or occurring on unusual substrates.

### Threat Ranks

The CNPS Threat Rank is an extension added onto the California Rare Plant Rank and designates the level of threats by a 1 to 3 ranking with 1 being the most threatened and 3 being the least threatened. A Threat Rank is present for all California Rare Plant Rank 1B's, 2B's, 4's, and the majority of California Rare Plant Rank 3's. California Rare Plant Rank 4 plants are seldom assigned a Threat Rank of 0.1, as they generally have large enough populations to not have significant threats to their continued existence in California; however, certain conditions exist to make the plant a species of concern and hence be assigned a California Rare Plant Rank. In addition, all California Rare Plant Rank 1A and 2A (presumed extirpated in California), and some California Rare Plant Rank 3 (need more information) plants, which lack threat information, do not have a Threat Rank extension.

TABLE 1: Results of Nine Quadrangle search using the Greenview Quad

<b><u>Botrypus virginianus</u></b>	rattlesnake fern	Ophioglossaceae	List 2B.2
<b><u>Calochortus persistens</u></b>	Siskiyou mariposa lily	Liliaceae	List 1B.2
<b><u>Chaenactis suffrutescens</u></b>	Shasta chaenactis	Asteraceae	List 1B.3
<b><u>Erigeron bloomeri</u> var. <u>nudatus</u></b>	Waldo daisy	Asteraceae	List 2B.3
<b><u>Eriogonum hirtellum</u></b>	Klamath Mountain buckwheat	Polygonaceae	List 1B.3
<b><u>Eriogonum umbellatum</u> var. <u>lautum</u></b>	Scott Valley buckwheat	Polygonaceae	List 1B.1
<b><u>Eriogonum ursinum</u> var. <u>erubescens</u></b>	blushing wild buckwheat	Polygonaceae	List 1B.3

<b><u>Erythronium hendersonii</u></b>	Henderson's fawn lily	List 2B.3
<b><u>Galium serpticum</u> ssp. <u>scotticum</u></b>	Scott Mountain bedstraw	List 1B.2
<b><u>Lewisia cotyledon</u> var. <u>howellii</u></b>	Howell's lewisia	List 3.2
<b><u>Minuartia howellii</u></b>	Howell's sandwort	List 1B.3
<b><u>Phacelia greenei</u></b>	Scott Valley phacelia	List 1B.2
<b><u>Polemonium carneum</u></b>	Oregon polemonium	List 2B.2
<b><u>Sidalcea oregana</u> ssp. <u>eximia</u></b>	coast checkerbloom	List 1B.2
<b><u>Smilax jamesii</u></b>	English Peak greenbrier	List 1B.3

TABLE 2: Plants known to be in the Greenview Quadrangle

<b><u>Chaenactis suffrutescens</u></b>	Shasta chaenactis	List 1B.3
<b><u>Eriogonum umbellatum</u> var. <u>lautum</u></b>	Scott Valley buckwheat	List 1B.1
<b><u>Erythronium hendersonii</u></b>	Henderson's fawn lily	List 2B.3
<b><u>Phacelia greenei</u></b>	Scott Valley phacelia	List 1B.2
<b><u>Smilax jamesii</u></b>	English Peak greenbrier	List 1B.3

This surveyor has been performing botany surveys in Siskiyou County for 14 years and is familiar with the varied plant communities and the plants associated with them. Areas of special interest and focus have been with rare plant surveys. This surveyor is familiar with the plants listed on Table1 and Table 2. To assist in plant identification herbaria were utilized, these are located at the Klamath National Forest Supervisors Office in Yreka, California, and at the Salmon River District Botanist's private herbaria, in Fort Jones. Consultation with Marla Knight, Klamath National Forest Forest Botanist, helped in the rare plant survey strategy. Plant identification was completed with personal knowledge of local plants aided with the *Jepson Manual* (Hickman 1996), other botanical references (See references), a dissecting microscope, and herbaria samples.

### Survey Results

Surveyor is well aware that even though a species may not be recorded for a given area, it may nonetheless be present, especially where favorable conditions occur. With this in mind and with

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careful attention during surveys, no rare, threatened, endangered, or sensitive plants were located and it is determined that no direct, indirect, or cumulative effects to any special status plant is expected to occur. This determination was made considering no previously recorded sites are known to exist in the project area, and that none were found during surveys.

*Smilax californica*, greenbriar found on site is not the listed 1B.3 greenbriar found on Table 1. The common form found here has spines on the stems. Scott Valley Buckwheat is known to be located on Kidder Creek Road, I stopped and examined these plants thoroughly, none of these plants were found at the site, even though they are in very close proximity. Likewise Shasta chaeactis is known to be in the area, adjacent to the current project site. However this project site was thoroughly searched and no plants of this species was located.

**Conclusions:** Due to the extent of previous disturbances, logging and roads, at the project area coupled with the limited area of habitat, it is very unlikely a rare, threatened, endangered, or sensitive plant is within the project area. No special status plant was found.

**Recommendations:** The project should be able to proceed, as there are no perceived threats to any special status plants.

**Kathleen Tyler**

**Botanist   Resource Management   530.468.2888**



# 2013 Kidder Creek Overall Plant list

## Trees

Genus	Species	Common Name
<i>Abies</i>	<i>concolor</i>	white fir
<i>Acer</i>	<i>macrophyllum</i>	big leaf maple
<i>Alnus</i>	<i>rhombifolia</i>	white alder
<i>Calocedrus</i>	<i>decurrens</i>	incense cedar
<i>Cornus</i>	<i>nuttallii</i>	mountain dogwood
<i>Juniperus</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	western juniper
<i>Pinus</i>	<i>lambertiana</i>	sugar pine
<i>Pinus</i>	<i>ponderosa</i>	ponderosa pine
<i>Populus</i>	<i>balsamifera</i> ssp. <i>trichocarpa</i>	black cottonwood
<i>Pseudotsuga</i>	<i>menziesii</i>	Douglas fir
<i>Quercus</i>	<i>garryana</i>	Oregon white oak
<i>Quercus</i>	<i>kelloggii</i>	black oak
<i>Salix</i>	<i>laevigata</i>	red willow

## Shrubs

Genus	Species	Common Name
<i>Arctostaphylos</i>	<i>viscida</i>	white leaf manzanita
<i>Amelanchier</i>	<i>alnifolia</i>	serviceberry
<i>Berberis</i>	<i>aquifolium</i>	Oregon grape
<i>Ceanothus</i>	<i>cuneatus</i>	buck brush
<i>Ceanothus</i>	<i>integerrimus</i>	deerbrush
<i>Cercocarpus</i>	<i>betuloides</i> var. <i>betuloides</i>	birch leaf mountain mahogany
<i>Chrysothamnus</i>	<i>nauseosus</i>	gray rabbit brush
<i>Cornus</i>	<i>sericea</i>	creek dogwood
<i>Corylus</i>	<i>cornuta</i>	hazelnut
<i>Crataegus</i>	<i>douglasii</i>	black hawthorn
<i>Epilobium</i>	<i>brachycarpum</i>	willow herb
<i>Fragaria</i>	<i>vesca</i>	woodland strawberry
<i>Lonicera</i>	<i>hispidula</i> var. <i>vacillans</i>	honeysuckle
<i>Philadelphus</i>	<i>lewisii</i>	mock orange
<i>Prunus</i>	<i>emarginata</i>	bitter cherry
<i>Prunus</i>	<i>virginiana</i> var. <i>demissa</i>	choke cherry

<i>Rhus</i>	<i>trilobata</i>	skunk brush
<i>Ribes</i>	<i>roezlii</i>	Sierra gooseberry
<i>Ribes</i>	<i>sanguineum</i>	pink flowering currant
<i>Rosa</i>	<i>cf . rubiginosa</i>	sweet brier
<i>Rosa</i>	<i>sp.</i>	wild rose
<i>Rubus</i>	<i>ursinus</i>	California blackberry
<i>Rubus</i>	<i>discolor</i>	Himalayan blackberry
<i>Salix</i>		willow
<i>Sambucus</i>	<i>mexicana</i>	blue elderberry
<i>Smilax</i>	<i>californica</i>	greenbrier
<i>Symphoricarpos</i>	<i>mollis</i>	creeping snowberry
<i>Toxicodendron</i>	<i>diversilobum</i>	poison oak

## Herbaceous Plants

Genus	Species	Common Name
<i>Achillea</i>	<i>millefolium</i>	yarrow
<i>Adenocaulon</i>	<i>bicolor</i>	trail plant
<i>Agastache</i>	<i>urticifolia</i>	common horsemint
<i>Agoseris</i>	<i>retrorsa</i>	spearleaf mountain dandelion
<i>Agoseris</i>	<i>heterophylla</i>	annual agoseris
<i>Allium</i>	<i>acuminatum</i>	taper tip onion
<i>Antennaria</i>	<i>argentea</i>	silver pussytoes
<i>Aquilegia</i>	<i>formosa</i>	columbine
<i>Arabis</i>	<i>holboellii</i>	Holboell's rockcress
<i>Arnica</i>	<i>cordifolia</i>	heartleaf arnica
<i>Artemesia</i>	<i>douglasiana</i>	mugwort
<i>Brassica</i>	<i>nigra</i>	black mustard
<i>Castilleja</i>	<i>tenuis</i>	hairy owl clover
<i>Centaurea</i>	<i>cyanus</i>	bachelor's button
<i>Chamomilla</i>	<i>suaveolens</i>	pineapple weed
<i>Chlorogalum</i>	<i>pomeridianum</i>	soap plant
<i>Cirsium</i>	<i>vulgare</i>	bull thistle
<i>Clarkia</i>	<i>gracilis ssp. gracilis</i>	graceful clarkia
<i>Claytonia</i>	<i>perforatum</i>	miner's lettuce
<i>Collinsia</i>	<i>sparsiflora</i>	spinsters blue-eyed Mary
<i>Collinsia</i>	<i>parviflora</i>	blue-eyed Mary
<i>Cystopteris</i>	<i>fragilis</i>	fragile fern
<i>Descurainia</i>	<i>sophia</i>	flex weed
<i>Dichelostemma</i>	<i>congestum</i>	ookow
<i>Disporum</i>	<i>smithii</i>	fairy bells

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<i>Dodecatheon</i>	<i>hendersonii</i>	Henderson's shooting star
<i>Draba</i>	<i>verna</i>	spring draba
<i>Eriogonum</i>	<i>cf.</i>	
<i>Eriogonum</i>	<i>compositum</i> var. <i>compositum</i>	wild buckwheat
<i>Eriogonum</i>	<i>nudum</i>	nude stem buckwheat
<i>Eriophyllum</i>	<i>lanatum</i>	Oregon sunshine
<i>Erodium</i>	<i>cicutarium</i>	storksbill
<i>Fritillaria</i>	<i>recurva</i>	red bells
<i>Fritillaria</i>	<i>affinis</i>	checker lily
<i>Galium</i>	<i>apertine</i>	bedstraw
<i>Galium</i>	<i>triflorum</i>	sweet scented bedstraw
<i>Geum</i>	<i>macrophyllum</i>	large leaf avens
<i>Heracleum</i>	<i>maximum</i>	cow parsnip
<i>Hesperochiron</i>	<i>pumilus</i>	dwarf hesperochiron
<i>Hieracium</i>	<i>albiflorum</i>	hawkweed
<i>Hypericum</i>	<i>perforatum</i>	St. John's wort
<i>Idahoa</i>	<i>scapigera</i>	oldstem idahoa
<i>Iris</i>	<i>spp.</i>	wild iris
<i>Isatis</i>	<i>tinctoria</i>	Marlahan mustard
<i>Isopyrum</i>	<i>stipitatum</i>	Siskiyou rue anemone
<i>Leucanthemum</i>	<i>vulgare</i>	oxe-eye daisy
<i>Lilium</i>	<i>washingtonianum</i>	Washington lily
<i>Lilium</i>	<i>paradalinum</i>	leopard lily
<i>Linanthus</i>	<i>ciliatus</i>	wisker brush
<i>Lithophragma</i>	<i>parviflorum</i>	praire star
<i>Lomatium</i>	<i>cf. macrocarpum</i>	biscuit root
<i>Lomatium</i>	<i>nudicaule</i>	large leaf lomatium
<i>Lotus</i>	<i>purshianus</i>	Spanish lotus
<i>Lupinus</i>	<i>albifrons</i>	silver lupine
<i>Lupinus</i>	<i>bicolor</i>	lupine
<i>Madia</i>	<i>minima</i>	small tarweed
<i>Melilotus</i>	<i>officinalis</i>	yellow sweet clover
<i>Mentzelia</i>	<i>laevicaulis</i>	blazing star
<i>Montia</i>	<i>parviflora</i>	small-leaved miner's lettuce
<i>Navarretia</i>	<i>intertexta</i> ssp. <i>propinqua</i>	narrowleaf navarretia
<i>Nemophila</i>	<i>parviflora</i> var. <i>parviflora</i>	small flowered nemophila
<i>Osmorhiza</i>	<i>chilensis</i>	wood sweet-cicely
<i>Penstemon</i>	<i>deustus</i>	hot rock beardtongue
<i>Penstemon</i>	<i>speciosus</i>	showy penstemon
<i>Penstemon</i>	<i>spp.</i>	beardtongue
<i>Perideridia</i>	<i>cf. bolanderi</i> ssp <i>bolanderi</i>	yampah
<i>Phacelia</i>	<i>hastata</i>	silverleaf phacelia
<i>Phacelia</i>	<i>linearis</i>	threadleaf phacelia

<i>Phlox</i>	<i>gracilis</i>	slender phlox
<i>Piperia</i>	<i>ssp.</i>	rein orchid
<i>Plagiobothrys</i>	<i>ssp.</i>	popcorn flower
<i>Plantago</i>	<i>lanceolata</i>	English plantain
<i>Plantago</i>	<i>major</i>	broadleaf plantain
<i>Polystichum</i>	<i>munitum</i>	sword fern
<i>Potentilla</i>	<i>glandulosa</i>	sticky cinquefoil
<i>Prunella</i>	<i>vulgaris</i>	self-heal
<i>Pteridium</i>	<i>aquilinum</i>	bracken fern
<i>Ranunculus</i>	<i>occidentalis</i>	meadow buttercup
<i>Rorippa</i>	<i>nasturtium-aquaticum</i>	water cress
<i>Rumex</i>	<i>acetosella</i>	sheep sorel
<i>Sanicula</i>	<i>bipinnatifida</i>	purple sanicle
<i>Saxifraga</i>	<i>californica</i>	saxifrage
<i>Sedum</i>	<i>spathulifolium</i>	broadleaf stonecrop
<i>Senecio</i>	<i>aronicoides</i>	California butterweed
<i>Silene</i>	<i>lemmonii</i>	catchfly
<i>Smilicina</i>	<i>stellata</i>	Solomon's seal
<i>Taraxaeum</i>	<i>officinale</i>	common dandelion
<i>Tellima</i>	<i>grandiflora</i>	fringe cups
<i>Tragopogon</i>	<i>dubius</i>	salsify
<i>Trientalis</i>	<i>latifolia</i>	star flower
<i>Trifolium</i>	<i>willdenovii</i>	tomcat clover
<i>Trifolium</i>	<i>obtusiflorum</i>	creek clover
<i>Triphysaria</i>	<i>eriantha</i>	Johnnytuck
<i>Verbascum</i>	<i>thapus</i>	wooly mullein
<i>Veronica</i>	<i>americana</i>	speedwell, brookline
<i>Vicia</i>	<i>americana</i>	vetch
<i>Viola</i>	<i>adunca</i>	Western dog violet
<i>Viola</i>	<i>glabella</i>	stream violet
<i>Viola</i>	<i>sempervirens</i>	evergreen violet
<i>Viola</i>	<i>douglasii</i>	Douglas violet
<i>Viola</i>	<i>purpurea</i>	mountain violet
<i>Viola</i>	<i>sheltonii</i>	Shelton's violet

## Grasses/Grass like plants

Genus	Species	Common Name
<i>Bromus</i>	<i>tectorum</i>	cheat grass
<i>Carex</i>	<i>amplifolia</i>	bigleaf sedge
<i>Carex</i>	<i>multicaulis</i>	many stemmed sedge
<i>Carex</i>	<i>barbarae</i>	Barbara sedge
<i>Elymus</i>	<i>elymoides</i>	squirrel tail

<i>Elymus</i>	<i>glaucus</i>	blue wild rye
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>idahoneses</i>	Idaho fescue
<i>Festuca</i>	<i>elmeri</i>	Elmer's fescue
<i>Muhlenbergia</i>	<i>andina</i>	foxtail muhly
<i>Phleum</i>	<i>pratense</i>	Timothy grass
<i>Poa</i>	<i>bulbosa</i>	bulbous blue grass
<i>Poa</i>	<i>ssp.</i>	blue grass
<i>Poa</i>	<i>wheeleri</i>	Wheeler's bluegrass
<i>Poa</i>	<i>secunda</i>	Sandberg's bluegrass
<i>Typha</i>	<i>latifolia</i>	cattails
<i>Vulpia</i>	<i>myuros</i>	rattail fescue

## Lichens and miscellaneous

Genus	Species	Common Name
<b>Mistletoe</b>		
<i>Phoradendron</i>	<i>juniperinum</i>	juniper mistletoe

### Lichens

Crustose lichens	unidentified species	growing on rocks
<i>Evernia</i>	<i>ssp.</i>	growing on oak branches
<i>Letharia</i>	<i>vulpina</i>	wolf lichen
<i>Xanthoparmelia</i>	<i>ssp.</i>	rock shield lichen
<i>Bryoria</i>	<i>ssp.</i>	
<i>Tucken</i>	<i>ssp.</i>	
<i>Usnea</i>	<i>ssp.</i>	

### Moss

<i>Grimmia</i>	<i>ssp.</i>	hot rock moss
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### Fungi

<i>Astraeus</i>	<i>hygrometricus</i>	hygroscopic earthstar
<i>Trametes</i>	<i>versicolor</i>	turkey tails
<i>Peziza s</i>	<i>spp.</i>	brown cup fungus
<i>Calbovista</i>	<i>subsculpta</i>	sculpted puffball
<i>Polyporus</i>	<i>elegans</i>	elegant polypore

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## Addendum for Kidder Creek Botany report

Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Inc. is located in the California floristic Province, in what is classified as the Northwestern subdivision, specifically the sub region known as the Klamath Ranges. California Floristic Province is characterized by hot, dry summers and cool, wet winters. Most of the upslope wooded portion of the survey area is mixed conifer, dominated by ponderosa pine (*Pinus ponderosa*) and white fir (*Abies concolor*) with a scattering of incense cedar (*Calocedrus decurrens*) and sugar pine (*Pinus lambertiana*). There are pockets of shrubs mainly buckbrush (*Ceanothus cuneatus*) and deerbrush (*Ceanothus integerrimus*). At the toe of the slope white oak (*Quercus garryana*) dominates with a scattering of black oak (*Quercus kelloggii*). A large portion of the Kidder Creek Orchard camp consists of apple orchards, grass, or corralled fields for horses. Along the drainage area of Kidder Creek, more of riparian vegetation cover is present, such as alder (*Alnus rhombifolia*), big leaf maple (*Acer macrophyllum*), creek dogwood (*Cornus sericea*), and scattered willows (*Salix sp.*). Along the creek in the open rocky sandy areas the vegetation is limited to pockets of small herbaceous plants and an occasional willow (*Salix sp.*), lupine (*Lupinus albifrons*), and sweet clover (*Melilotus officinalis*).

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**Project Application for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change (Z-14-01) and Use Permit (UP-11-15), Siskiyou County**

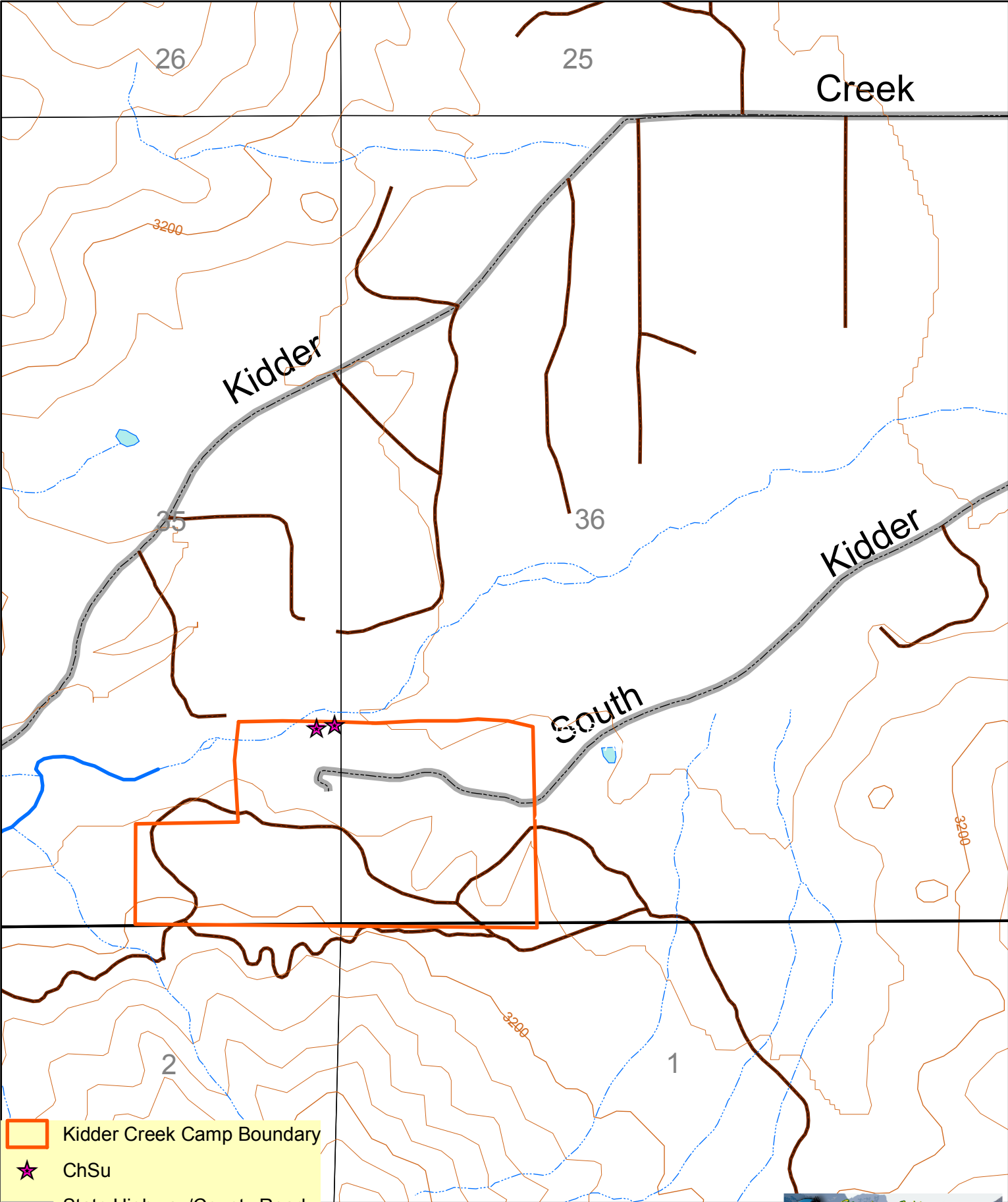
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

The following is input from applicant in regards to comments and recommendations made by the State of California, Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW).

<b><i>Comment Item</i></b>	<b><i>Discussion/Input to County</i></b>
<u>Salmonid Fish Use in Kidder Creek</u>	It is anticipated that KCOC will need to drill at least one additional well to meet the projected system demand. The well is currently targeted for location within either APN 024-440-300 or 024-440-310. It will be evaluated to ensure there is no impact on stream flow and salmonid species prior to applying for a drilling permit.
<u>Proposed Water Features</u>	<p>KCOC has consulted with the Department of Water Resources in regards to the water rights and source of water for filling the proposed new 7-acre pond. Current water rights from Barker Ditch are sufficient for meeting the needs of filling the pond. Written agreements from shared water right holders on Barker Ditch have been obtained to state their agreement that they will not be harmed by the activity. Early consultation with CDFW has clarified planned use of adjudicated water rights in relation to the new pond. The Division of Water Rights has been contacted (Mark Matranga) and they have clarified a 1700 process is not required for adjudicated water.</p> <p>In response to the “additional water bodies that will be created or expanded during the Project implementation” KCOC has no plans for additional or expanded water bodies and believe the comment is a misunderstanding in reading the maps. All water features shown on the maps currently exist with the exception of the proposed 7-acre pond. There is one small water feature that is depicted on the map and not included in the project description that is a landscape feature only (rock fountain), not a water body.</p>
<u>Wetland and Drainage Features</u>	No planned development will occur within delineated wetland areas.
<u>Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement</u>	The proposed project does not impact the bed, bank, channel, or associated riparian vegetation of Kidder Creek. Therefore a 1600 permit does not apply to Kidder Creek. KCOC will apply for the necessary permits when working to install road crossings in unnamed intermittent streams (future construction).
<u>CESA</u>	The applicant does not believe the proposed project will result in the “take” of a State-listed species as the areas of development are not within habitat areas of such species.
<u>Wildlife Resources Report</u>	See new Wildlife report.
<u>Northern Spotted Owl</u>	See new Wildlife report.

<u>Nesting Raptors and Migratory Birds</u>	See new Wildlife report.
<u>Townsend's big-eared bat</u>	See new Wildlife report.
<u>Wildlife Corridors</u>	See new Wildlife report.
<u>Botanical Resource Surveys</u>	<p>For clarification on the locations of surveys, the initial report covered the entire project area encompassing 551 acres. After the initial report was completed KCOC purchased an additional 29 acres of adjacent property. The addendum covers additional surveys completed on this 29 acre parcel.</p> <p>The location of the Shasta chaenactis is within the immediate bank of Kidder Creek (see map included in report as reference) and not within or near any proposed construction zone. KCOC will flag and restrict access as suggested in the event there is a need to ensure there is no impact.</p> <p>See attached forms and map.</p>
<u>Invasive Species</u>	County to inform applicant of concerns if any are identified.
<u>Timberland Conversion</u>	KCOC will pursue any necessary permits from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
<u>Lighting</u>	KCOC will consider the comments and recommendations of CDFW when installing lighting structures.
<u>California Natural Diversity Database</u>	See new Wildlife report

A map depicting the proposed plan site with plant communities is attached.



-  Kidder Creek Camp Boundary
-  ChSu
-  State Highway/County Road
-  Other Road

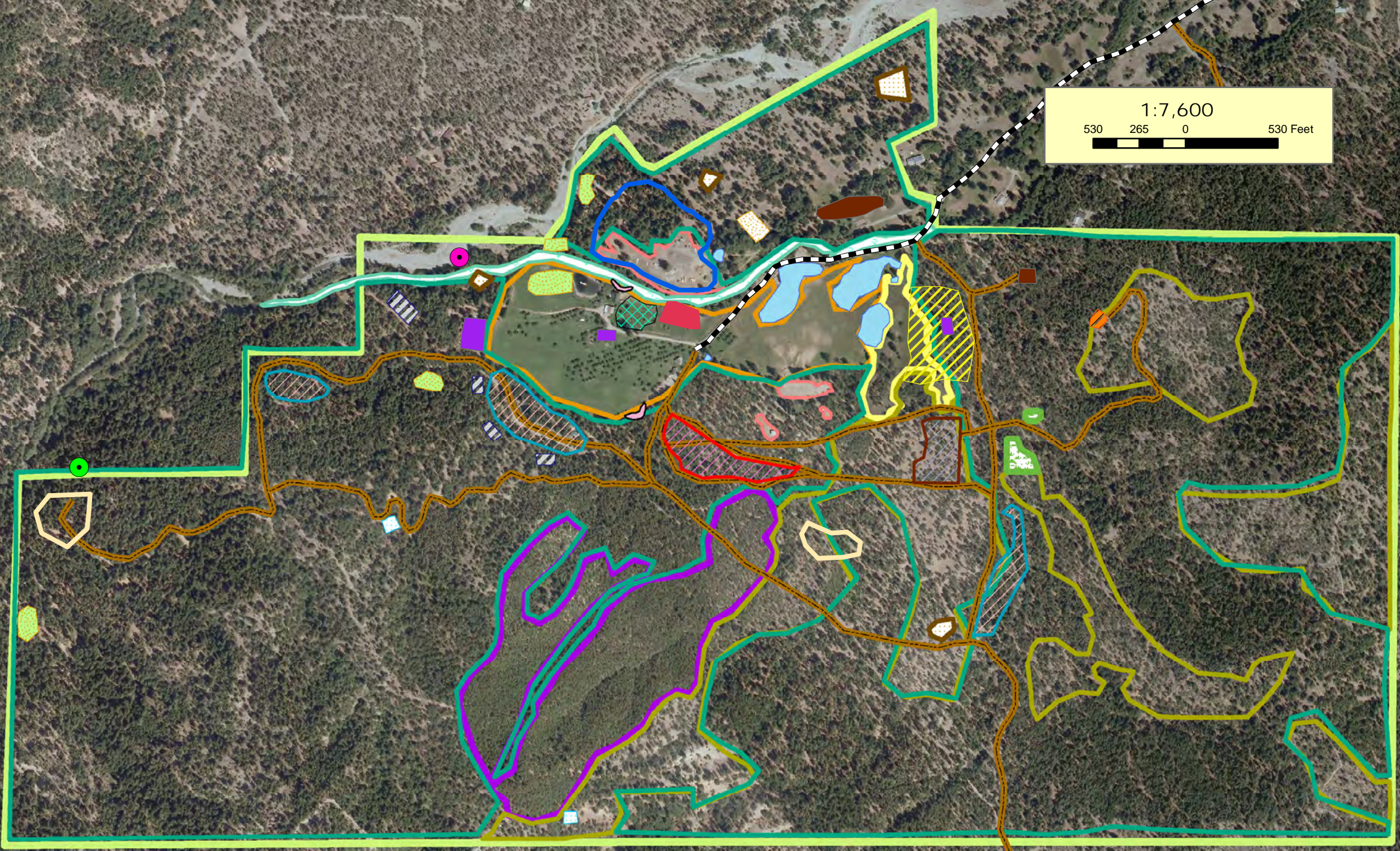
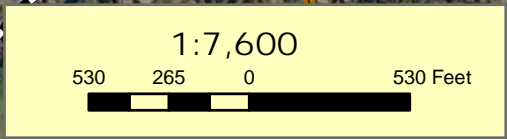
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adult retreat centers	base camp	worship pavillion	CHSU2
guest houses	recreation areas	water tanks	
residences	equestrian center	sawmill storage area	
high camps	picnic area	maintenance facility	
the pines	RV area	amphitheater	

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Kidder Creek Camp Boundary	Grassland
Mixed Conifer	Barker Ditch Tree / Shrub
Oak Woodlands	Barren Ground
Shrub	Pasture / Agriculture
Wetland	South Kidder Creek Road
	private road



# **Wildlife Resources Report:**

## **Mt. Hermon/Kidder Creek Orchard Camp**

### **Siskiyou County Land Use Permit**



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## **Introduction:**

This report was prepared to identify the impacts of the proposed expansion project on wildlife and their habitats. The methodology of data collection and analysis included an examination of existing documentation on CNDDDB (California Natural Diversity Data Base) as well as NRIS (Natural Resource Information System), wildlife habitat identification on site, and species monitoring using standardized and current USFWS protocol during the 2015 year. This was conducted to meet compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) standards as requested for this land use permit proposal.

## **Project Overview:**

The proposed project, scheduled for implementation over the next twenty years, follows a strategic plan outlined for the company as well as the land. The strategic plan goals and objectives are as follows:

- 1) Enhance the Kidder Creek Ministry and Guest Experience by:
  - a. Providing improved facilities and accommodations to support the growth of the ministry.
  - b. Enhancing the visual landscaping and intrinsic value of the natural beauty that the camp property provides.
  - c. Enhancing the use and human experience of water across the property.
  - d. Separating the vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- 2) Determine the potential for development on the existing property and explore opportunities to incorporate adjacent parcels.
- 3) Create a flexible layout that accommodates phased construction and/or potential acquisition.

## **Location:**

The Mt. Hermon/Kidder Creek Orchard Camp project area is located approximately 2.7 miles west of the intersection of South Kidder Creek Road and State Highway 3, south of the community of Greenview, Siskiyou County, California. The proposed project is located within Township 43N, Range 10W, Section 36 Mt. Diablo Meridian, Siskiyou County, California. The project lies within the Greenview 7.5' and Fort Jones 15' quadrangles.

## **Natural Environment:**

The project area surveyed has several different natural habitat types. Riparian woodland, sandy cobble mixed river banks, meadows, mixed conifer forest structure with bordering oak savannas. The project area falls within the area described in the *Jepson Manual* as the California Floristic Province, more specifically the Klamath Ranges. The majority of the proposed project area lies within an area of preexisting man made clearings consisting of pasture land and recreational fields. The proposed camp and facility expansion area near the existing ranch camp intertwines with naturalized meadows and oak savanna forest structure. The proposed pond expansion area is primarily composed of cobble and poor soil structure resulting in riparian vegetation typical within the 50 year-century flood plain along the corridor of Kidder Creek.

## **Procedures and Findings:**

Four separate Wildlife Resource site visits were conducted from May 1<sup>st</sup>-August 1<sup>st</sup> on a regular spacing through the avian breeding season and height of wildlife activity as well to coincide with Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis*) and Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) protocol monitoring (USFWS NSO protocol 2011, USFWS/USFS NOGO protocol 2006). Surveys were conducted on 5/1/2015, 5/15/2015, 6/6/2015, and 8/1/2015. Each site visit was conducted in the evening hours starting at ~1500 for duration of 4-8 hours under fair weather conditions depending on species.

All protocol monitoring data is provided attached. Another biologist conducted two separate Wildlife Resource site visits in October and December of 2013 with no significant findings.

A four night survey call route (conducted 5/1, 5/15, 6/6, 8/1) in conjunction with an intensive stand search (5/1) was conducted with approved consultation by California Fish and Wildlife to determine Northern Spotted Owl presence. A night call route with six call point stations were created on the property in Spotted Owl habitat to capture any night time Spotted Owl responses. The call point stations were mostly positioned around the 1995 detection; however the project area(s) were acoustically covered as well. See attached map for call route and intensive stand search area.

Two intensive stand searches (conducted 5/1 and 6/6) adhering to 2006 Northern Goshawk Protocol in the proposed development areas yielded no raptor response.

During the survey period no evidence of presence of either Northern Spotted Owl or Northern Goshawk was detected on the property.

Both Northern Spotted Owl and Northern Goshawk surveys were conducted utilizing a digital caller with USFWS approved calls on protocol frequency and volume.

Among other species of special concern identified from historic observations recorded in CNDDDB (data pull 12/24/2014, Greenview and Ft. Jones quadrangles and a full CNDDDB 9 Quad Species List) and NRIS (data pull 5/1/2015) were the Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*), Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*), Ferruginous Hawk (*Buteo regalis*), Perigrine Falcon (*Falco perigrinus*), Merlin (*Falco columbarius*), Greater Sandhill Crane (*Grus Canadensis*), Bank Swallow (*Riparia riparis*), Fisher (*Martes pennanti*), Scott Bar Salamander (*Plethodon asupak*), Siskiyou Salamander (*Plethodon stormi*) and Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus tonsendii*).

A single Fisher was visually confirmed on the night of August 1<sup>st</sup> near the entrance of the camp at 2230. See attached map for location. It crossed the road coming from the tree line of the pasture and climbed into a Ponderosa Pine where I could confirm the species. This detection lead to an intensive stand search conducted of the surrounding areas within the proposed development for den sites and resting trees. No active den sites were detected. The Pacific Fisher has a home range of 980.5 Hectares per female and 3934.5 Hectares for males. ([Zielinski, W.J.](#)). The observation is highly likely to be a male due to the time of year it was sited and in the absence of young.

An active Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) nest was observed in a Douglas fir tree next to the main pond. Removal or disturbance of the nest or nest tree is illegal under Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Careful measures should be made to protect the nest while pond development occurs.

No other species, both federally and/or state listed, threatened, endangered, or of special concern, were detected or identified on the visits. Additionally no sign of these animals were present on the property. For many species, including the *Plethodon* salamander species, habitat did not exist on the landscape in or around the project area.

California Fish and Wildlife recommends the project applicant conduct acoustic bat surveys by a qualified biologist prior to project construction. A preliminary habitat evaluation conducted on May 1st evaluates the area to have poor to no habitat. No caves, abandoned mines, or abandoned human made structures exist in the project area. There are very few solitary trees with small, <2 inch, cavities in the project area in natural oak savanna forested area that consists majorly of White Oak <16 inch Diameter Breast Height that provide sparse, poor habitat at best. In my professional opinion there is no qualified habitat to host summer maternity roosts. If information beyond this habitat evaluation is needed by California Fish and Wildlife to determine presence a qualified bat biologist can conduct surveys before vegetation removal occurs.

**A list of common species observed outside of the above mentioned species during the surveys:**

Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*)

White Breasted Nuthatch (*Sitta carolinensis*)

Yellow Breasted Chat (*Icteria virens*)

Flycatcher (*Tyrannidae spp.*)

Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*)

Yellow Warbler (*Dendroica petechia*)

Western Tanager (*Piranga ludoviciana*)

American Robin (*Turdus migratorius*)

Common Starling (*Sturnidae*)

American Crow (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*)

Common Raven (*Corvus corax*)

Red Tail Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

Canada Geese (*Branta canadensis*)

Black Tail Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*)

Western Grey Squirrel (*Sciurus griseus*)

Chipmunk (*Neotamias spp.*)

Western Fence Lizard (*Sceloporus occidentalis*)

Bull Frog (*Rana catesbeiana*)

## **Recommendations:**

The detection of a Pacific Fisher on the property warrants special considerations with any vegetation management to avoid den tree disturbance by removal. Consultation with USFWS should be made if any large scale timber removal is planned for the property with USFWS guidelines for fisher management in mind. With the land proposal as is it will not likely affect the fisher. If the species is listed as threatened or endangered by FWS re consultation should occur to meet standards guides for species protection. Both the nest tree and nest occupied by the Osprey needs special protection to avoid disturbance or removal. Prior to any development around the identified nest tree and grove a nest tree protection plan will be developed to adhere to legal species and nest protection in compliance with The Migratory Bird Treaty Act. The overall proposal of expansion adds value to the property by integrating human experience harmonically with our natural wild lands. The thoughtfulness of design works with nature to develop a healthy relationship that harnesses the intrinsic value of outdoor experience and education. In my professional opinion the proposed expansion is not likely to adversely affect any sensitive species or habitat for any sensitive species with the considerations taken in to account above.

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# **Wetland Delineation Summary**

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## Introduction:

This document summarizes a wetland delineation conducted by Kathleen Tyler, employee certified for conducting Wetland Delineation for Northern California Resource Center, on November 26, 2013 for the Kidder Creek Camp area. The project site is located in Siskiyou County T43N, R10W, Section 36, in USGS Greenview quadrangle. The general surrounding area is dominated by white oak and ponderosa pine. Historically the area on which the delineation was conducted has been used for a horse pasture and was flood irrigated for many years. The main irrigation ditch is depicted on the map. There are five other hand dug ditches that were also mapped with a Trimble GPS, these ditches are in a concentric pattern across the field. The ditches appear to have been used to divert the water to the drainage on the east side.

Wetland determination data forms were completed at each sample point (10) and at each point (9) as indicated on the prepared map. A small pit, 16" in depth was dug at each point indicated to determine the soil profile and wetland indicators. At each point the sample plot size was 2meters X 2meters to access the vegetation at the point. The hydrology was determined by standing water, and water conveyance. The irrigation ditch upland from the wetland areas was mapped using a Trimble GPS unit using NAD83 Zone10 as the datum. The natural drainage originating in the upland area was also mapped as well as the natural drainage on the west side of the field. The areas of standing water were mapped; these areas are indicated on the map as Area A, B, C, and D.

The basis of the survey was by using the map created by the USFW Wetlands Inventory Mapper website. Using the wetlands indicated as a starting point for the beginning of the delineation. The determinations from the results of the delineation were based on the field forms developed and used by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The soil information was from the NCRS website for soil survey. The completed forms are part of this report.



View east, along fence line of pasture with the irrigation ditch on the right. Ponderosa pine and Oregon white oak in the background.



**Summary:**

The map included with this report was created with the data from the field. The following site information relates to specific points identified on the map but is not included in the map's legend.

Area A is an area clearly wetland, with predominately cattails, as is Area D. Area C is a perennial pond, probably spring fed. Area B is a wetland area, dominated by horsetails and birch trees, this area also could be spring fed. No delineation, other than visual (standing water /wetland plants) was performed at these locations. All four were mapped using a Trimble GPS unit.

The flood irrigation and leakage from the upland ditch as shown on the map have created an artificial wet area. On the map, there are many points marked break, these are the areas where water from the irrigation ditch flows onto the field. The sprinklers are also mapped and labeled. There are 4 overflow points where larger amounts of water is released onto the fields down slope. The sample points (spt 1-4) were taken in the area with the National Wetlands Inventory classification of a freshwater emergent wetland (PEMCh). Points 3 through 9 were taken in the area classified as a (PEMC), emergent freshwater wetland and points 1 and 2 were taken in (PSSC), Freshwater Forested/shrub wetland.

**Survey Results:**

The results differ somewhat from the classification posted by the USFW Wetlands Inventory. The findings of this surveyor indicate that the PSSC is not actually as large as indicated. The drainage on the east side is narrow as indicated on the map. It appears the area is down slope from the irrigation ditch, but by the field indications most of this area is actually white oak/ponderosa pine woodland. Soil is very gravelly and coarse and no hydrophytic plant indicators, except along the very narrow drainage as marked on the map (two blue lines).

I believe the reason this surveyor's results are different from USFW Wetlands website, is ground truthing. It would be hard to see the ditch using an aerial or infra red photography, and be able to see the ditch from the surrounding vegetation.

This surveyor results are differing somewhat as to the extent of the wetland area (PEMCh) the difference is not significant, as shown on the enclosed map. The area mapped by the USFW on the east side polygon differs too, however, this surveyor was able to delineate to a finer resolution.

The final results show that the area indicated by PSSC classification is significantly reduced except along the natural drainage itself, which is a natural channel.

The flood irrigation and continual seepage/leaks from the irrigation ditch has created an unnatural wetland appearance, if the flow were stopped, especially in a drought year such as this, there would be no wetland areas except were the natural springs occur and the natural drainages pool.



Photo looking north from ditch on the eastside

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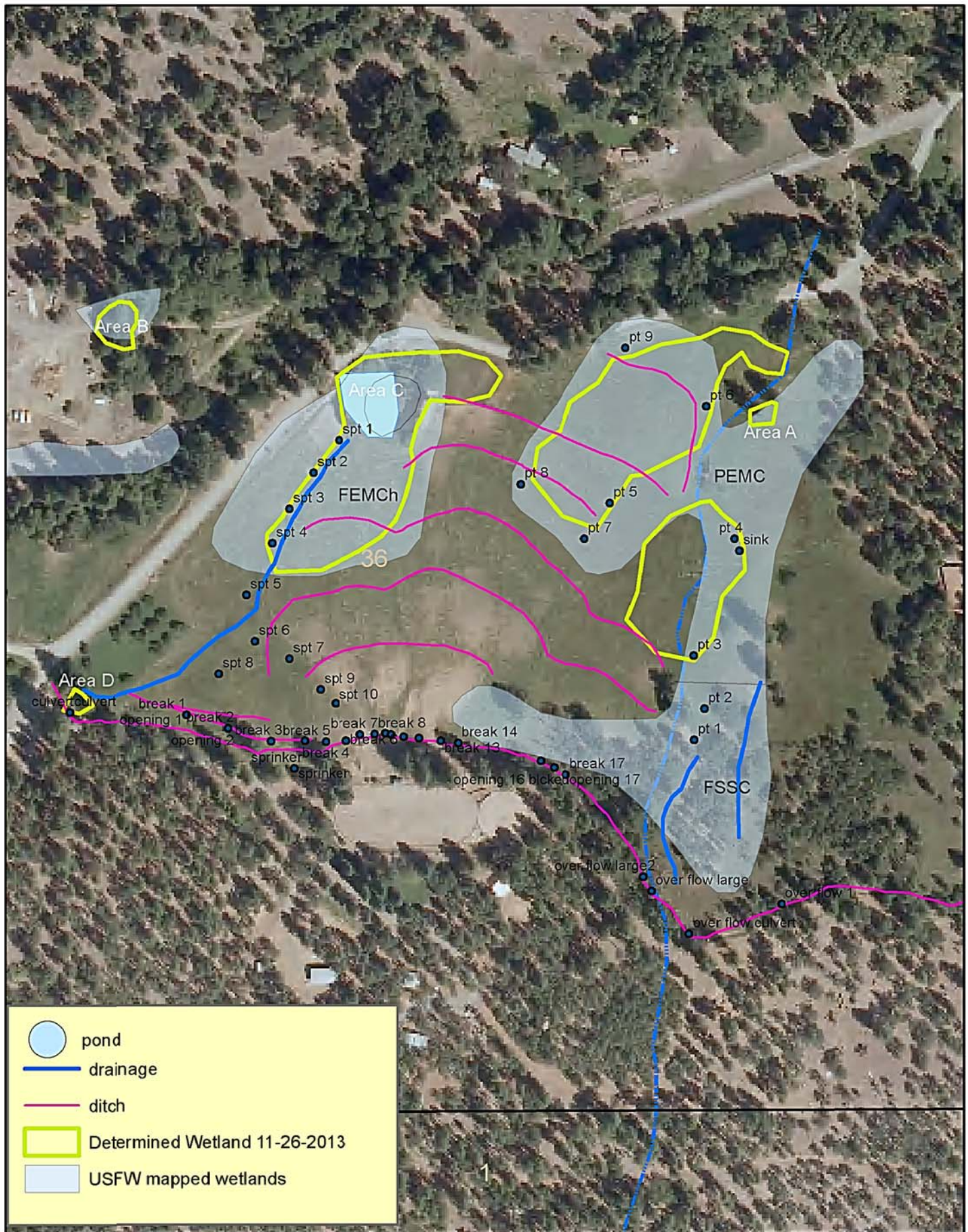
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# Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Inc. Wetland Delineation



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TRAFFIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

# **TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDY**

for

## **Kidder Creek Orchard Camp**

**(Z-14-01 & UP-11-15)**

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## INTRODUCTION

This report presents the findings of a Traffic Impact Study completed to assess the potential traffic impacts on local roadways and intersections associated with expansion and increased guest and staff occupancy at the existing Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (KCOC). The camp is located at the west end of S. Kidder Creek Road, in the Scott Valley, approximately 2.1 miles west of State Highway 3. This traffic impact study has been prepared to document existing traffic conditions, quantify traffic volumes generated by the proposed project, identify potential impacts, document findings, and make recommendations to mitigate impacts, if any are found.

### ***Study Area and Evaluated Scenarios***

The project location and the study area are shown in **Figure 1**. The study locations were selected through consultation with Siskiyou County staff and deemed as those most likely to be affected by the project. The following intersection was analyzed:

- Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road

The following roadway segments were analyzed:

- S. Kidder Creek Road (at west end)
- S. Kidder Creek Road (at east end)

This study includes analysis of the weekend day and weekend peak hour as the peak traffic conditions currently occur on the weekends and are expected to be during the same time period in the future. The evaluated development scenarios are:

- Existing Conditions (no project)
- Plus Project Conditions
- Cumulative Plus Project Conditions

### ***Analysis Methodology***

Level of service (LOS) is a term commonly used by transportation practitioners to measure and describe the operational characteristics of intersections, roadway segments, and other facilities. This term equates vehicle operations and traffic flow characteristics to letter grades “A” through “F” with “A” representing optimum conditions and “F” representing breakdown or over capacity flows. The complete methodology is established in the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM), 2010, published by the Transportation Research Board.

### Intersection LOS Methodology

**Table 1** presents the delay thresholds for each level of service grade at un-signalized and signalized intersections. The LOS for a Two-Way STOP Control (TWSC) intersection is defined by the worst minor approach delay.

Level of service calculations were performed for the study intersection using the Synchro 8 software package with analysis and results reported in accordance with the 2010 HCM methodology.

**Table 1: Level of Service Definition for Intersections**

Level of Service	Brief Description	Un-signalized Intersections (average delay/vehicle in seconds)	Signalized Intersections (average delay/vehicle in seconds)
A	Free flow conditions.	< 10	< 10
B	Stable conditions with some affect from other vehicles.	10 to 15	10 to 20
C	Stable conditions with significant affect from other vehicles.	15 to 25	20 to 35
D	High density traffic conditions still with stable flow.	25 to 35	35 to 55
E	At or near capacity flows.	35 to 50	55 to 80
F	Over capacity conditions.	> 50	> 80

**Source:** Highway Capacity Manual (2010), Chapters 18 and 19

### Roadway LOS Methodology

Roadway level of service was calculated based on the procedures outlined in Chapter 15 – “Two-Lane Highways” of the Highway Capacity Manual (HCM), 2010 edition. Chapter 15 of the HCM defines Class II Two-Lane Highways as the following – “*Class II two-lane highways are highways where motorists do not necessarily expect to travel at high speeds. Two-lane highways functioning as access routes to Class I facilities, serving as scenic or recreational routes (and not as primary arterials), or passing through rugged terrain (where high-speed operation would be impossible) are assigned to Class II. Class II facilities most often serve relatively short trips, the beginning or ending portions of longer trips, or trips for which sightseeing plays a significant role*”. The HCM states that most collectors and local roadways are considered as Class II Highways for the purposes of capacity and LOS analysis.

Consistent with this definition, S. Kidder Creek Road should be classified as a Class II Highway for the calculations performed in this study. While it is recognized that S. Kidder Creek Road is not

officially classified as a “highway” by the County, it operates as a two-lane highway as defined by the Highway Capacity Manual, and it has a speed limit of 55 mph consistent with all unposted County roads. Hence, the roadway LOS and capacity were calculated in accordance with the procedures outlined for Class II two-lane highways in Chapter 15 (Exhibit 15-3 and Equation 15-10) of the HCM 2010.

The LOS for Class II two-lane highways is calculated based on the Percent Time Spent Following (PTSF) which “represents the freedom to maneuver and the comfort and convenience of travel. It is the average percentage of time that vehicles must travel in platoons behind slower vehicles due to the inability to pass. Because this characteristic is difficult to measure in the field, a surrogate measure is the percentage of vehicles traveling at headways of less than 3.0 s at a representative location within the highway segment. PTSF also represents the approximate percentage of vehicles traveling in platoons.” **Table 2** presents the LOS criteria for Class II two-lane highways.

**Table 2: Level of Service Criteria for Class II Highways**

LOS	PTSF (%)
A	≤40
B	>40–55
C	>55–70
D	>70–85
E	>85

Source: Highway Capacity Manual (2010), Chapter 15

### Level of Service Policy

The Level of Service policy for Siskiyou County roadways and intersections was obtained from the Siskiyou County 2010 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and the Siskiyou County General Plan Circulation Element (March 1988). The Circulation Element states - “The County should not accept a normal level of service of less than Level C”. Siskiyou County describes LOS “C” as “*Stable flow, but speeds and maneuverability are more closely controlled by higher volumes; still fairly comfortable; recommended for urban design standards.*” The RTP (Part 7b of “Local Roadway System” on page 43) states the objective to “Maintain an LOS of C outside of urban areas.” The 1988 Circulation Element Level of Service for *Two-Lane Rural Highways* recommends a LOS “B” for rural design standards (page 6). The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors may consider this recommended LOS regarding the project.

The LOS policy for Caltrans facilities (Highway 3) was obtained from the Caltrans Guide for the Preparation of Traffic Impact Studies (December 2002). Caltrans endeavors to maintain a target LOS at the transition between LOS “C” and LOS “D”.

Considering both agency's standards, the LOS threshold used for this study is LOS "C" for the S. Kidder Creek Road segments and also for the Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection.

## EXISTING CONDITIONS

### *Existing Traffic Volumes*

Daily traffic volumes were collected at two locations on S. Kidder Creek Road – at the west end near the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp entrance and at the east end near Highway 3. Data collection was performed from Friday, July 24, 2015 through Sunday, July 26, 2015. The counts were intentionally collected during one of the highest camp activity weekends of the year. The peak hours were identified using outputs of the daily volume counts. The peak hour chosen for analysis occurs from 10:20 AM to 11:20 AM on Saturday. Although the Sunday peak hour volume is slightly higher than the Saturday peak hour volume, the Saturday peak hour was chosen for analysis since Saturday has the highest outbound (eastbound) volume on S. Kidder Creek Road at Highway 3. The Saturday peak time period and associated traffic flows demonstrate the most potential impact at the study intersection since the eastbound approach is STOP controlled and would incur the greatest level of delay. This provides the most conservative analysis.

The existing Saturday peak hour traffic volumes and existing lane configurations are shown on **Figure 2**, attached. The existing daily traffic volumes are shown in **Table 3**.

**Table 3: Existing Daily & Peak Hour Traffic Volumes**

Date	Day	West End of S. Kidder Creek Road			East End of S. Kidder Creek Road		
		Daily Volume	Peak		Daily Volume	Peak	
			Hour	Total		Hour	Total
7/24/2015	Friday	138	8:02-9:01	17	281	16:31-17:30	30
7/25/2015	Saturday	338	9:52-10:51	65	414	10:21-11:20	67
7/26/2015	Sunday	275	15:43-16:42	68	390	15:36-16:35	73

### *Existing Intersection Level of Service*

Intersection LOS was determined for the existing Saturday peak hour condition. Level of service calculations were performed using the existing traffic volumes, lane configurations, and traffic controls. The results are presented in **Table 4** and the calculation sheets are provided in **Appendix T-1**, attached. The study intersection currently operates at LOS "B".

**Table 4: Existing Conditions Intersection Level of Service Summary**

Intersection	Worst Approach	Existing	
		LOS	Delay
Highway 3/S. Kidder Creek Rd	Eastbound	B	10.3

### ***Existing Roadway Level of Service***

**Table 5** summarizes the existing roadway operating conditions. Level of service was calculated based on the existing volume data including a peak hour 85%/15% directional split, 0.87 Peak Hour Factor, 2% Heavy Vehicles, 1% Recreational Vehicles (conservative estimate), 20% No-Passing Zone (very conservative estimate), 10 access points per mile (conservative estimate) and flat terrain. South Kidder Creek Road currently operates at LOS “A” in both the east and westbound directions.

Applying the procedure outlined in HCM 2010, Chapter 15, Equation 15-13, the two-way capacity of S. Kidder Creek Road is estimated to be 2,000 vehicles per hour. The peak hour traffic volumes during a peak summer weekend, are currently at approximately 3.5% of the roadway’s capacity.

**Table 5: Existing Conditions Roadway Level of Service Summary**

Roadway Segment	Existing			
	Daily Volume	Peak Hour Volume	LOS (WB)	LOS (EB)
S. Kidder Creek Rd (West End)	338	65	A	A
S. Kidder Creek Rd (East End)	414	67	A	A

## **PROJECT GENERATED TRAFFIC**

### ***Project Description***

Kidder Creek Orchard Camp is proposing to enhance and expand the camp facilities in order to serve additional guests and broaden the experiences offered. New or expanded elements include, larger activity areas and additional housing, an amphitheater, additional RV spaces, a new pond, hiking, horseback riding, and mountain bike trails, new parking lots, and related supporting infrastructure. The project’s Master Site Plan is shown in **Figure 3**. Expansion of the facilities will be timed based on market demand, camp enrollment, funding availability, infrastructure development, and other constraints. The camp is currently permitted for up to 165 guests (staff numbers not included) at any given time. The proposed master plan includes increasing the total number of guests and staff to a maximum occupancy of 844 persons within the camp. This number is a maximum occupancy, however it is not the intent of KCOC to operate

camp and programs at the maximum level. The Kidder Creek Camp Strategic Plan calls for continuing to run multiple smaller programs at the same time. By operating the camp in this way, it is unlikely that maximum level for each camp element will be reached simultaneously.

Future traffic volumes generated by KCOC will be most directly related to the number of campers, when they arrive and depart, and how many campers arrive per vehicle. Note that the camp currently utilizes buses and will likely continue to do so in the future, potentially expanding the bus service options and/or the number of attendees that could reasonably arrive/depart via buses. Currently, approximately 33% to 45% of guests/campers arrive by bus or van. During the peak weekend that was counted, 42.5% of the incoming and outgoing campers arrived by buses or van pools. Kidder Creek Orchard Camp anticipates increasing the bus/van rider percentage to a consistent 40 to 50% in the future. In addition, Kidder Creek Orchard Camp is also considering additional bussing options such as a drop zone and bus to/from camp that would increase the percentage of campers arriving by bus and thereby decrease the number of private vehicles on S. Kidder Creek Road.

### ***Trip Generation***

Trip generation for a proposed project is typically calculated using the nationally recognized Trip Generation Manual published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). However, neither the Trip Generation Manual nor Siskiyou County Development Code provide any trip generation information for a "Summer Camp" type land use as it is very unique and trip generation values are specific to the actual activities at a particular camp. In this case, project specific trip estimates must be developed. The site specific trip generation rates and calculations are shown in **Table 6**.

**Table 6: KCOC Trip Generation Calculations**

Date	7/25/2015	Future	New Trips (Summer Saturday)
Day	Saturday	Peak	
Year	2015	Saturday	
# Campers	123	746	
# Staff	74	98	
Total Persons	197	844	
Daily Trips (west end of S. Kidder)	338	1,448	<b>1,110</b>
Daily Trips/Person (rate)	<b>1.72</b>	1.72	
Peak Hour Trips (west end of S. Kidder)	65	278	<b>213</b>
Peak Hour Trips/Person	<b>0.33</b>	0.33	

A project specific daily trip rate was determined by comparing the 338 counted daily vehicle trips at the west end of S. Kidder Creek Road (near the camp entrance) to the number of guests (123) plus the number of staff (74) who were present at the camp on that peak Saturday in July. The resultant rate is 1.72 daily trips/person (338 divided by 197). Applying the derived trip rate of 1.72 trips/person to the proposed number of persons at maximum occupancy (844) yields 1,448 daily trips on a peak summer weekend day. The project is anticipated to increase the peak daily traffic volume on S. Kidder Creek Road by up to 1,110 trips compared to the existing peak July weekend. It should be noted that significantly fewer trips would be generated by the project on weekdays and particularly during the remainder of the year (outside of summer months).

Applying the same methodology to determine a peak hour trip rate, with the proposed expansion at full capacity, the project would generate 278 trips during the weekend peak hour (approximately 20% of the daily volume). The project is anticipated to increase the summer Saturday peak hour traffic volume on S. Kidder Creek Road by up to 213 trips. Again, the number of new trips would be considerably less on weekdays and during off-season periods.

### ***Trip Distribution and Assignment***

New traffic generated by the project was distributed to the road network based on the location of the project, relative to the highway system, and current travel patterns. The following percentages were used for distributing the project generated traffic:

- 82% to/from the north via Highway 3
- 18% to/from the south via Highway 3

Project generated trips were then assigned to the adjacent roadway system and study intersection based on the distribution outlined above. The project trip assignment is shown on **Figure 4**, attached.

### ***Project Access***

The project site is accessed via S. Kidder Creek Road and is approximately 2.1 miles west of State Highway 3. All of the new and existing project trips are assumed to use S. Kidder Creek Road. Secondary access, which will be utilized for emergencies only, is via Patterson Creek Road. Patterson Creek Road is located approximately 1.8 miles south of S. Kidder Creek Road at its intersection with Highway 3. Near the western end of Patterson Creek Road, access to the site is via a private dirt road extending from the south side of KCOC.



### ***Proposed On-Site Parking***

As shown in the Proposed Master Site Plan (**Figure 3**), the project proposes to provide sufficient parking with construction of each expansion phase. Parking facilities will be provided at various locations within the project site as needed consistent with Siskiyou County Requirements. Since there is more than sufficient space within the site available for parking, and parking is planned with each expansion, no impacts related to parking are anticipated.

## **EXISTING PLUS PROJECT CONDITIONS**

### ***Traffic Volumes***

Existing plus project traffic volumes were developed by adding the project generated trips (**Figure 4**) to the existing traffic volumes (**Figure 2**) and are shown on **Figure 5**, attached. The “Plus Project” condition Peak Hour Factors (PHF), vehicle mix, flow characteristics, and travel patterns were assumed to remain the same as those used in the existing conditions analysis.

### ***Intersection Level of Service Analysis***

**Table 7** presents the level of service analysis summary for the “Plus Project” scenario during the summer Saturday peak hour. Detailed calculation sheets are provided in **Appendix T-2**, attached.

**Table 7: Plus Project Intersection Level of Service Summary**

Intersection	Worst Approach	Existing		Plus Project	
		LOS	Delay	LOS	Delay
Highway 3/S. Kidder Creek Rd	Eastbound	B	10.3	B	12.9

The proposed project is anticipated to have very little affect on the Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection operations. As shown in **Table 6**, the study intersection is anticipated to operate at the same level of service as it does today (LOS B) and well within the County’s LOS thresholds. The average delay is anticipated to increase by less than 3.0 seconds per vehicle with the addition of the project traffic.

### ***Roadway Level of Service Analysis***

The highest future daily traffic volume is anticipated to occur on a summer Saturday. Hence, the “Plus Project” conditions roadway LOS was calculated for that condition. The highest counted daily traffic volume under existing conditions is 338 vehicles per day near the KCOC entrance and 414 vehicles per day at the east end of S. Kidder Creek Road. Daily traffic could potentially

increase to about 1,448 vehicles per day near the KCOC entrance and 1,524 vehicles per day near Highway 3 with the addition of the project traffic. **Table 8** summarizes the roadway LOS analysis.

**Table 8: Plus Project Roadway Level of Service Summary**

Roadway Segment	Existing				Plus Project			
	Daily Volume	Peak Hour Volume	LOS (WB)	LOS (EB)	Daily Volume	Peak Hour Volume	LOS (WB)	LOS (EB)
S. Kidder Creek Rd (West End)	338	65	A	A	1,448	278	A	B
S. Kidder Creek Rd (East End)	414	67	A	A	1,524	280	A	B

South Kidder Creek Road will continue to operate at LOS “B” or better conditions with the addition of the project traffic, well within the LOS thresholds.

As previously stated, the two-way capacity of S. Kidder Creek Road is estimated to be 2,000 vehicles per hour based on 2010 HCM methodology. With the camp in fully session and an occupancy of 844 persons, the Saturday peak hour traffic volumes are anticipated to be at approximately 14% of the roadway’s capacity.

## CUMULATIVE PLUS PROJECT CONDITIONS

Cumulative conditions analysis was performed to evaluate long-term development conditions in the project area and the resulting total traffic volumes that could be anticipated in a 20-year horizon. There are an estimated 17 legal lots that access S. Kidder Creek Road which are currently vacant but could be developed under existing zoning policy. These parcels can all be permitted with one single-family dwelling unit. In addition, the County also allows second dwellings where parcels are over 5 acres in size and there is adequate space for necessary septic/leach fields/well separation.

It can be assumed that within the phased Kidder Creek Orchard Camp build-out time-frame (10 to 20 years), homes could be constructed on the 17 vacant lots. It was estimated that 10% of the 52 total lots that access S. Kidder Creek Road would have a second dwelling unit. The cumulative conditions analysis therefore includes 23 additional single-family residential units in the project area.

### ***Traffic Volumes***

Trip generation rates for new residential units were obtained from the Trip Generation Manual, 8th Edition, published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers. Traffic generated by the

potential 23 single-family units (17 vacant lots and 6 second dwellings) was added to the “Existing Plus Project Conditions” daily volumes to determine the “Cumulative Plus Project Conditions” daily volumes. The buildable lots are anticipated to generate 248 vehicles per day on S. Kidder Creek Road on a Saturday, increasing the total volume to 1,772 vehicles per day at the east end of S. Kidder Creek Road. The buildable lots are anticipated to generate 21 trips during the Saturday peak hour. Note that very few new residential based trips would be added at the west end of the roadway since it ends at the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp and there are few developable lots west of the S. Kidder Loop. The cumulative conditions residential based trip assignment is shown in **Figure 6** and the Saturday peak hour cumulative conditions volumes are shown in **Figure 7**.

It should be noted that the 1980 Circulation Element estimates an average of 7.5 total trips for each dwelling per day for residential development (page 69). The ITE standard rate used in this study (9.57 trips per day per residence) provides a higher estimate and conservative analysis.

A background growth rate of 1% per annum was applied for northbound and southbound through movements on Highway 3. Historic counts obtained from the Caltrans Traffic Census Program show a stagnant or negative growth rate on Highway 3 over the past 10 years. However, a 1% per annum conservative growth rate was applied to through movements on Highway 3 for the purposes of cumulative conditions analysis.

### ***Intersection Level of Service Analysis***

**Table 9** presents the level of service analysis summary for the “Cumulative Plus Project” scenario during the future Saturday peak hour. Detailed calculation sheets are provided in **Appendix T-3**, attached.

**Table 9: Cumulative Plus Project Intersection Level of Service Summary**

Intersection	Worst Approach	Existing		Plus Project		Cumulative Plus Project	
		LOS	Delay	LOS	Delay	LOS	Delay
Highway 3/S. Kidder Creek Rd	Eastbound	B	10.3	B	12.9	B	14.2

The Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection is anticipated to operate at acceptable level of service conditions (LOS “B”). The average delay is anticipated to increase by less than 1.5 second per vehicle compared to “Plus Project” conditions. This small change in delay would not be perceived by most drivers. The total increase in delay of 4 seconds is not significant within acceptable level of service categories (LOS “C” or better).

## **Roadway Level of Service Analysis**

**Table 10** compares roadway LOS between the Existing, Plus Project, and Cumulative Plus Project conditions on S. Kidder Creek Road.

**Table 10: Cumulative Plus Project Roadway Level of Service Summary**

Roadway Segment	Existing				Plus Project				Cumulative Plus Project			
	Daily Volume	Peak Hour Volume	LOS (WB)	LOS (EB)	Daily Volume	Peak Hour Volume	LOS (WB)	LOS (EB)	Daily Volume	Peak Hour Volume	LOS (WB)	LOS (EB)
S. Kidder Creek Rd (West End)	338	65	A	A	1,448	278	A	B	1,448	278	A	B
S. Kidder Creek Rd (East End)	414	67	A	A	1,524	280	A	B	1,772	301	A	B

South Kidder Creek Road is anticipated to operate at LOS “B” conditions under the “Cumulative Plus Project” scenario. Under “Cumulative Plus Project” conditions the peak hour traffic volumes are anticipated to reach approximately 15% of the roadway’s capacity.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Roadway Width**

The Siskiyou County General Plan Circulation Element (page 7) states “A two-lane rural highway shall have a minimum of 18 feet of paved traveled way.” **Table 11** shows the existing roadway widths at various mile-points/locations along S. Kidder Creek Road. The existing roadway satisfies the County’s minimum roadway width requirements as it has a paved roadway width of more than 18 feet from Highway 3 to the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp entrance (end of County road).

**Table 11: Roadway Widths along S. Kidder Creek Road**

Location/Mile Point (miles from Hwy 3)	Paved Roadway Width (ft)	Location/Mile Point (miles from Hwy 3)	Paved Roadway Width (ft)
0.1	23.00	1.2	20.50
0.2	22.00	1.3	20.50
0.3	23.00	1.4	20.50
0.4	24.00	1.5	20.50
0.5	24.50	1.6	21.00
0.6	24.00	1.7	20.50
0.7	24.50	1.8	20.50
0.8	25.00	1.9	21.00
0.9	24.75	2.0	20.00
1.0	24.00	2.1	19.00
1.1	21.50		

### ***Stopping Sight Distance***

Stopping Sight Distance (SSD) is the viewable distance required for a driver to see an object in the roadway, react, and make a complete stop in the event of an unanticipated hazard. SSD is made up of two components, Braking Distance and Perception-Reaction Time. South Kidder Creek Road was reviewed for, and has, sufficient Stopping Sight Distance as it meets the minimum required Stopping Sight Distance criteria specified in Exhibit 5-2. Design Controls for Stopping Sight Distance and for Crest and Sag Vertical Curves published in “A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, 2004” by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO).

The curvilinear segment of S. Kidder Creek Road (approximately mile post 1.0 to milepost 1.5) has a posted advisory speed of 20 miles per hour. The Stopping Sight Distance for a 20 mile per hour travel speed is 115 feet. The shortest measured sight line on the tightest curve identified along S. Kidder Creek Road is 125 feet, which provides at least the minimum Stopping Sight Distance. All the other curves within the curvilinear segment of S. Kidder Creek Road also satisfy the requirements as they have more than 115 feet of Stopping Sight Distance.



**Existing Advisory Speed Signage**

### ***Safety Analysis***

Crash data for the previous ten (10) consecutive years (January 2005 to December 2014) was obtained from the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS) Caltrans database and Transportation Injury Mapping System (TIMS) mapping function. Based on the data obtained, and shown in **Table 12**, three crashes were reported on S. Kidder Creek Road between January 2005 and December 2014.

**Table 12: Summary of Collision History on S. Kidder Creek Road (Jan 2005 to Dec 2014)**

Year	# Collision(s)	Fatality	Injury	Property Damage Only
2007	1	0	0	1
2008	1	0	0	1
2009	1	0	1	0

It should be noted that there were no reported collisions within the latest five year period (2010 to 2014). The past incidents occurred at three different locations along S. Kidder Creek Road. Since the incidents were at three different locations, no patterns or specific safety concerns associated with the roadway itself can be identified. All three reported collisions involved a single vehicle hitting a “Fixed Object”, which is a common accident type in rural, low traffic volume environments. There were no vehicle to vehicle collisions reported.

A driving road safety assessment was also performed by Traffic Works’ Principal Engineer who is a Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) trained Road Safety Auditor. The review did not identify any significant safety concerns for the project’s ingress and egress route as the roadway configuration and conditions are typical of rural county roadways and the sight line/sight distance criteria were found to be met. The reviewer’s only notable finding was that vegetation along the sides of the roadway should be regularly cut back from the edge of pavement. This was noted as an on-going roadway maintenance item that would likely be addressed by Siskiyou County. Being a typical maintenance item on an existing roadway, this is not considered a project impact. Long-term roadway maintenance on S. Kidder Creek Road is under review by the Siskiyou County Public Works Department and a Condition of Approval requiring participation by KCOC may be considered by the County Commission and Board of Supervisors.

## CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The following is a list of our key findings and recommendations:

- The Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection currently operates at LOS “B” during the weekend peak hour. The S. Kidder Creek Road segments currently operate at LOS “A”.
- The Highway 3 / S. Kidder Creek Road intersection is anticipated to operate at acceptable level of service conditions (LOS “B”) with the addition of the project traffic. The increase in average delay is anticipated to be less than 3 seconds per vehicle, a difference that is negligible within LOS “B”.
- S. Kidder Creek Road will operate at LOS “B” with the additional project traffic. Existing Plus Project traffic volumes would be at approximately 14% of the roadway’s capacity.
- S. Kidder Creek Road is anticipated to operate at LOS “B” under “Cumulative Plus Project” conditions. Total traffic volumes could reach approximately 15% of the roadway’s capacity. The S. Kidder Creek Road / Hwy 3 intersection would continue to operate at LOS “B” in the 20-year horizon.
- Sufficient parking can easily be provided within the large project site.
- The project has a secondary emergency only access.
- S. Kidder Creek Road has sufficient width per Siskiyou County design standards.
- Adequate Stopping Sight Distance is available on S. Kidder Creek Road.
- Three accidents have been reported within the past 10 years, with none occurring in the last 5 years. No patterns or specific safety concerns related to the roadway itself were identified as the incidents were reported at three different locations along S. Kidder Creek Road.
- Vegetation growing along the sides of S. Kidder Creek Road should be regularly cut back to maintain full travel lane widths and adequate sight lines. This recommendation applies to the full roadway length, with particular attention dedicated to locations proximate to intersections, private driveways, and within curved roadway segments.

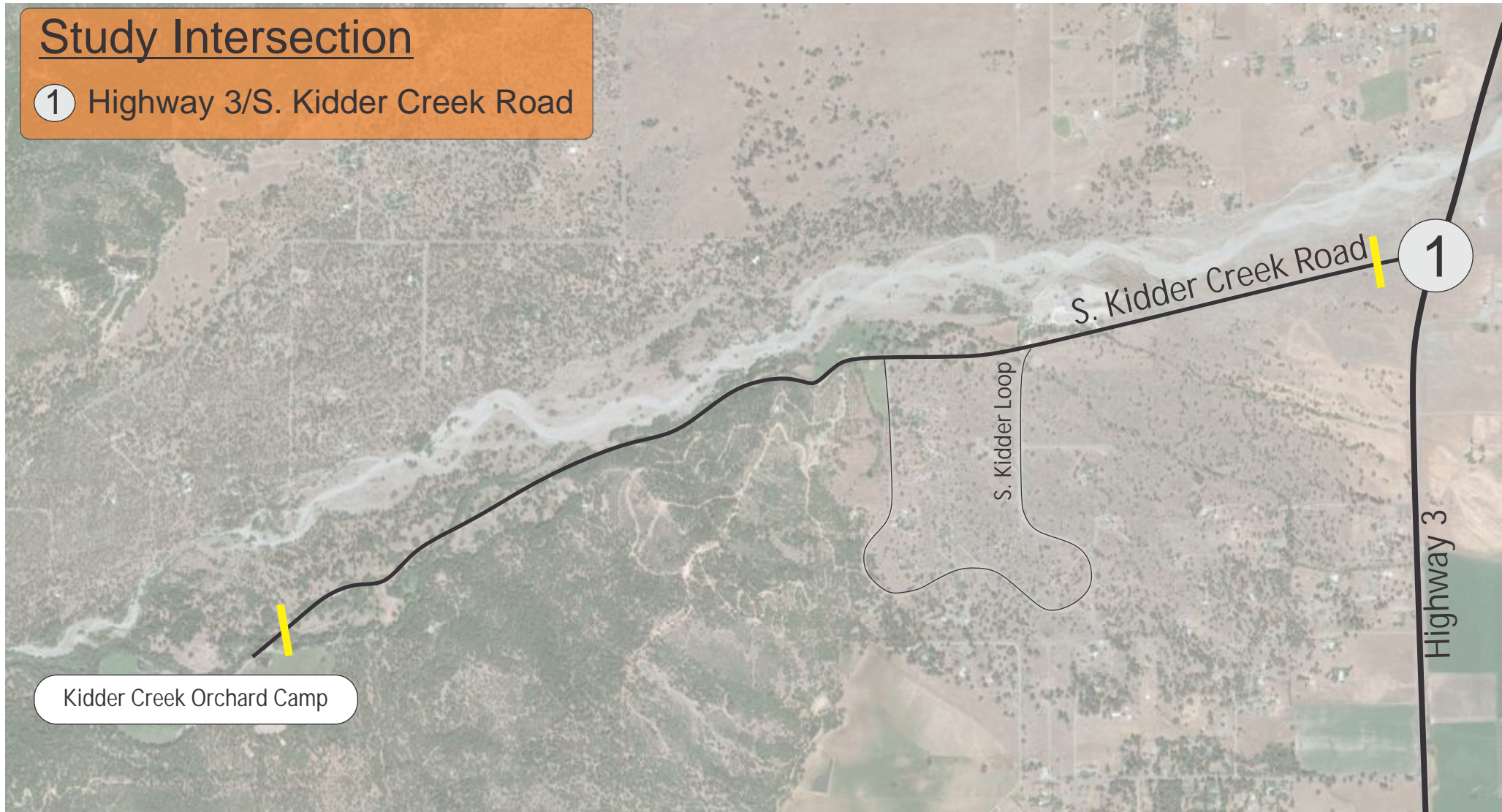


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# Study Intersection

1 Highway 3/S. Kidder Creek Road



Kidder Creek Orchard Camp

S. Kidder Creek Road

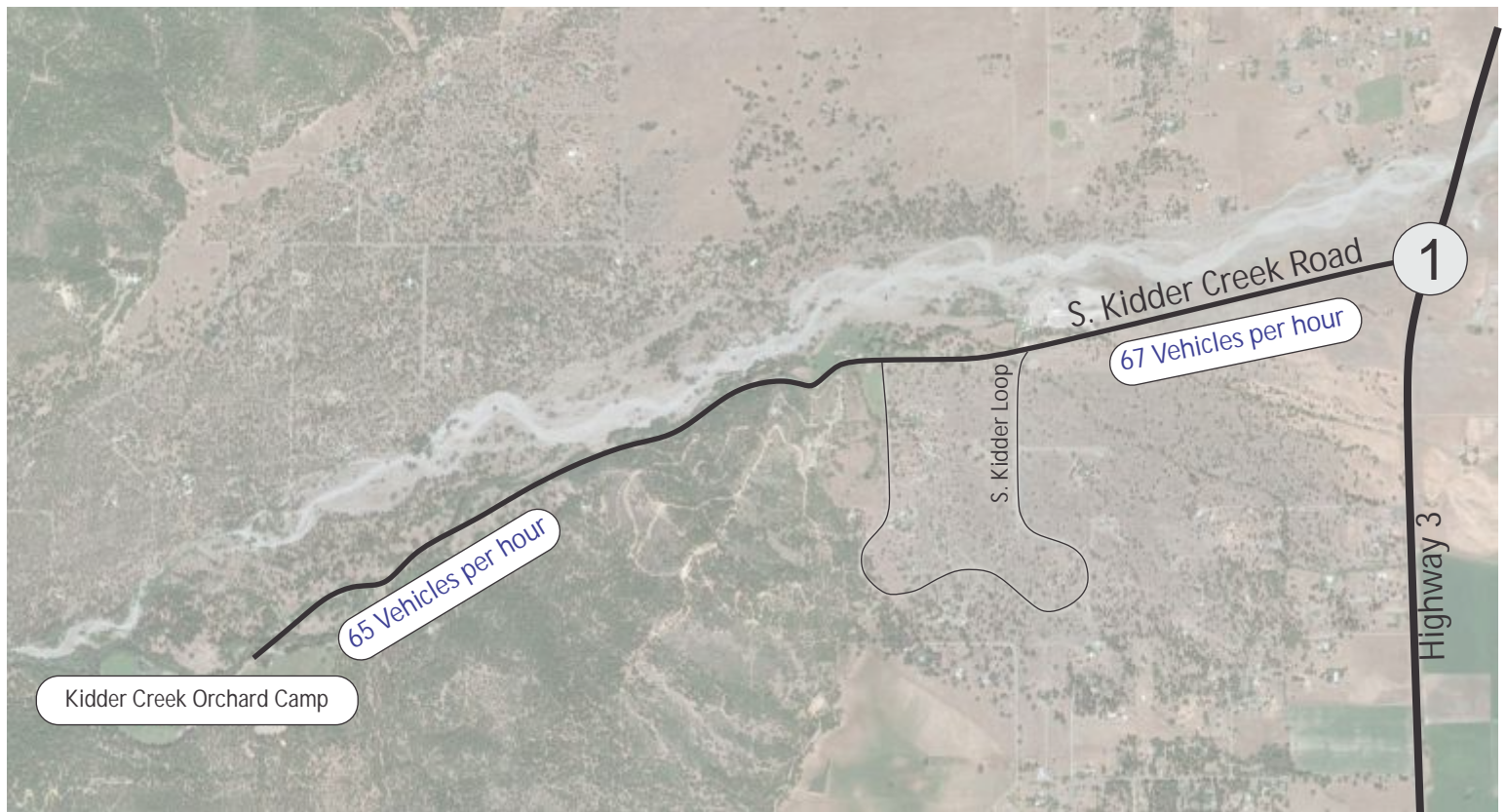
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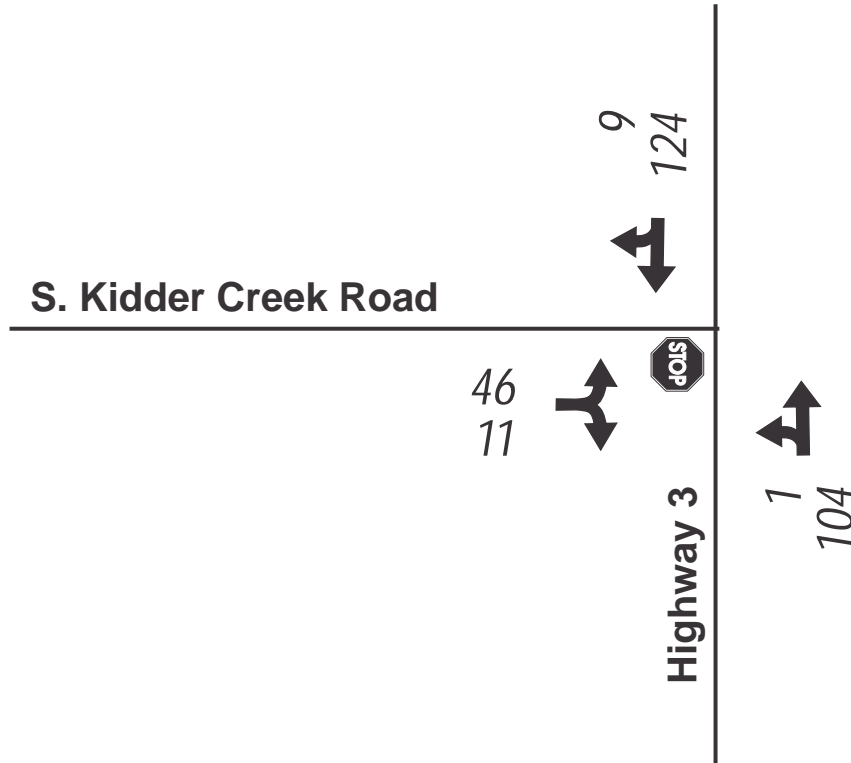
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Count Location





# 1 Highway 3/S. Kidder Creek Road



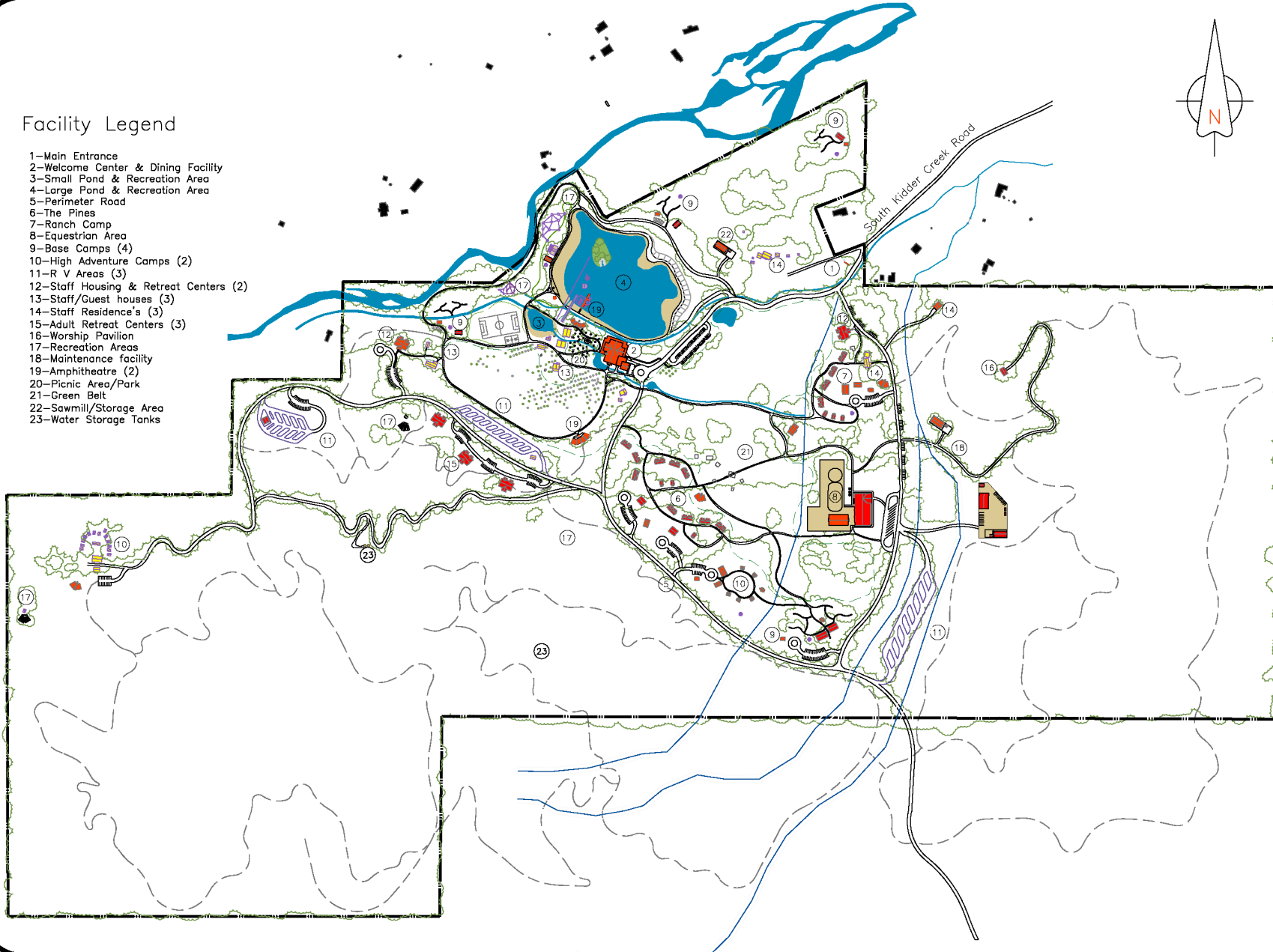
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← - Lane Configuration STOP - STOP Sign

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- 3—Small Pond & Recreation Area
- 4—Large Pond & Recreation Area
- 5—Perimeter Road
- 6—The Pines
- 7—Ranch Camp
- 8—Equestrian Area
- 9—Base Camps (4)
- 10—High Adventure Camps (2)
- 11—R V Areas (3)
- 12—Staff Housing & Retreat Centers (2)
- 13—Staff/Guest houses (3)
- 14—Staff Residence's (3)
- 15—Adult Retreat Centers (3)
- 16—Worship Pavilion
- 17—Recreation Areas
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- 19—Amphitheatre (2)
- 20—Picnic Area/Park
- 21—Green Belt
- 22—Sawmill/Storage Area
- 23—Water Storage Tanks

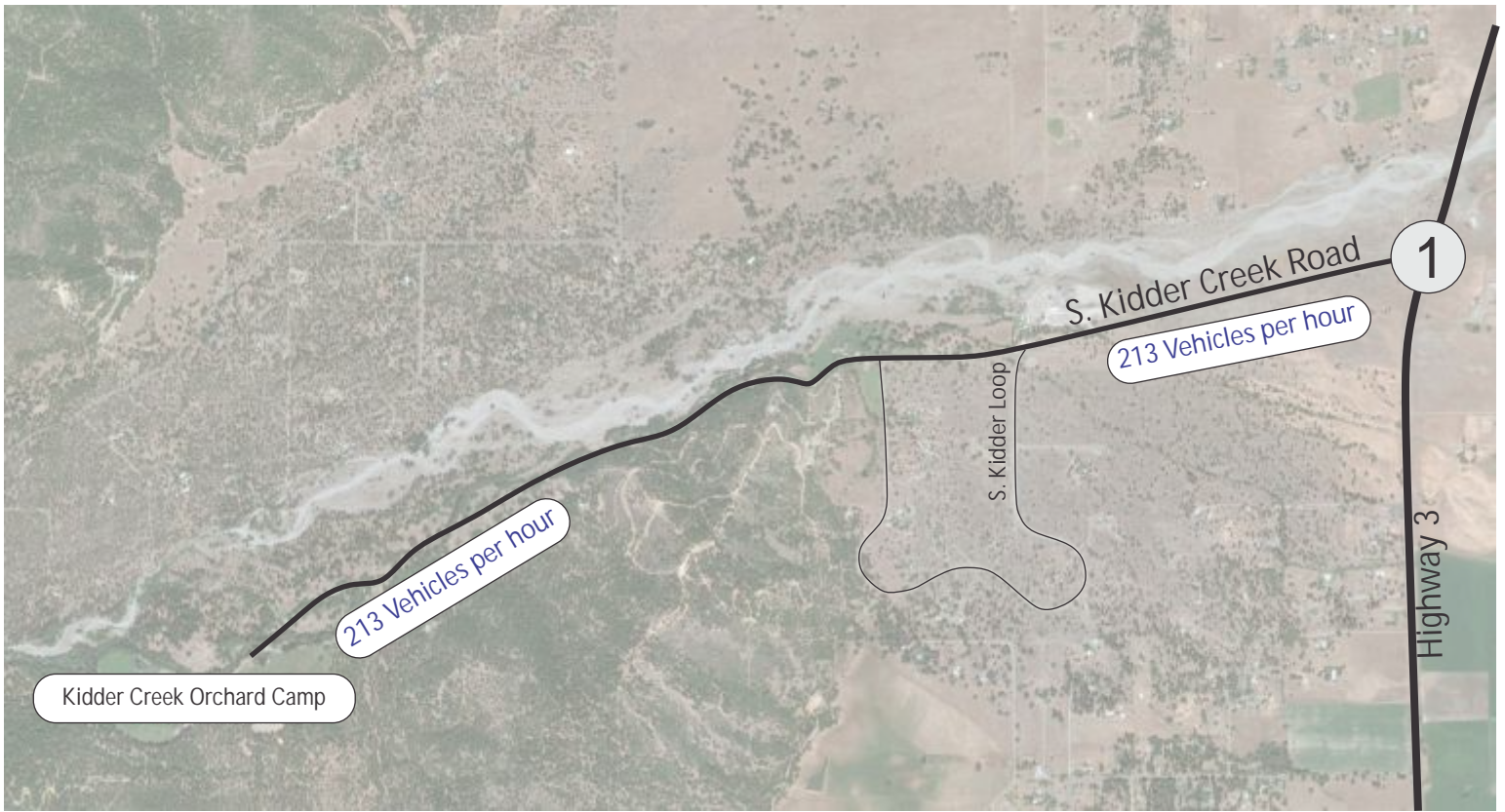


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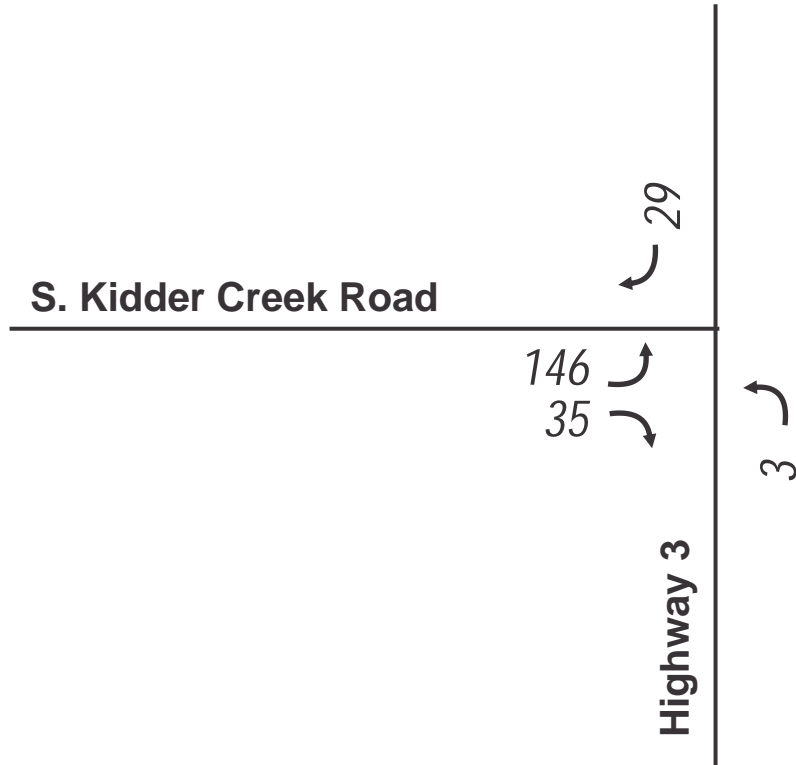
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Project	Sheet
Date: 1/15/14 Scale: 1" = 575'	4



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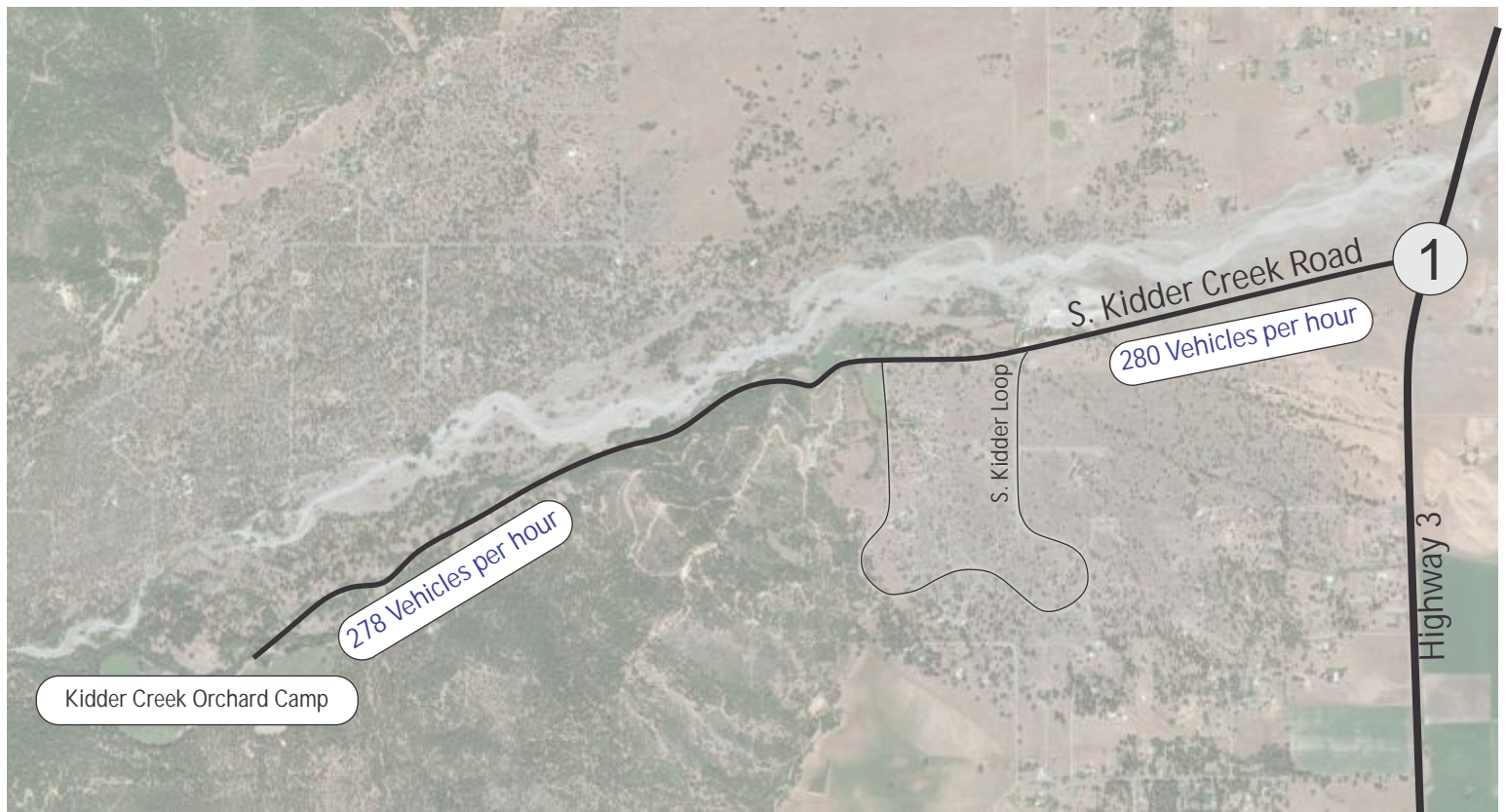


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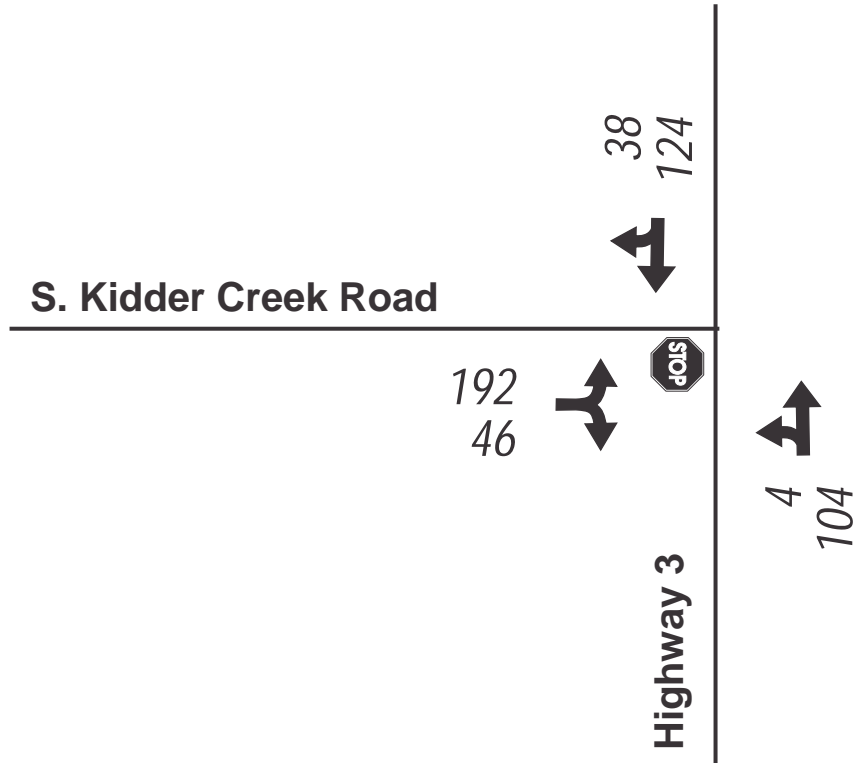
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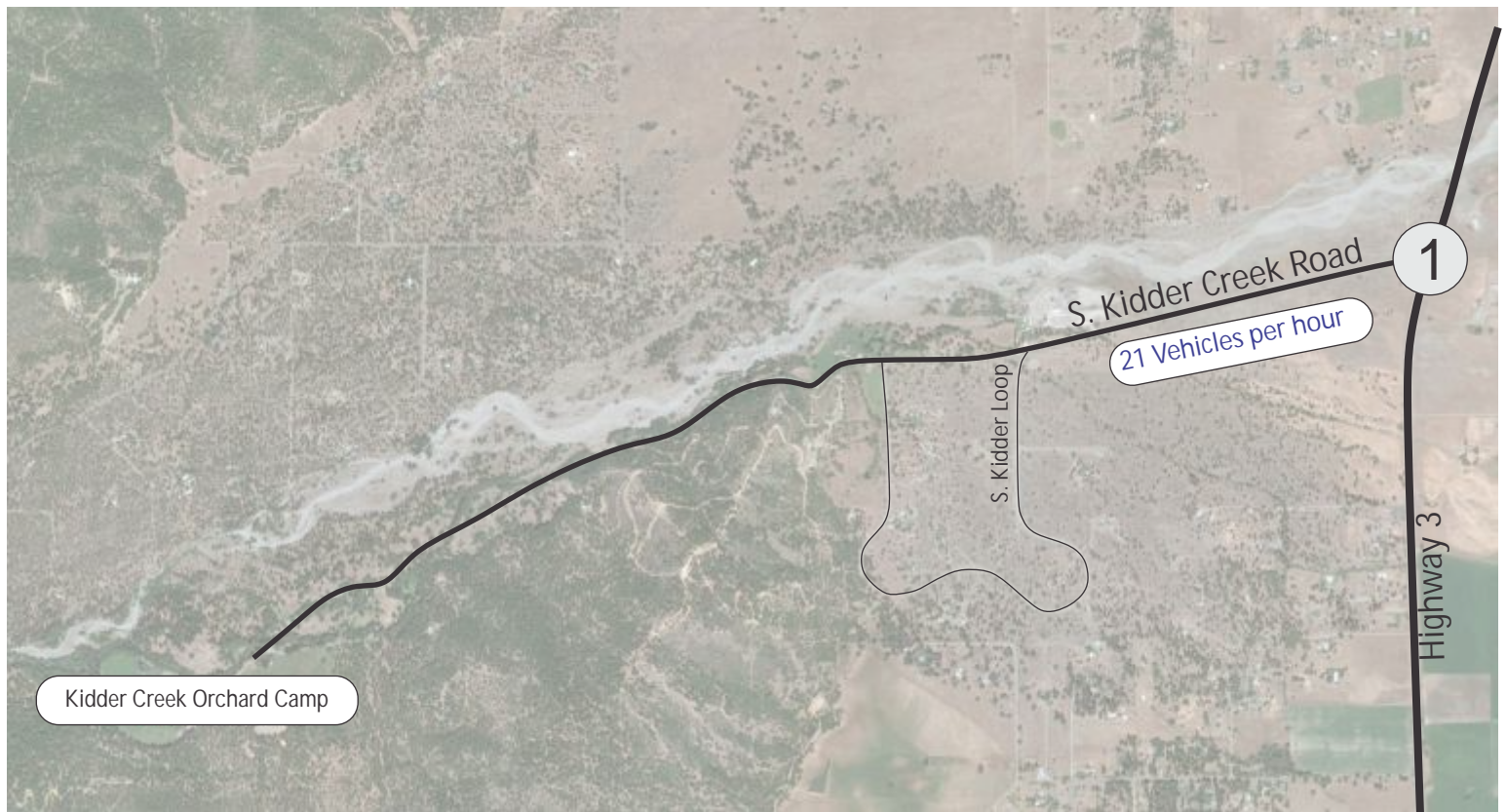


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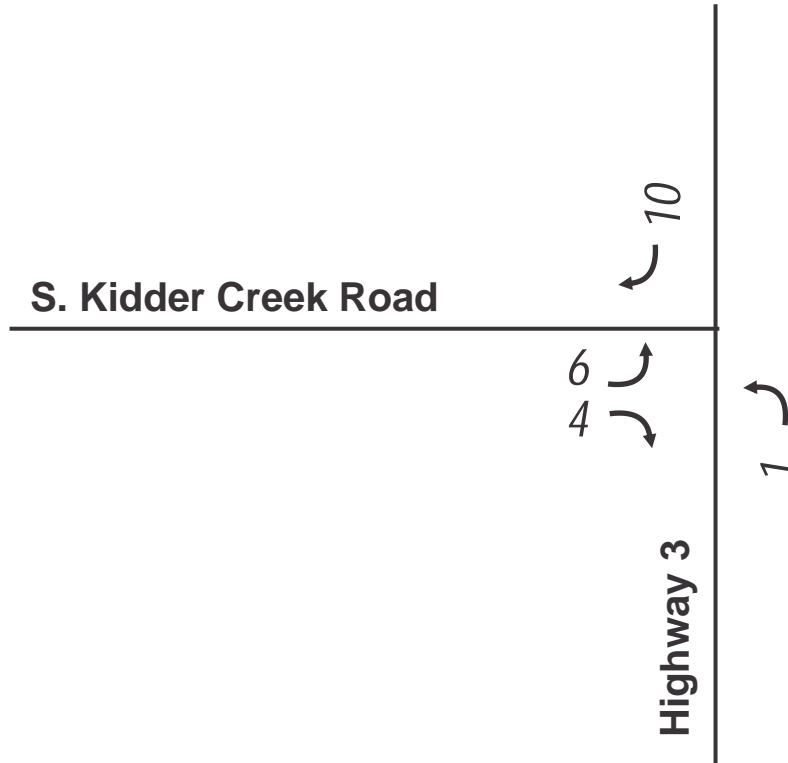


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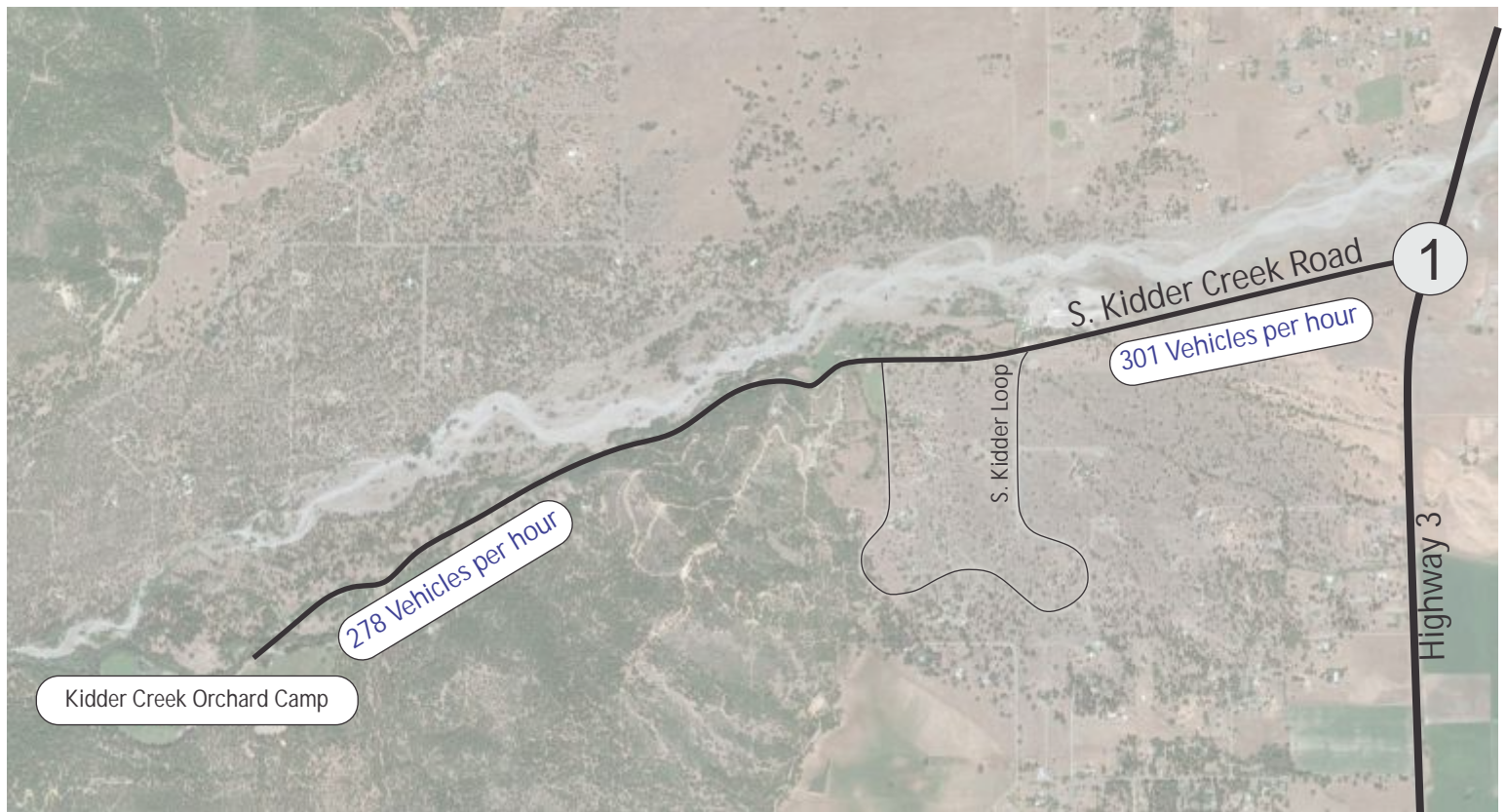


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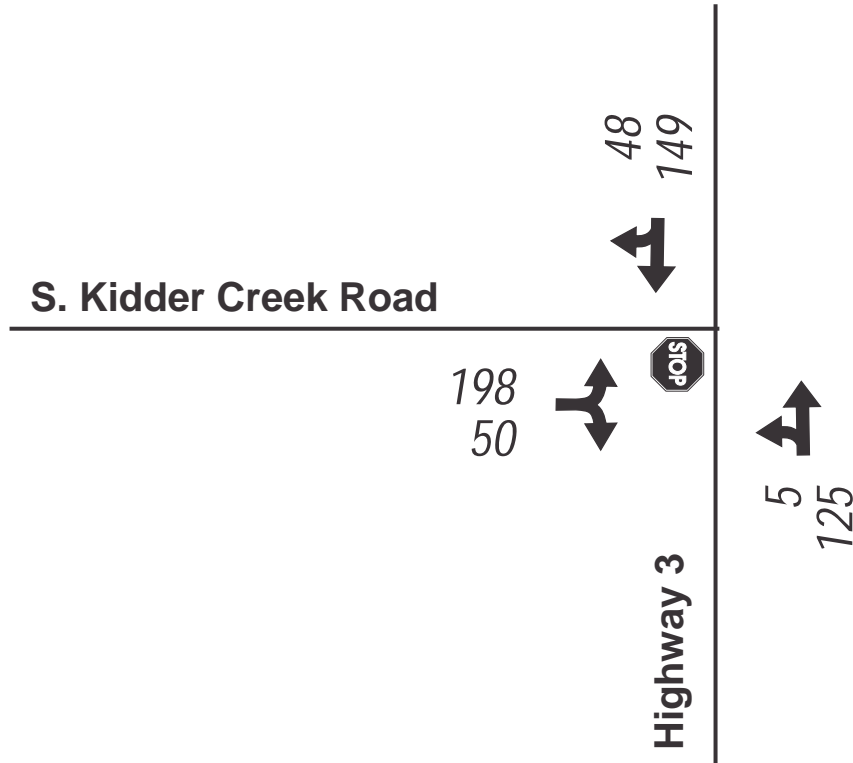
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# 1 Highway 3/S. Kidder Creek Road



## LEGEND

XX - Weekend Peak Hour Traffic Volumes

(XXX) - Weekend Peak Hour Segment Volume

← - Lane Configuration

STOP - STOP Sign

## **Appendix T-1**

### **Existing Conditions Intersection LOS Calculations**

HCM 2010 TWSC  
2: Hwy 3 & Kidder Creek Rd

10/22/2015

Intersection

Int Delay, s/veh 2

Movement	EBL	EBR	NBL	NBT	SBT	SBR
Vol, veh/h	46	11	1	104	124	9
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Stop	Stop	Free	Free	Free	Free
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	0	-	-	-	-	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	0	-	-	0	0	-
Grade, %	0	-	-	0	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	87	87	87	87	87	87
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	53	13	1	120	143	10

Major/Minor	Minor2	Major1	Major2
Conflicting Flow All	270	148	153 0
Stage 1	148	-	- -
Stage 2	122	-	- -
Critical Hdwy	6.42	6.22	4.12 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	5.42	-	- -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	5.42	-	- -
Follow-up Hdwy	3.518	3.318	2.218 -
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	719	899	1428 -
Stage 1	880	-	- -
Stage 2	903	-	- -
Platoon blocked, %			- -
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	718	899	1428 -
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	718	-	- -
Stage 1	880	-	- -
Stage 2	902	-	- -

Approach	EB	NB	SB
HCM Control Delay, s	10.3	0.1	0
HCM LOS	B		

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	NBL	NBT	EBLn1	SBT	SBR
Capacity (veh/h)	1428	-	747	-	-
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.001	-	0.088	-	-
HCM Control Delay (s)	7.5	0	10.3	-	-
HCM Lane LOS	A	A	B	-	-
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0	-	0.3	-	-

**Appendix T-2**

**Plus Project Conditions Intersection LOS Calculations**

HCM 2010 TWSC  
2: Hwy 3 & Kidder Creek Rd

10/27/2015

Intersection

Int Delay, s/veh 6.1

Movement	EBL	EBR	NBL	NBT	SBT	SBR
Vol, veh/h	192	46	4	104	124	38
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Stop	Stop	Free	Free	Free	Free
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	0	-	-	-	-	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	0	-	-	0	0	-
Grade, %	0	-	-	0	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	87	87	87	87	87	87
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	221	53	5	120	143	44

Major/Minor	Minor2	Major1	Major2
Conflicting Flow All	293	164	186 0
Stage 1	164	-	- -
Stage 2	129	-	- -
Critical Hdwy	6.42	6.22	4.12 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	5.42	-	- -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	5.42	-	- -
Follow-up Hdwy	3.518	3.318	2.218 -
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	698	881	1388 -
Stage 1	865	-	- -
Stage 2	897	-	- -
Platoon blocked, %			- -
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	695	881	1388 -
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	695	-	- -
Stage 1	865	-	- -
Stage 2	893	-	- -

Approach	EB	NB	SB
HCM Control Delay, s	12.9	0.3	0
HCM LOS	B		

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	NBL	NBT	EBLn1	SBT	SBR
Capacity (veh/h)	1388	-	725	-	-
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.003	-	0.377	-	-
HCM Control Delay (s)	7.6	0	12.9	-	-
HCM Lane LOS	A	A	B	-	-
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0	-	1.8	-	-

## **Appendix T-3**

### **Cumulative Conditions Intersection LOS Calculations**



HCM 2010 TWSC  
2: Hwy 3 & Kidder Creek Rd

10/27/2015

Intersection

Int Delay, s/veh 6.2

Movement	EBL	EBR	NBL	NBT	SBT	SBR
Vol, veh/h	198	50	5	125	149	48
Conflicting Peds, #/hr	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sign Control	Stop	Stop	Free	Free	Free	Free
RT Channelized	-	None	-	None	-	None
Storage Length	0	-	-	-	-	-
Veh in Median Storage, #	0	-	-	0	0	-
Grade, %	0	-	-	0	0	-
Peak Hour Factor	87	87	87	87	87	87
Heavy Vehicles, %	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mvmt Flow	228	57	6	144	171	55

Major/Minor	Minor2	Major1	Major2
Conflicting Flow All	354	199	226 0
Stage 1	199	-	- -
Stage 2	155	-	- -
Critical Hdwy	6.42	6.22	4.12 -
Critical Hdwy Stg 1	5.42	-	- -
Critical Hdwy Stg 2	5.42	-	- -
Follow-up Hdwy	3.518	3.318	2.218 -
Pot Cap-1 Maneuver	644	842	1342 -
Stage 1	835	-	- -
Stage 2	873	-	- -
Platoon blocked, %			- -
Mov Cap-1 Maneuver	641	842	1342 -
Mov Cap-2 Maneuver	641	-	- -
Stage 1	835	-	- -
Stage 2	869	-	- -

Approach	EB	NB	SB
HCM Control Delay, s	14.2	0.3	0
HCM LOS	B		

Minor Lane/Major Mvmt	NBL	NBT	EBLn1	SBT	SBR
Capacity (veh/h)	1342	-	673	-	-
HCM Lane V/C Ratio	0.004	-	0.424	-	-
HCM Control Delay (s)	7.7	0	14.2	-	-
HCM Lane LOS	A	A	B	-	-
HCM 95th %tile Q(veh)	0	-	2.1	-	-

## ATTACHMENT E

### EARLY CONSULTATION AGENCY COMMENTS

## Brett Walker

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**From:** Kimberly Sumner  
**Sent:** Monday, July 28, 2014 3:02 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Cc:** Patrick Griffin  
**Subject:** Zone Change (Z-14-01) Use Permit (UP-11-15)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Brett

Thank you for allowing the Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District (District) respond to the upcoming project Z-14-01; UP-11-5.

At this time the District has no issues.

If in the future any diesel powered generators were proposed for power, that may trigger a permit from the District.

Kind regards,

Kim

*Kimberly Sumner*

*Air Pollution Specialist*

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October 26, 2011

Mr. Mark Baker  
Siskiyou County Public Health &  
Community Development -Planning  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

IGR/CEQA Review  
Sis-3-26.9  
Kidder Creek Camp  
Use Permit 11-15  
Request for Comments

Dear Mr. Baker:

Caltrans District 2 has reviewed the use permit application submitted by Kidder Creek Orchard Camp to consolidate three existing use permits in considering a major expansion of the existing camp in land size, future facilities, and the number of campers and staff. The major change includes increasing the number of campers from 165 to a maximum of 724. The project is located near the community of Greenview between the cities of Etna and Fort Jones. The camp is located at the end of South Kidder Creek Road which connects to State Route 3.

Since the camp is not directly accessed from the highway, Caltrans does not have permit authority and is a Responsible Agency in the review of the potential environmental impacts of the project. The existing camp has operated for many years without incident. The highway intersection has adequate sight distance. Caltrans main concern is with the new facilities, additional staff, and the large increase in the number of campers proposed that there is the potential that future improvements to the highway intersection will be needed. The improvements could include intersection illumination and turn lane channelization. It is unknown whether the proposed increase in campers, staff, and facilities phased over 20-years will change the existing traffic conditions such that the improvements will be needed. Therefore, we suggest that the use permit include conditions of approval for providing proportionate share mitigation for intersection illumination and turn lane improvements. If the project is not conditioned to contribute a proportionate share mitigation, Caltrans will expect the County to fund these improvements when needed in the future.

If you have any questions, please call me at (530)225-3369.

Sincerely,

Marcelino Gonzalez  
Local Development Review  
Office of Community Planning

Public Works

August 5, 2014

Kidder Creek Orchard Camps  
Zone Change (Z-14-01)

Public Works has reviewed the application for the Zone Change for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp and has the following comments.

Specifically, Scott Waite would like to know if the traffic analysis for this project equivalent to the JH Ranch/French Creek Road project? Or does the proposed bus/shuttle mitigate potential increases in traffic?

Also, does the proposed change in zoning have any impact on the road usage?

If you have any questions regarding our comments, please contact Scott Waite of this office.

SISKIYOU COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT  
LAND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

OWNER Kidder Creek Orchard Camp

FILE # 661061

LOCATION 2700 S Kidder Crk Rd T 42N , R 10W , SEC. 1 PD# Z-14-01

REQUIREMENTS:

Sewage Disposal Test/Information:

- ☐ None Required ☐ None Required: Connection to Approved Sewage System  
☐ Engineered Percolation Tests - Parcels # \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Wet Weather Testing  
☐ Engineered Sewage Disposal System  
☒ Other Subject to waste discharge requirements pursuant to NCRWQCB

Water Supply Tests/Information:

- ☐ None Required ☐ None Required: Connection to Approved Water System  
☐ Well Logs (Existing Wells) ☐ Well Logs for Adjoining Property  
☐ Drilled Well - Parcels # \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Spring Source-Verification  
☐ Pump Test (Static Level) \_\_\_\_\_ Hours  
☐ Bacteriological Analysis ☐ Chemical Analysis ☐ Physical Analysis  
☒ Other Subject to permitting, inspection and monitoring by Calif. Dept. of Health  
Services, Office of Drinking Water.

Project Information:

- ☐ Location Map ☐ Mark Project Area ☐ Contour Map  
☐ Food Establishment Plans ☐ Swim Pool/Spa Plans  
☐ Waste Information (Non-Sewage)  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments/Conditions:

Environmental Health has reviewed the zone change proposed for this parcel and  
determined that Kidder Creek Orchard Camp is subject to compliance with each of  
the following:

**SEE ATTACHMENT**

Environmental Health has no objections to this zone change as proposed.

REHS Jerry A. Lemos

DATE August 5, 2014

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ACTION**

☒ Application Accepted ☐ Application Rejected as Incomplete (see comments)

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☐ Approved ☐ Recommended for Denial

☒ Approved with conditions (see comments)

REHS \_\_\_\_\_ DATE 8-5-2014

Date sent to Planning:

8/5/2014



## ATTACHMENT

Kidder Creek Orchard Camp  
Zone Change - Z-14-01  
Comments/Conditions

- 1) Waste discharge permits from North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board for waste water flows exceeding 1500 gal./day.
- 2) California Uniform Retail Food Facilities Law for each facility where food is stored, prepared and served. Also subject to inspection and permitting by Siskiyou County Community Development Department, Environmental Health Division.
- 3) California Health and Safety Code for Hazardous Materials Business Plan requirements. Facilities which store or use 55 gallons of a liquid, 500 lbs. of a solid, or 200 cu. ft. of a compressed gas or if it generates any amount of hazardous waste are subject to reporting to Siskiyou County Environmental Health and the State of California. Also subject to inspections as required.
- 4) Water System Permit from California Department of Health Services, Office of Drinking Water. Subject to permitting, monitoring and inspections as required by the agency.
- 5) California Health and Safety Code and California Administrative Code regarding Organized Camps.

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August 10, 2014

Attn: Brett Walker, Senior Planner

Subject: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Use Permit (UP-11-15)

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has responded to this project twice in the past, on November 8, 2011 and then again on April 14, 2014. The requirements as stated in the previous correspondence are still applicable except for one.

In the November 8, 2011 response it indicated an on-site water supply for fire protection was required. Unless a new parcel is created, this requirement does not apply. However, CAL FIRE does recommend having an on-site water supply for fire protection purposes that is not part of the domestic water system.

If you have any questions, please call Monty Messenger at 530-842-3516

Sincerely,

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April 14, 2014

Attn: Richard Tinsman, Senior Planner

Subject: Kidder Creek Camp Use Permit (UP-11-15)

On April 14, 2014 a project review site inspection was done on the Kidder Creek Camp property in Scott Valley. This was to address issues that may be required in the use permit process. Accompanying me was Tim Lloyd from Kidder Creek Camp.

The primary purpose of the site inspection was to determine viability of a secondary access to the camp property. I identified the requirements the proposed road would have to meet and relayed them to Mr. Lloyd. Once the improvements were made to the road it should serve as an adequate secondary access to the camp property. The current main access road is compliant with the Fire Safe Regulations.

I also reviewed a proposed map of the camp expansion. The access requirements appeared to have been met in the development of the map. Other requirements of the Fire Safe Regulations did not appear to have significant impact to the project as did the road access so the road access was the primary purpose of the inspection.

If you have any questions, please call Monty Messenger at 530-842-3516.

Sincerely,

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November 8, 2011

Attention: Siskiyou County Planning Department

Subject: Use Permit UP-11-15 – Kidder Creek, Orchard Camps, Inc.



The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection has the following Public Resources Code 4290 requirements for the above referenced project:

**ROAD AND STREET NETWORKS**

1273.00, 1273.01, 1273.02, 1273.03, 1273.04, 1273.05, 1273.06, 1273.07, 1273.08, 1273.09, 1273.11

**ROAD SIGNING**

1274.01, 1274.02, 1274.03, 1274.04, 1274.05, 1274.06, 1274.07

**WATER STANDARDS**

1275.00, 1275.01, 1275.10, 1275.15, 1275.20

Water supply for this project must meet the following standard: Water systems that meet or exceed the standards specified in Public Utilities Commission of California (PUC) revised General Order #103, Adopted June 12, 1956 (Corrected September 7, 1983, Decision 83-09-001).

**FUEL MODIFICATION**

1276.02, 1276.03

**SEE THE ATTACHED “4290 CHECKLIST” FOR SPECIFIC CODE REQUIREMENTS.**

In addition to the Public Resources Code 4290 requirements, if timber is to be commercially harvested as part of this Use Permit, the conditions set forth in the California Forest Practice Rules pertaining to Conversion of Timberland (Title 14, CCR, Article 7, Section 1104.02) must be adhered to.

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Additional Public Resources Code 4290 requirements that must be met during subsequent building permit applications are as follows:

**DRIVEWAY DESIGN AND SURFACE REQUIREMENTS**

1273.02, 1273.03, 1273.04, 1273.05, 1273.06, 1273.07, 1273.10, 1273.11

**ADDRESSES FOR BUILDING**

1274.08, 1274.09, 1274.10

**FUEL MODIFICATION AND STANDARDS**

1276.01, 1276.02

Emergency access and secondary route(s) must meet or exceed all road requirements 1273.00.

SEE THE ATTACHED "4290 CHECKLIST" FOR SPECIFIC CODE REQUIREMENTS.

If you have any questions please call Rick Hood at (530) 842-3516.

Sincerely,

Bernie Paul  
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August 29, 2014

Mr. Brett Walker  
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**Subject: Project Application Review for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change (Z-14-01) and Use Permit (UP-11-15), Siskiyou County**

Dear Mr. Walker:

The Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change (Z-14-01) and Use Permit (UP-11-15) Project Application Review (Project) request dated July 21, 2014. The Department offers the following comments and recommendations on the Project in our role as the State's trustee for fish and wildlife resources, and as a responsible agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq. The following comments are intended to assist the Lead Agency in making informed decisions early in the Project development and review process.

**Project Description**

The Project is located on South Kidder Creek Road in Siskiyou County, within the Greenview area of Scott Valley. The Project as described in the Project Application Review request is a "proposed CEQA mitigated negative declaration, zone change and use permit to expand an existing recreational camp. There are currently three use permits covering 237± acres. The applicant is proposing to expand the camp to encompass 526± acres. Approximately 160 acres of the proposed expansion is currently zoned under Timber Preserve (TPZ). The applicant is requesting the TPZ lands be rezoned to Rural Residential Agricultural District, 40-acre minimum parcel size (RR-B-40)."

Project modifications and new construction will use a phased approach over the next 20 years. Specific changes to the Project site include the creation of a new 7-acre pond and recreational area; expansion of facilities surrounding the existing small pond; relocation and expansion of the equestrian center and ranch camp; expansion of the greenbelt area by an additional 20 acres; re-routing the main entry road towards the periphery of the site; relocation of the sawmill/storage area; creation of a new worship pavilion, "The Pines" camp area, picnic area/park, welcome center, dining facility, maintenance facility, adult retreat areas, amphitheaters, and water storage tanks; and the creation of additional recreation areas, RV areas, adventure camps and staff housing.

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## **Comments and Recommendations**

### **Salmonid Fish Use in Kidder Creek**

Southern Oregon/Northern California coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) are federally and State listed as threatened; this species has been documented in Kidder Creek near the Project area. Coho salmon prefer cool, shallow, low velocity streams with low gradients and require small gravel substrate for spawning. Kidder Creek also supports coastal steelhead/rainbow trout (*O. mykiss irideus*), and chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*).

Project activities requiring increased water usage (i.e., the creation of additional wells) may impact water quantities in Kidder Creek, which may cause a significant impact to downstream fish, especially during drought years. The Department recommends an analysis of impacts of the proposed Project on salmonid species.

### **Proposed Water Features**

It is unclear to the Department how the applicant proposes to use other existing surface rights to fill and maintain the proposed new 7-acre pond. The Department recommends the applicant contact the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) regarding the proposed water rights that will be used to fill the pond. The SWRCB Division of Water Rights may require permits or amendment of the existing decree to allow for use of the water from other users as proposed in the Project documents. Additionally, the SWRCB may need to rely on the CEQA document for issuance of any discretionary permit and will likely require an analysis of beneficial use.

In addition to the proposed new 7-acre pond, the Natural Camp Layout map (Map B) and Proposed Camp Layout map (Map D) depict additional water bodies that will be created or expanded during Project implementation. These additional water bodies are not addressed in the Project documentation. The Department recommends that these water bodies and any resulting impacts are discussed and analyzed in the environmental document created for this Project.

### **Wetland and Drainage Features**

The Wetland Delineation Summary, dated March 2014, identified several wetland features adjacent to areas proposed for development. The Department maintains jurisdiction over wetland and riparian habitats. It is the policy of the Department to strongly discourage development in wetlands or conversion of wetlands to uplands. We oppose any development or conversion which would result in a reduction of wetland acreage or wetland habitat values, unless, at a minimum, Project mitigation assures there will be "no net loss" of either wetland habitat values or acreage.

The Project should be configured in such a way as to avoid impacts, either direct or indirect, to wetlands. In addition to "federally protected wetlands" (see CEQA Appendix G), the Department considers impacts to any wetlands (as defined by the Department) as potentially significant. The Department recommends that potential impacts be analyzed and avoidance or mitigation measures incorporated to avoid impacting identified wetland features.

Multiple drainage swales are identified on the Hydrology map (Map F) that are not discussed in the Project documents. Additionally, the Wetland Delineation Summary is restricted to a small portion of the Project footprint and does not classify the drainages or provide measurements of wetland areas. Please note that some wetland and riparian habitats subject to the Department's authority may extend beyond the jurisdictional limits of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The jurisdictional delineation should include mapping of ephemeral, intermittent, and perennial stream courses potentially impacted by the Project in order to assist in determining any potential impacts and development of appropriate mitigation measures.

#### Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement

Pursuant to Fish and Game Code (FGC) section 1600 et seq., a Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) may be required if the proposed Project will impact the bed, bank, channel, or associated riparian vegetation of any drainages on site. To minimize additional requirements by the Department pursuant to section 1600 et seq., and/or under CEQA, the environmental document prepared for this Project should fully identify potential impacts to stream or riparian resources and provide adequate avoidance, mitigation, monitoring, and reporting commitments for issuance of the LSAA. Instructions for obtaining a LSAA are available through the Department's website at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/habcon/1600/>.

#### CESA

The California Endangered Species Act (FGC §§ 2050 et seq.) is administered by the Department and prohibits the take of plant and animal species designated by the Fish and Game Commission as either threatened or endangered in the State. If the Project could result in the "take" of a State-listed as threatened or endangered species, the applicant has the responsibility to obtain from the Department an Incidental Take Permit pursuant to FGC section 2081.

#### Wildlife Resources Report

The Wildlife Resources Report of the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Inc. for Land Use Permit, dated January 2014 (Report), indicates that surveys were conducted on one day in October 2013 and one day in December 2013. These dates alone do not adequately capture year-round wildlife use of the Project location. The Department recommends completing additional surveys throughout the year to document the seasonal variation of species composition.

Further discussion is needed regarding the sampling methodology of the surveys conducted. Specifically, discussion is needed on the timing of the surveys, including the time of day and date of surveys, length of surveys, and weather conditions.

The Report discusses the observation of a “considerable amount of deer and avian sign” and that “various songbirds were seen around the project area, utilizing the riparian zone, and some using the oak woodland as well as the mixed conifer areas”; however, a list of observed species was not provided with the Report. The Department requests a list of the species utilizing the Project area, including both common and sensitive species.

The Report states that the California Wildlife Habitat Relationships System database was searched in order to identify species and habitats with the potential to be impacted by the Project. The Department requests that the California Natural Diversity Data Base (CNDDDB) be searched to obtain current information on reported sensitive species and habitat within and around the Project area. In order to provide an adequate assessment of special-status species potentially occurring within the Project vicinity, the search area for CNDDDB occurrences should include all U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles with Project activities, and all adjoining 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles. A discussion should be included regarding how and when the CNDDDB search was conducted, including the names of each quadrangle queried, or why any areas may have been intentionally excluded from the CNDDDB query. Additionally, a discussion should be included regarding other databases that were searched while researching the Project area, including the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) electronic database.

A cursory Department query of the CNDDDB identified a number of special-status species present in close proximity to the Project that were not identified or discussed in the Report. These species include the following:

- Southern Oregon/Northern California coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*)- federally and State listed as threatened;
- Bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) – State endangered, Department Fully Protected;
- Pacific Fisher (*Pekania pennanti*) – federal candidate, State candidate threatened;
- Townsend's big-eared bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) – State candidate threatened;
- Golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) – Department Fully Protected;
- American peregrine falcon (*Falco peregrinus anatum*) – Department Fully Protected;
- Northern goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) – California Species of Special Concern

Species-specific wildlife surveys may be needed to determine the presence of additional species identified by the Department or through other databases. Adequate information about special-status species present in the Project area will enable reviewing agencies and the public to effectively assess potential impacts to these species and will guide the development of minimization and mitigation measures.

The Report concludes that “no special conditions or mitigation measures are required to protect special status species or their environments and they will not be significantly effected [*sic*].” The Department cannot concur with this conclusion, based on the lack of information provided in the Report.

Additionally, the Report concludes that “the addition of the proposed pond will enhance and increase habitat for many riparian obligates, that are presently utilizing existing habitat.” As stated above, the Report does not include a list of the species utilizing the Project area, nor do the Project documents discuss riparian enhancement. If riparian habitat enhancement or modification will occur, it should be described and effects must be analyzed in the environmental document. Modification of riparian habitat may require a LSAA and require the development of mitigation measures.

#### Northern Spotted Owl (*Strix occidentalis*)

The northern spotted owl (NSO) is federally listed as threatened and is currently a State candidate for listing. The USFWS recently updated its protocol for surveying proposed management activities that may impact NSO. This survey protocol is required in areas where management activities may remove or modify NSO nesting, roosting or foraging habitat. It is also applied to activities that disrupt essential breeding activities during the critical breeding period (March 15 through August 31) or that may injure or otherwise harm NSO. Multiple surveys may be required up to 1.3 miles from an active center, or nest, with strict operational restrictions 500 feet from a nest.

The Project Description references a 1994 Timber Harvest Plan that determined the protocol surveys completed in 1992 and 1993 were adequate to evaluate potential impacts to NSO, and issued a “no-take” determination. The Wildlife Resources Report indicates the presence of potential NSO habitat in the southwest portion of the property; however, a protocol level survey was not conducted because, as the Report states, the area is “quite isolated from the footprint of existing development and use patterns and the proposed activities will not alter or effect the NSO potential habitat.” A review of CNDDDB shows a territory (NSO #SIS 0563) approximately 0.6 miles to the west of the Project.

The Department requests the development of a map depicting the proposed Project activities along with the identified NSO territory and habitat identified in the southwest portion of the property. The development of this map will assist in the



analysis of potential impacts to this species. Because the Project will be developed using a phased approach, the Department recommends the completion of additional surveys prior to any proposed impacts to habitat with the potential to support NSO. More information and guidance on NSO habitat determination and survey requirements can be made through consultation with or technical assistance from USFWS or the Department.

#### Nesting Raptors and Migratory Birds

All raptors and their nests are protected under FGC sections 3503 and 3503.5 and the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA). Migratory birds are protected under FGC section 3513 and the federal MBTA. Project documents indicate that vegetation removal will be required for future Project activities. To ensure compliance with FGC, the Department recommends avoidance measures be incorporated, such as operating outside the breeding season.

#### Townsend's big-eared bat

Townsend's big-eared bat is a State candidate for threatened or endangered species listing. During the Status Review period, FGC section 2085 confers the full legal protection of an endangered or threatened species on a candidate species. Townsend's big-eared bat requires a range of habitats for various parts of their life history, including summer roosts (maternity roosts), hibernacula, and foraging habitat. Summer roosts can include caves, abandoned mines, hollow trees, and human-made structures. Hibernacula are predominantly caves but can also include buildings and possibly hollow trees. "The largest hibernating aggregations (200-600 animals) occur in the northern portion of the state, many in Siskiyou County" (Greenwald, et al., 2012). Townsend's big-eared bats forage primarily in riparian corridors, closely following creeks or streams through forest or shrub habitat. The Project site contains suitable summer roosting and foraging habitat. The Department recommends the Project applicant conduct acoustic bat surveys by a qualified biologist prior to Project construction if vegetation removal will occur during the bat maternity roosting season of April 1 through August 31. If roosting bats are present, avoidance or mitigation measures to avoid take and impacts must be incorporated. Any mitigation measures included to avoid take or address CESA will not be applicable if the species is not listed as threatened or endangered.

#### Wildlife Corridors

No discussion was included in the Project documents regarding wildlife corridors. The Department recommends the analysis of Project impacts on wildlife movement, including native resident or migratory wildlife corridors. Wetlands and riparian corridors serve as important wildlife migration and dispersal routes for both aquatic and terrestrial wildlife. The Department suggests wildlife movement

corridor studies which may include the use of trail cams and track plates, and the development of a map depicting identified corridors. These studies will be useful in placement of Project improvements and the development of adequate avoidance or mitigation measures.

### Botanical Resource Surveys

The Botanical Resource Survey, prepared September 2010 and updated May 23, 2014, identified two new populations of Shasta chaenactis (*Chaenactis suffrutescens*) on the south bank of Kidder Creek, above the "intake area proposed for the pond expansion." However, the Botanical Resource Addendum prepared June 2013 and updated May 23, 2014, states that no known special-status plants were found during the surveys. The survey area for these two reports appears to be different, with the initial report stating the Area of Potential Effect covered approximately 551 acres and the Addendum stating that "the project consists of approximately 29 acres." Please clarify where the botanical surveys took place and if they covered the entire Project area.

The initial report suggests flagging and restricting access to the two identified populations of Shasta chaenactis to avoid impacts due to construction. If these populations are within the Project area, the Department concurs with this recommendation. Additional mitigation measures will need to be developed if these populations cannot be avoided.

### Vegetation Community Impacts

Environmental Questionnaire Section V – Vegetation and Wildlife indicates that less than five percent of the trees will be removed by the proposed Project; however, no vegetation maps were provided with the Project documentation to allow confirmation of this statement. The Botanical Resource Survey discusses several habitat types that occur in the Project area. These include riparian woodlands, riverbanks, wet meadows, mixed conifer forests, and oak woodlands. The Department recommends the preparation of a detailed vegetation map, preferably with an overlay of the proposed Project activities. The map should be of sufficient resolution to depict the locations of the Project site's major vegetation communities, and show Project impacts relative to each community type. The vegetation classification system used to name the polygons should be described, and a table developed indicating acreages of each community type along with the acreage impacted by the proposed Project (both directly and indirectly). Special-status natural communities should be specifically noted on the map.

### Invasive Species

The creation of a new 7-acre pond and the expansion of other water bodies on site has the potential to increase the prevalence of invasive bull frogs, which were observed in the manmade pond as documented in the Wildlife Resources Report



and the Botanical Resource Survey. Please include invasive species control measures in the environmental document developed for the Project.

#### Timberland Conversion

Development within the currently zoned TPZ may require a permit from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Additional information is available at: [http://calfire.ca.gov/resource\\_mgt/resource\\_mgt\\_EPRP\\_TimberlandConversions.php](http://calfire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_EPRP_TimberlandConversions.php).

#### Lighting

Lighting is an ecological stressor. Some species of wildlife are able to adapt, but many do not. The Department recognizes the negative effects of artificial lighting on birds and other nocturnal species. The effects are numerous and include impacts to singing and foraging behavior, reproductive behavior, navigation, and altered migration patterns. Lighting can diminish habitat function by making high quality habitat less suitable for wildlife and increasing the rate of predation. To minimize adverse effects of artificial light on wildlife, the Department recommends that lighting fixtures associated with the Project be downward facing, fully-shielded, designed and installed to minimize photo-pollution, and use as little lighting as possible in open space areas where nocturnal species would tend to forage.

#### California Natural Diversity Database

If any special-status species are found during subsequent surveys for this Project, the Department requests that CNDDDB forms be filled out and submitted to the Biogeographic Data Branch in Sacramento. Instructions for providing data to the CNDDDB can be found at: <https://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/>. Additionally, the Department requests a copy of these forms be sent to the Northern Region office, Attn: CEQA, 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA, 96001. Species that warrant reporting to the CNDDDB include Species of Special Concern, Fully Protected species, rare species as defined by the California Native Plant Society, species proposed for listing or candidate species, and species listed as threatened or endangered by either the State or federal Endangered Species Acts.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to provide comments early in the environmental review process. If you have any questions, please contact Kristin Hubbard, Environmental Scientist, at (530) 225-2138, or by email at [Kristin.Hubbard@wildlife.ca.gov](mailto:Kristin.Hubbard@wildlife.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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## References

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Revised 2012. Protocol for surveying proposed management activities that may impact northern spotted owls.

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**From:** Hubbard, Kristin@Wildlife <Kristin.Hubbard@wildlife.ca.gov>  
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**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** RE: Kidder Creek Wildlife Resources Report; (Z-14-01, UP-11-15)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hi Brett,

I've reviewed the updated Wildlife Resources Report for Kidder Creek. The Department agrees with the conclusion that Pacific Fisher warrants special considerations, as does the osprey nest and nest tree observed during wildlife surveys. We ask that the observation of these species be submitted to the California Natural Diversity Database at: [http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/submitting\\_data\\_to\\_cnddb.asp](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/cnddb/submitting_data_to_cnddb.asp).

Thank you,  
Kristin

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**From:** Brett Walker [mailto:bwalker@co.siskiyou.ca.us]  
**Sent:** Monday, February 08, 2016 10:36 AM  
**To:** Hubbard, Kristin@Wildlife  
**Subject:** FW: Kidder Creek Wildlife Resources Report; (Z-14-01, UP-11-15)

Good Morning Kristin:

Please see the email below regarding the attached documents.

Sincerely,

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Good Morning Kristin:

Kidder Creek has submitted a revised Wildlife Resources Report. This report should reflect a corrected USFWS list of threatened and endangered species. The report and all submitted attachments are included for your review.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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May 20, 2016

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Subject: File No. 2011-00336N

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Dear Ms. Muse:

This correspondence is in reference to your submittal of May 23, 2014, on behalf of Tim Lloyd of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, Inc., requesting a preliminary jurisdictional determination of the extent of waters of the United States occurring on an approximately 17 acre site which is part of an approximately 350 acre property located at 2700 Kidder Creek Road in Etna, Siskiyou County, California, in USGS Greenview quadrangle, Section 36, Township 43 North, Range 10 West. The approximate coordinates of the center of the study area are 41.529094°N latitude by - 122.948330°W longitude (APN 024-440-150).

All proposed discharges of dredged or fill material occurring below the plane of ordinary high water in non-tidal waters of the United States; or below the high tide line in tidal waters of the United States; and within the lateral extent of wetlands adjacent to these waters, typically require Department of the Army authorization and the issuance of a permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended (33 U.S.C. § 1344 *et seq.*). Waters of the United States generally include the territorial seas; all traditional navigable waters which are currently used, or were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide; wetlands adjacent to traditional navigable waters; non-navigable tributaries of traditional navigable waters that are relatively permanent, where the tributaries typically flow year-round or have continuous flow at least seasonally; and wetlands directly abutting such tributaries. Where a case-specific analysis determines the existence of a "significant nexus" effect with a traditional navigable water, waters of the United States may also include non-navigable tributaries that are not relatively permanent; wetlands adjacent to non-navigable tributaries that are not relatively permanent; wetlands adjacent to but not directly abutting a relatively permanent non-navigable tributary; and certain ephemeral streams in the arid West.

The enclosed delineation map entitled, "Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination for the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp", in one sheet, date certified September 2, 2014, depicts the extent and location of wetlands and other waters of the United States within the boundary area of the site that **may be** subject to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' regulatory authority under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. This preliminary jurisdictional determination is based on the current conditions of the site, as verified during a field investigation of August 28, 2014, a review of available digital photographic imagery, and a review of other data included in your submittal. While this preliminary jurisdictional determination was conducted pursuant to Regulatory Guidance Letter No. 08-02, *Jurisdictional Determinations*, it may be subject to future revision if new information or a change in field conditions becomes subsequently apparent. The basis for this preliminary jurisdictional determination is fully explained in the enclosed *Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination Form*. You are requested to sign and date this form and return it to this office within two weeks of receipt.

You are advised that the preliminary jurisdictional determination may **not** be appealed through the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' *Administrative Appeal Process*, as described in 33 C.F.R. Section 331 (65 Fed. Reg. 16,486; Mar. 28, 2000). Under the provisions of 33 C.F.R. Section 331.5(b)(9), non-appealable actions include preliminary jurisdictional determinations since they are considered to be only advisory in nature and make no definitive conclusions on the jurisdictional status of the water bodies in question. However, you may request this office to provide an approved jurisdictional determination that precisely identifies the scope of jurisdictional waters on the site; an approved jurisdictional determination may be appealed through the *Administrative Appeal Process*. If you anticipate requesting an approved jurisdictional determination at some future date, you are advised not to engage in any on-site grading or other construction activity in the interim to avoid potential violations and penalties under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Finally, you may provide this office new information for further consideration and request a reevaluation of this preliminary jurisdictional determination.

You may refer any questions on this matter to Cameron Purchio of my Regulatory staff by telephone at (707) 443-0855 or by e-mail at Cameron.R.Purchio@usace.army.mil. All correspondence should be addressed to the Regulatory Division, North Branch, referencing the file number at the head of this letter.

The San Francisco District is committed to improving service to our customers. My Regulatory staff seeks to achieve the goals of the Regulatory Program in an efficient and cooperative manner, while preserving and protecting our nation's aquatic resources. If you would like to provide comments on our Regulatory Program, please complete the Customer

Service Survey Form available on our website: <http://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Regulatory.aspx>.

Sincerely,

Holly N. Costa  
North Branch Chief, Regulatory Division

Enclosures

Copy Furnished (w/ encls):

Tim Lloyd  
Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.  
2700 South Kidder Creek Road  
Etna, California 96027



# PRELIMINARY JURISDICTIONAL DETERMINATION FORM

## San Francisco District

**This Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination finds that there “*may be*” waters of the United States in the subject review area and identifies all such aquatic features, based on the following information:**

**Regulatory Division:** North Branch

**File Number:** 2011-00336-N

**PJD Completion Date:** 09-02-2014

### Review Area Location

City/County: Etna, Siskiyou County State: California

Nearest Named Waterbody: Kidder Creek

Approximate Center Coordinates of Review Area

Latitude (degree decimal format): 41.529094°N

Longitude (degree decimal format): -122.948330°W

Approximate Total Acreage of Review Area: 17 Select

**File Name:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camp

### Applicant or Requestor Information

Name: Rhonda Muse

Company Name: Resource Management

Street/P.O. Box: P.O. Box 146

City/State/Zip Code: Fort Jones, California 96032

### Estimated Total Amount of Waters in Review Area

Non-Wetland Waters: 1576 lineal feet 1.5 feet wide and/or  
acre(s) Flow Regime: Intermittent

Wetlands: lineal feet feet wide and/or  
4.75 acre(s) Cowardin Class: Palustrine- emergent

### Name of Section 10 Waters Occurring in Review Area

Tidal:

Non-Tidal:

☐ Office (Desk) Determination

☒ Field Determination:

Date(s) of Site Visit(s): 08-28-2014

**SUPPORTING DATA: Data reviewed for Preliminary JD (check all that apply – checked items should be included in case file and, where checked and requested, appropriately reference sources below)**

☒ Maps. Plans, plots or plat submitted by or on behalf of applicant/requestor (specify): delineation package submitted by Rhonda Muse, dated May 23, 2014

☐ Data sheets submitted by or on behalf of applicant/requestor (specify):

☐ Corps concurs with data sheets/delineation report.

☐ Corps does not concur with data sheets/delineation report.

☐ Data sheets prepared by the Corps.

☐ Corps navigable waters' study (specify):

☐ U.S. Geological Survey Hydrologic Atlas:

☐ USGS NHD data.

☐ USGS HUC maps.

☐ U.S. Geological Survey map(s) (cite quad name/scale):

☐ USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Soil Survey.

☐ National wetlands inventory map(s) (specify):

☐ State/Local wetland inventory map(s) (specify):

☐ FEMA/FIRM maps.

☐ 100-year Floodplain Elevation (specify, if known):

☒ Photographs: ☒ Aerial (specify name and date):

☐ Other (specify name and date):

☐ Previous JD determination(s) (specify File No. and date of response letter):

☐ Other information (specify):

**IMPORTANT NOTE: If the information recorded on this form has not been verified by the Corps, the form should not be relied upon for later jurisdictional determinations.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date of Regulatory Project Manager  
(REQUIRED)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature and Date of Person Requesting Preliminary JD  
(REQUIRED, unless obtaining the signature is impracticable)

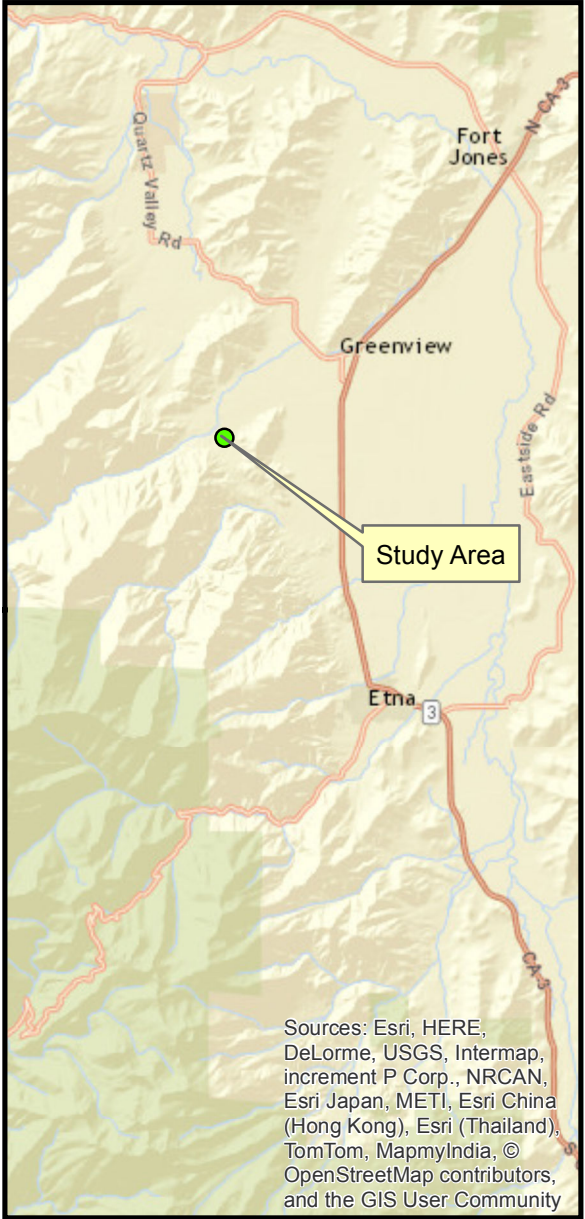
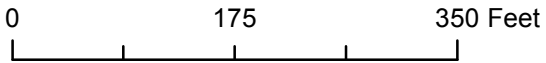
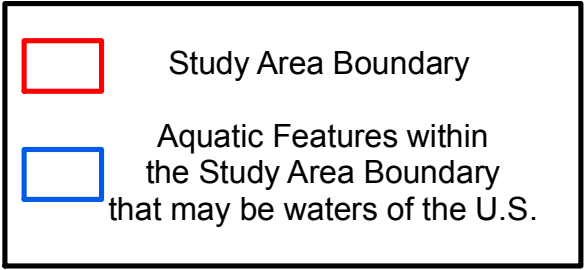
1. The Corps of Engineers believes that there may be jurisdictional waters of the United States on the subject site, and the permit applicant or other affected party who requested this preliminary JD is hereby advised of his or her option to request and obtain an approved jurisdictional determination (JD) for that site. Nevertheless, the permit applicant or other person who requested this preliminary JD has declined to exercise the option to obtain an approved JD in this instance and at this time.

2. In any circumstance where a permit applicant obtains an individual permit, or a Nationwide General Permit (NWP) or other general permit verification requiring "preconstruction notification" (PCN), or requests verification for a non-reporting NWP or other general permit, and the permit applicant has not requested an approved JD for the activity, the permit applicant is hereby made aware of the following: (1) the permit applicant has elected to seek a permit authorization based on a preliminary JD, which does not make an official determination of jurisdictional waters; (2) that the applicant has the option to request an approved JD before accepting the terms and conditions of the permit authorization, and that basing a permit authorization on an approved JD could possibly result in less compensatory mitigation being required or different special conditions; (3) that the applicant has the right to request an individual permit rather than accepting the terms and conditions of the NWP or other general permit authorization; (4) that the applicant can accept a permit authorization and thereby agree to comply with all the terms and conditions of that permit, including whatever mitigation requirements the Corps has determined to be necessary; (5) that undertaking any activity in reliance upon the subject permit authorization without requesting an approved JD constitutes the applicant's acceptance of the use of the preliminary JD, but that either form of JD will be processed as soon as is practicable; (6) accepting a permit authorization (e.g., signing a proffered individual permit) or undertaking any activity in reliance on any form of Corps permit authorization based on a preliminary JD constitutes agreement that all wetlands and other water bodies on the site affected in any way by that activity are jurisdictional waters of the United States, and precludes any challenge to such jurisdiction in any administrative or judicial compliance or enforcement action, or in any administrative appeal or in any Federal court; and (7) whether the applicant elects to use either an approved JD or a preliminary JD, that JD will be processed as soon as is practicable. Further, an approved JD, a proffered individual permit (and all terms and conditions contained therein), or individual permit denial can be administratively appealed pursuant to 33 C.F.R. Part 331, and that in any administrative appeal, jurisdictional issues can be raised (see 33 C.F.R. 331.5(a)(2)). If, during that administrative appeal, it becomes necessary to make an official determination whether CWA jurisdiction exists over a site, or to provide an official delineation of jurisdictional waters on the site, the Corps will provide an approved JD to accomplish that result, as soon as is practicable.


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Preliminary Jurisdictional  
Determination for the Kidder  
Creek Orchard Camp



USACE File # 2011-00336N  
Kidder Creek Orchard Camp  
Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination  
September 2, 2014



All aquatic features identified within the Study Area Boundary may be subject to Corps of Engineers jurisdiction based on a Preliminary Jurisdictional Determination of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

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Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, i-cubed, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AEX, Getmapping, Aerogrid, IGN, IGP, swisstopo, and the GIS User Community



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Planning Division  
Atten: Brett Walker, AICP  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

THE INEQUITY OF CHARGES FOR ADDED

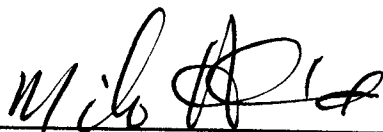
TRAFFIC ON SOUTH KIDDER RD.

PLUS NO SECOND FIRE ESCAPE -

THE TIGHT CORNERS ON THE ROAD

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Signature

MIKE ALEXANDER.

Name (printed) HOME - 5224 SO. KIDDER LOOP. ETNA  
P.O.B. 265 FORT JONES WA.

Address

City, State, Zip

Phone 530-598-9123

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

I MIKE ALEXANDER, ONE OF THE  
SUBDIVIDERS OF SOUTH KIDDER ESTATES.

WHEN WE MADE THE THIRTY '30'  
LOTS, THE COUNTY SAID EACH LOT  
WOULD GENERATE 7 ONE WAY TRIPS  
PER DAY, OR 210 TRIP PER DAY -

FOR THIS THEY MADE US PAY \$19,000--  
FOR ABOUT ONE MILE OF USAGE ON  
THE ROAD.

KCOC IS ABOUT TO ADD 7 TIMES AS  
MUCH TRAFFIC OR DOUBLE THE MILLAGE  
AS WE DID. SO LET'S HOPE  
THEY ARE CHARGED ACCORDINGLY

AND REMEMBER THE PROPERTY OWNERS  
ON SOUTH KIDDER ESTATES PAY  
PROPERTY TAX.

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## COMMENTS

*I've been working summers here for 3 years. It's a great way for local youth to make some income, & offers me & my coworkers the chance to positively influence the community!*

NAME

*Jacob Alvarez*

ADDRESS

*6515 Leger Beach Rd.*

SIGNATURE

*Jacob Alvarez*

DATE

*9-24-16*



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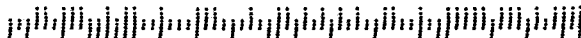
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## COMMENTS

Kidder Creek is an amazing place to work with inspiring people.

## NAME

Sabrina Alvarez

## ADDRESS

6515 Agor-Beswick Rd.

## SIGNATURE

Sabrina Alvarez

## DATE

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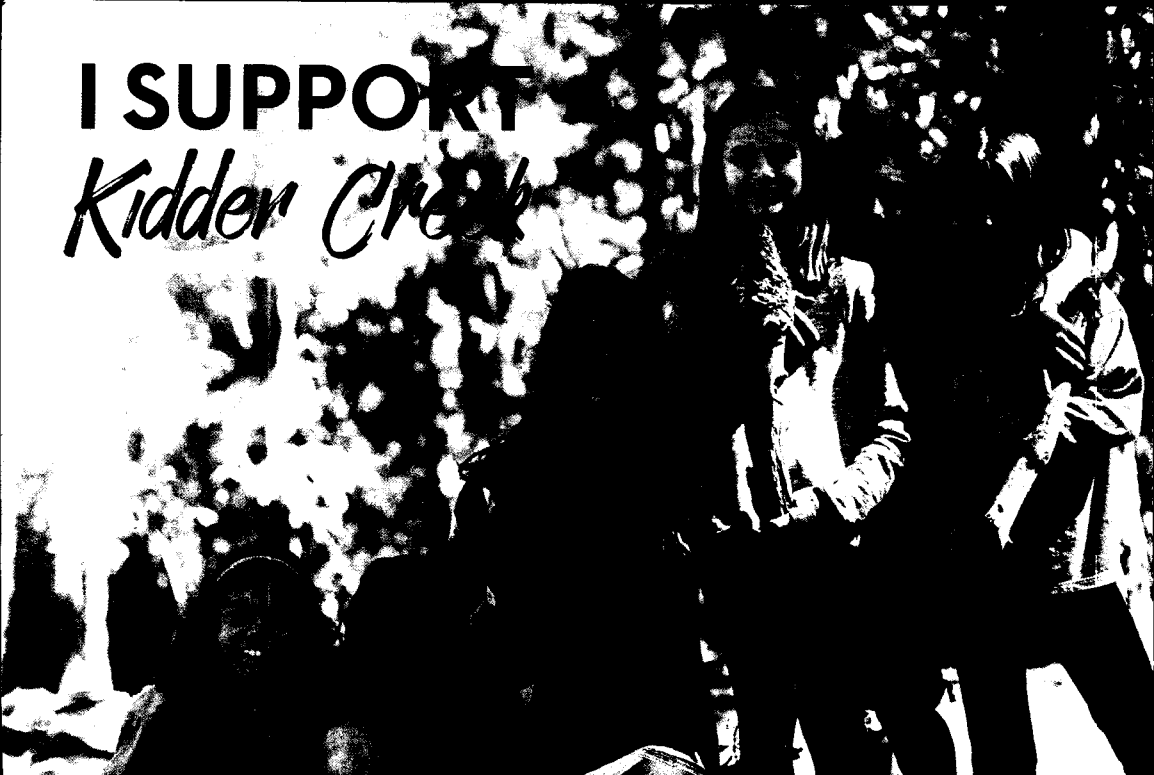
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Planning Division  
Atten: Brett Walker, AICP  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

I am concerned with increase of traffic on our small  
roads. Also the increase of people in the area.

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mark J. Aplan  
Signature

Mark J. Aplan  
Name (printed)

5600 South Kidder Creek Loop  
Address

Etna, CA 96027  
City, State, Zip

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## COMMENTS

Camp is a life changing experience, love it!

## NAME

Kendrick Aragon

## ADDRESS

559 S. Weed buld. #2

## SIGNATURE

K. Aragon

## DATE

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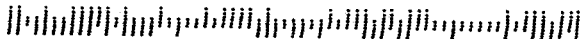
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## COMMENTS

I completely support  
the expansion of this camp!  
100%

## NAME

Valisha Armstrong

## ADDRESS

PO Box 944  
Happy Camp CA 96039

## SIGNATURE

Valisha Armstrong

## DATE

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## COMMENTS

NAME

~~ANTONE~~ ANTONE Aubrey JR.

ADDRESS

PP. 374 HAPPY CAMP, CA 96089  
Box

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Antone Aubrey Jr

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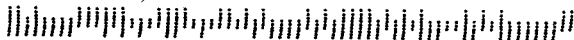
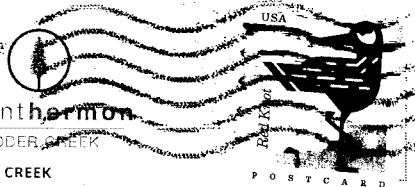
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**COMMENTS** My niece & nephew had a life altering experience this summer at KC. I am SO grateful!

**NAME**

Danna Ayers

**ADDRESS**

PO BOX 1074  
Yreka, CA 96097

**SIGNATURE**

Danna Ayers

**DATE**

9-25-14



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806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

The number of cars to be added to this rural road - a road that cannot handle more traffic, especially in such a condensed time. What are the plans for emergency/fire access?  
Should the main road be cut off as it was in Weed in the Boles Fire? Will the community be able to see the names of the ranchers who signed off on the Barker Ditch diversion for the pond?

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Madeline DeAndreis Ayres  
Signature

Madeline DeAndreis- Ayres  
Name (printed)

P.O. Box 543 (143 Dale Ave.)  
Address

Fort Jones, CA 96032  
City, State, Zip



Sept. 24, 2016

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Siskiyou County Community Development  
Attn: Brett Walker  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, Ca. 96097

RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP- 11-45

Dear Mr. Walker:

We currently reside on So. Kidder Creek Road for four months each year. We choose to leave our main home in Southern California to spend our summers in this friendly, peaceful, non-congested beautiful valley. There may be other locations in other states that compare with the beauty, friendliness, and serenity of Scott Valley but nothing like it in California.

We have many friends and some family members who have experienced the Camp. Our only complaints the past few years have been the high speeds with some of the vehicles, especially as they come out of the dangerous curves by Melinda Perlman's home. This stretch is used by pedestrians, horses, cyclists, dogs, and vehicles entering and exiting the main road. All must use the main trafficked lanes.

As you know, the presently proposed Camp expansion is creating much apprehension and concern throughout the valley. We would hate to see the Camp expansions get approval and support from the County. This would result in the Camp, with its Christian philosophy, being in the middle of a hostile environment.

Reo and Patty Barkle

*Reo Barkle*  
*Patricia Barkle*

PO Box 191  
Greenview, Ca. 96037

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Dear Siskiyou County Planning Department,

My name is Jacob Bass. I was an employee at Kidder Creek Camps for both summer 2015 and 2016. I am writing you in regards to the public hearing to be held on 19 October 2016. I am greatly in favor of the expansion of Kidder Creek Camps and would love to see the many lives that will be impacted by the expansion of the camp.

Every summer hundreds of people come to Kidder Creek Camp to adventure, ride, raft, play, and grow closer to God. The mighty and scenic land Scott Valley boasts is one of the most unique parts of camping at Kidder. The location makes Kidder special and is something that the staff at Kidder strive to preserve, in its pristine condition.

Another aspect of camp that helps people escape the hustle and bustle of everyday life, slow down and enjoy themselves is the close knit, relaxed and helpful community that fills the Valley. This is a topic that is made aware to us as summer staff throughout staff training. We are instructed and encouraged to maintain a positive relationship with the surrounding community, and pride ourselves on being part of it.

The last two summers at Kidder, I have not only seen lives changed in campers, but my life has also been transformed. I have grown in my relationship with God. I have grown in my love for adventure and the outdoors. Kidder Creek, Scott Valley and Northern California are simply amazing and influential places. The geography, activities, staff, and community are like nowhere else. This last summer was crazy with how much was going on at Kidder. Running a variety of camp programs, with full cabins every week. It made me so excited for the future that is in store at Kidder. The expansion being proposed would only increase what could, can and will happen at the end of South Kidder Creek Rd.

Sincerely,

Jacob Bass

Kidder Creek Summer Staff 2015 & 2016

9/14/2016

Date

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Planning Division  
Atten: Brett Walker, AICP  
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Yreka, CA 96097

**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

*No passable emergency access road in case of fire!*

*Noise and air pollution.*

*Adequate sewage treatment / water quality downstream*

*Taking away private and easement property rights.*

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Kathryn Ann Bensen*

Signature

*KATHRYN ANN BENSEN*

Name (printed)

*11818 East St.*

Address

*FORT JONES, CA 96032*

City, State, Zip

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Attn: Vurl Trytten  
806 S Main Street  
Yeka, CA 96097

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Dear Mr. Trytten:

I am writing to express my full support for Kidder Creek Camp and its recently submitted "Master Site Plan".

I first came to know about Kidder Creek in the 1980's, and have followed its ministry to children and the Scott Valley community; have made personal efforts to learn its plan and vision for the future; have taken special effort to talk with citizens in Scott Valley to learn how Kidder Creek Camp operations affects their daily lives; and have listened closely to hear what potential negative impacts may exist.

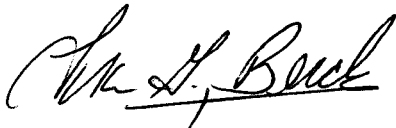
Contrary to another Camp located in Scott Valley, Kidder Creek has an incredibly high favorable rating! I believe the reason for this favor is the immense amount of effort the staff at Kidder Creek has made, and is making daily, to listen to and be aware of the needs of its neighbors.

I would list at least the following as points to consider regarding Kidder Creek:

1. It is a nonprofit organization;
2. It is a Christ centered organization;
3. It has taken special care to listen to its surrounding community;
4. It has made considerable effort to coordinate all of its planning with the Siskiyou County Planning Department;
5. Its planning has taken into consideration environmental needs;
6. Finally, its total mission is designed and committed to impact the lives of children, young people, young adults, as well as adults.

Thank you for your serious consideration of their "Master Site Plan", and would ask that you grant it 'Approved Status'.

Respectfully yours,



Loran G. Berck  
255 Newton Street (PO Box 371)  
Fort Jones, CA 96032-0371

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## COMMENTS

*Very thankful for  
Kidder Creek in our community*

## NAME

*Eric + Vera Bevis*

ADDRESS *P.O. Box 614 Etna, CA  
96027*

## SIGNATURE



## DATE

*9/24/16*



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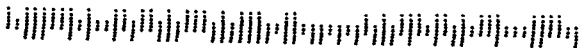
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## COMMENTS

*Awsome what  
you guys do out here  
Thank you.*

## NAME

*MIKE BEVIS*

## ADDRESS

*11801 MAIN ST*

*Font Jones, CA.*

## SIGNATURE

*Mike Bevis*

## DATE

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## Brett Walker

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**From:** Pam Piemme  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 7:55 AM  
**To:** Vurl Trytten; Brett Walker  
**Subject:** FW: Kidder Creek Expansion

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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**From:** Christian Birch [mailto:cbirch21@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 8:07 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Expansion

Dear County of Siskiyou County Planning Department,

I am in support of the Kidder Creek Camp Expansion in Scott Valley. My parents were one of the founding partners and I have been involved in Kidder for over 30 years as a camper, counselor, director, and volunteer. I know the heart of Kidder which at it's core is to serve kids in the community at large for positive personal growth experiences.

As a teacher, coach, and Natural Resource leader I see that kids need camp and outdoor experiences. At Kidder young lives are transformed and their purpose in life is clarified. Kidder provides countless youth adventures that challenge their faith and character. It is a one of a kind experience and needs to grow.

In order to serve more young people Kidder must move forward and expand what they currently offer. They need winterized housing to hold camps in cooler weather and improve the infrastructure of facilities. They also need more options for kids such as a larger swim area and recreational improvements.

Kidder Creek Camp also provides employment to many local young adults. With the expansion more jobs will be available and sustainability will maintain employment and volunteer opportunities.

Siskiyou County needs to focus on the positive organizations that have consistently served this community and made it a better place to live. I encourage the planning department to efficiently and wholeheartedly support Kidder with it's expansion.

Thank You,

Christian Birch

Yreka High School Teacher and Coach

## Brett Walker

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**From:** Pam Piemme  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 2:13 PM  
**To:** Vurl Trytten; Brett Walker  
**Subject:** FW: Kidder Creek Expansion Project

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**From:** Monique monmonier-Birch [mailto:[birchbuz@gmail.com](mailto:birchbuz@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 1:58 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Expansion Project

Dear County of Siskiyou Planning Department,

"Mom, what would Siskiyou County be with out Kidder Creek...seriously...it is just different there." These are the words of my 17 year old son who is a student at YHS, a member of the basketball team, part of the Ford Teen Leadership Council, and a summer employee at Adventure White Water and Kidder Creek. Our family gratefully takes in much of what our county has to offer and yet still there is something sublimely unique about Kidder.

Thank you for considering the expansion of Kidder Creek and the proposed master plan. Twenty three years ago, I came to Kidder as a counselor from Westmont college in Santa Barbara. I soon thereafter graduated, married and returned to Siskiyou County to teach. My husband and now our three sons have spent nearly every summer volunteering in some capacity at Kidder. My husband and I have been counselors, directors, board members, and trail builders. Our three boys have been day campers, back packers, mountain bikers, and Jr. leaders through camp. They have have grown spiritually and emotionally during their weeks spent at camp. I could go on and on about the stories told and how their lives have been enriched because we have this gem here in our backyard. I sincerely credit their experience at Kidder to be ones that have shaped them into the caring and contributing citizens that they are today.

However, I see Kidder as much larger in Siskiyou County than the blessing that has been bestowed upon my family. Kidder is a place where I see young lives transformed every summer. I see these faces at camp and in the fall when they return to my classroom. I listen to their stories. I witness softened hearts, pain relieved, empathy stretched, self confidence restored and I see the hope that a week at camp can plant in the souls of students. I hear athlete's stories of challenge and growth after spending a day in community service and team building at camp. We have this powerfully impacting camp here in our backyard. Hundreds of Siskiyou County kids attend each summer, but imagine how many more lives could experience Kidder if greater opportunities existed.

I am excited about the proposal for expansion. I most look forward to the possibility of year round facilities. As a family of coaches, teachers and business owners I see the need for a retreat center in this part of the North State. I see the potential employment for our young people eager to stay in our county but at a loss for job opportunity. I see greater impact on our community as young people are exposed to the natural wonders of our county...learning to respect and love this place we call home. We are generation that desires to see sustainability in our county. The Kidder Expansion plan is one great step in that direction.

Kidder has had a long standing positive reputation in our county. It has existed to serve this community from it's very beginning and it exists today only because of the countless local donors,supporters,and employees who have in turn served Kidder for decades. This is a tremendous testimony to the individual investment that our county has poured into Kidder over the past decades.

Thank you again for your consideration. I ask that you might also support the wonderful possibilities that Kidder's growth potential has towards a lasting and transformative impact on Siskiyou County kids, families, businesses and organizations.

Thank you,

Monique Monmonier-Birch

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**From:** Pam Piemme  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 7:53 AM  
**To:** Vurl Trytten; Brett Walker  
**Subject:** FW: Master plan for Kidder Creek

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**From:** Willy Birch [mailto:runningwarrior99@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 9:10 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Master plan for Kidder Creek

Dear planning commission,

Its amazing how thirteen years can rapidly pass when involved in a personal, meaningful, life changing camp like Kidder Creek. As a junior attending Yreka High School just over the hill from kidder, I play basketball and am involved in an outdoor, Natural Resource program.

Two summers ago, I attended a Wilderness Ascent camp out at kidder. In one week I saw, just as a camper myself, a group of kids that scarcely knew each other, grow to an indivisible, faithful family. In that experience itself, my passion for outdoor ministry and kidder creek grew immensely as I came home from camp fired up for Christ. I confidently knew from that point on that I had a desire for outdoor ministry. This summer I started working managing the newly built pump-track. I loved working in the atmosphere and "getting dirty", and, as days passed, thoughts of, "Wow. I could stay out here forever" began to kick in. I am looking forward to the opportunities next summer has for me out at camp.

Through prayers and donations, the recreational expansion of kidder creek will benefit the Scott Valley businesses in several ways. It will help to provide numerous amounts of recreation to the community through the "upgrades" involved in the proposal. Through these additions, kidder creek will grow, and with proper motivation and funding, a community will also.

I am ecstatic about these new opportunities proposed. I would also like to thank the planning commission for putting their time and effort into this community-changing ordeal. None of this would have been possible without you positively investing in this camp.

Sincerely,

Payton Birch



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## COMMENTS

KCOC has been wonderful camp for our family

## NAME

Bill Birch

## ADDRESS

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Bill Birch

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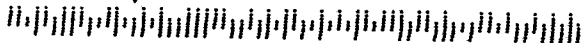
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## COMMENTS

I like Kidder Creek camps, and I think more kids like me would go

## NAME

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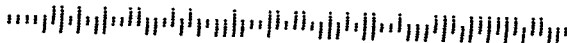
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**From:** Joyce Bradley <joyb5692@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 24, 2016 1:56 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** Feedback regarding Camp Expansion in Scott Valley

ATT: Brett Walker

Sir:

I first arrived in Scott Valley in 1975. My husband and I, both M.D.s, worked at the Rural Health Center in Etna, and purchased a wonderful old Victorian home there. We had fallen in love with the Valley almost immediately and were excited to have our children grow up there. Now twice widowed, I am living with my sons near Phoenix, Arizona, but am still in close touch with many of the residents there. I have been reading about the changes there, especially regarding the expansion of the JH Ranch and now Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. I am taking this opportunity to comment on this issue. Even though I am no longer a resident, I was one of the original Committee of eleven recruited by Ernst Hayden, then Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Some history is in order:

Scott Valley Plan.

I worked many days with Sari Sommerstrom on the Valley maps, with a lot of good help from the planning dept., which gave us support in our task. I was not present when the final document was written and signed, as my husband was called back into Military Duty and we left for three years, being stationed in Berlin. ( my alternate took my place).

Things had started to happen in the Valley that were alarming the local ranchers, especially Keith Whipple, who ran for County Commissioner (and lost) in the hope that he could have some say in new development of the Valley. Partridge Pines (across Highway 3 from Cheeseville) was a great concern, as the developer planned a Levittown-type sale of one-acre lots for the building of new houses. Eventually, the lots were held at 5 acres, which has turned out to be unfortunate, as so many people living in that area now have wells running dry in the summer, due to increased population and demand.

Once you know some of the history, the INTENT of the Scott Valley Plan becomes clearer....the plan was to limit development to the already urbanized areas of the towns, to limit the impact of increased traffic and new roads, which have environmental impacts ....(ie: excessive slope areas should have no roads because of erosion, deer-wintering areas should be preserved, etc. and any plans for industrial use would have to be approved by the County Planning Dept. on an individual basis)

I had to have an interview at an open Planning Commission Meeting before I could get permission to open my house as a B & B. I had to get written emission from all my neighbors who lived within 30 feet of my property line....all of which is as it should be, and is within the spirit of the SVP.

I agree with Che'usa Wend that the expansion of both of the camps to their new proposals would be injurious to the Valley, both economically (no property taxes) and environmentally (as regarding impact on available water, increased sewage disposal, etc) let alone traffic problems and fire access. For instance, a wildfire occurring during high season of Camp inhabitants could become a serious problem.)

I hope that the planning commission and the Supervisors will continue to respect the spirit of the original Scott Valley Plan and its intentions.

If you have any specific questions, I would be glad to answer them.

Sincerely,

Joyce Bradley, M.D., ([joyb5692@hotmail.com](mailto:joyb5692@hotmail.com))

Sept. 23, 2016

Gilbert, Arizona



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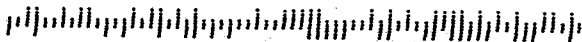
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**Subject:** FW: Support of Kidder Creek Camp

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**From:** Johanna Buck [mailto:[johannalbuck@gmail.com](mailto:johannalbuck@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2016 12:47 AM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Support of Kidder Creek Camp

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Dear Siskiyou County Planning Commissioners:

It is my intent to write in support of Kidder Creek Camp and the growth, vision and the ministry that is happening in the lives of young people and their families. I want to also declare my support regarding the planned development and their application for an amendment to their use permit #UP 11-15.

Since the age of about 3-4 years old Kidder Creek has been an integral part of my life and the life of my family. I grew up in Scott Valley and attended Etna Elementary School, Scott Valley Junior High School and

Etna High School. As a young child my mother would buy apples from the privately owned orchard prior to it becoming a camp. I grew up knowing that my mother who had a sincere faith in God and was a devout woman of prayer had prayed that this beautiful property would someday be used to impact lives and give glory to God. Over the 40 years of its existence and my various roles interfacing with the camp I have seen evidence of hundreds if not thousands of lives and families transformed through the work of Kidder Creek.

Specifically, I looked forward to attending Kidder Creek camp as soon as I was old enough to attend. In the early years I attended Soccer Camp, Log Cabin Camp, Day Camp and eventually got to attend Ranch Camp. As my family often struggled financially supporting 5 children on one income, I was often blessed to be able to attend camp as a result of generously donated camperships (camp scholarships) as well as aid from my grandparents. These weeks of camp fostered in me a desire to care for others, to love them no matter what the conditions, as well as to have a wonderful appreciation for the outdoors, physical exertion in the outdoors and the way that wholesome fun experiences can unify a group of people from all different geographical locations and socioeconomic backgrounds. For years I corresponded with former camp counselors who had poured into my life as well as friends that I had met through Kidder Creek. Today one of my longtime friends and I continue to be able to deepen our friendship while we volunteer at Kidder Creek and have shared memories that will last a lifetime! These are positive influences that many of the youth today need, people that want to pour into their lives in a positive way and friendships that are deep, meaningful and can last for a lifetime.

In other summers I helped doing housekeeping to clean toilets, as well as to work in the snack shack. These experiences also taught me perseverance and a positive attitude with hard work that was not always glamorous nor always in direct relationship with people. I have also interfaced with Kidder Creek's whitewater rafting program both being involved in their guide training over the years as well as with rental of their equipment for my own private trips. Through the rental of Kidder Creek's equipment, I have seen how Kidder Creek positively interacted with the local community as well as provided opportunities for people from outside the county to utilize the services of local businesses. For many summers I organized two groups of 30 people that came from various parts of California (as far as San Diego). They would buy pizza from local pizza parlors, eat at local restaurants, buy gasoline from local gas stations and groceries from local markets throughout the county (Happy Camp, Etna, Fort Jones, Yreka, and others). Those friends always left the Klamath River with a deep respect and love for Siskiyou County and its residents. Their lives were transformed by the beauty and the hospitality of so many locals.

Currently, my husband and I have two young girls, ages 9 and almost 7 that look forward for the whole year long to when they can go to Kidder Creek Camp again. They started going to Day Camp and our oldest now is able to attend the weeklong camp of Timberline Camp. When asked a summer ago by a friend "what the highlight of her summer was," our oldest daughter responded "getting to go to overnight camp." She has been blessed with many opportunities for enriching activities as well as fun family adventures such as whitewater rafting and camping but going to Kidder Creek was her highlight! I have seen both of our girls' experiences at Kidder Creek increase their confidence with new activities, help them to build relationships with new peers and to work actively together as a team. They love the skits and the pond! This would be one reason for a larger pond so more people can enjoy this place that it quite the highlight to almost every camper I talk to, including myself as a child.

Although I have been a longtime supporter of Kidder Creek, over the past 5-6 years I have been involved in other active ways as a volunteer. I have had an active volunteer role at Day Camp. This is one of many camps that I have seen many local Siskiyou County youth and families being directly impacted. I have interacted with many youth who come to Day Camp who have not had any connection to Kidder Creek previously. One family saw a flyer posted at the Scott Valley Resource Center. At camp these two children were given affirmation, provided with positive activities such as crafts, pond time, group time, and taught characteristics for life that would help them to develop confidence and perseverance. Day Camp being for ages 5-10 has also provided the opportunity for many grandparents to have their grandchildren visit from out of town and attend camp in the

day and be able to interact with their grandparents in the afternoon and evenings. As a result of Day Camp, my family has been able to visit my Dad and now deceased mother, as well as my siblings while also patronizing local restaurants and businesses.

Kidder Creek also provides many opportunities and with the proposed changes may be able to provide many more for local youth to grow their leadership skills and have their lives be transformed to do good and then shape others lives. I have seen ways that young people in Siskiyou County have been able to be Jr. Counselors for Day Camp. This has taught them leadership skills and organization skills. Through the years I have seen many of those youth grow in their ways of service to their schools and community because of many of the skills they have learned in their service to Kidder Creek and the youth who have attended camp. Specifically, my young girls have learned the wonderful skill of service as they have had the opportunity to volunteer and help with the Apple Crisp Booth at the Kidder Creek Fall Festival. Even when given the choice to spend 2 more hours of fun filled Kidder Creek activities that wanted to serve for 2 hours in that booth.

Kidder Creek has given time and again to the Siskiyou County community. As a 5<sup>th</sup> grader I attended Outdoor Ed overnight camp in which Etna Elementary School utilized the Kidder Creek facilities. In the last 3 years I have been able to be a part of another event that Kidder Creek has been able to give to the Siskiyou County community and beyond. As I have volunteered with the Kidder Creek Fall Festival, I have been overjoyed to see grandparents doing the zipline, ropes course or just enjoying some free apple crisp alongside their grandchildren. This has been a free community event that is quite intergenerational from infants to individuals in their 90s. This event has also provided business opportunities for local food vendors to sell their food to the many Fall Festival visitors some from as far as Red Bluff, and Brookings. I have interacted with families from Montague, Mt. Shasta, Yreka, Fort Jones, Happy Camp, Etna and other county wide communities while enjoying a wonderful family event.

As you can see I am an enthusiastic supporter of Kidder Creek Camp and the work that they are doing in the lives of young people and adults. I also have witnessed the genuine work that Kidder Creek has done to interact and listen to their neighbors and the local community. I want to thank the Planning Commission for your earnest work to survey the Kidder Creek application for modifications to its use permit. Thank you for sincerely considering the investment that Kidder Creek can have in the future of more young people and thus fostering the growth of healthy families both in Siskiyou County and beyond.

Sincerely,

Johanna L. Buck

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## COMMENTS

I love Kidder Creek because they teach kids about Jesus

## NAME

Annalise Buck

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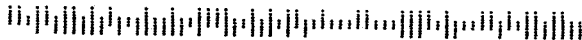
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I love the skits at Kidder Creek.

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Yes!!

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Amy Buller

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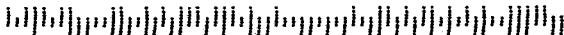
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## COMMENTS

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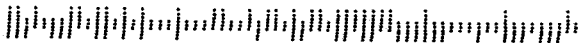
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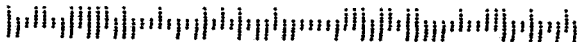
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## COMMENTS

*Appreciate Kidder  
Creek so much over  
the years*

## NAME

*Judy Busby*

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PO Box 375*

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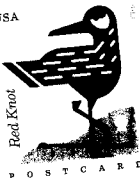
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We are writing to encourage your support for Kidder Creek's growth and ministry. As longtime friends and supporters of Kidder Creek, we are absolutely convinced of the integrity and passion of the Kidder Creek staff and administrators. These people are our neighbors and friends. They care about Scott Valley and the region. Look at their history of service to the community and you'll see programs for the poor, the needy, reduced camp fees for local & intercity children, free use of their facilities for local churches and organizations, employment opportunities for local college & high school students. Kidder Creek has also fostered a strong focus on community volunteers and built lasting relationships with families and senior citizens.

Over and over there has been evidence that the camp experience can change the life of a young person. Think of the benefit winterized and improved facilities would provide.

We urge you to consider the influence Kidder Creek is having on lives in our region. Please be a part in continuing a heritage of honesty, compassion and integrity by approving the master plan Kidder Creek has carefully formulated.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Haskell Cape

8621 N. Highway 3

Fort Jones, Ca 96032

Handwritten signatures of Haskell Cape and Judy Cape. The signature of Haskell Cape is written above the signature of Judy Cape.

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COMMENTS I have been coming here since I was a kid. The peace & happiness I get from feeling the presence of God here is so incredible. ♥

NAME

Grace Chrisman

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Grace Chrisman

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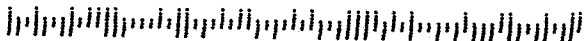
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## COMMENTS

Love Kidder!!!

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Jane Christopler

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Dear Mr. Trytten and the Planning Department,

We have been residents of Grenada since 1979 and are now both retired school teachers. We are pleased to comment on Kidder Creek Orchard Camp and urge you to allow the continuation and expansion of KCOC. We have had many interactions with the staff and opportunities to observe the programs there, including volunteering at the camps in several capacities and volunteering when the County Schools office previously had their outdoor ed camp in the fall. We have observed their very responsible and responsive young adult staff and their year around support staff. We know many of their Board personally. Because of our high regard for the staff, the goals of KCOC, and their management practices, we have contributed personally to the camp over the years because we believe it is run with integrity, high principles, depth of caring for the environment, compassion and quality ministry towards the campers, families, and disadvantaged children who have been so blessed to attend KCOC.

Campers attending have benefited so much from the amazing beauty, the training of being good stewards of the environment, the mentorship of counselors in relationships and spiritual living. Children who never have the opportunity within their own families come away from KCOC appreciating wilderness, man's responsibility to leave no trace, and best practices. We feel they gain a whole different perspective receiving this training at KCOC. We appreciate the Christian camp aspects but also believe that children attending gain a whole new perspective on the environment, something unique to KCOC. We have volunteered during camps and transported children back and forth and see a big impact and appreciation for nature in them.

During our volunteer times, staff have always impressed upon us their KCOC guidelines and rules for driving slowly, noise and dust suppression, conservation of water, guarding fragile lands, leaving no trace behind, being responsive to neighbors' comments.

We feel continuing and expanding Kidder Creek Camp is beneficial for those involved with it and for the business community. Gasoline, supplies, groceries are frequently purchased locally by those using the camp and running it. KCOC is almost the only reason we go to Scott Valley. We urge you to approve them.

Sincerely,



Lesley D. Clark  
P O Box 281  
Grenada, CA 96038



Thomas O. Clark



October 5, 2016

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Siskiyou County Planning Department

Attn: Vurl Trytten

806 South Main Street

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Dear Siskiyou County Planning Commissioners,

Hello, my name is Chris Cummings. I have been visiting Kidder Creek Camp for a number of years to help the camp prepare for campers and perform maintenance. I have gotten to know the Kidder Creek Camp staff and am very impressed by their professionalism and deep caring for the local youth that visit the camp. The camping experiences they provide for the area youth are very high quality and promote strong family values that the kids take with them. As a result of their camp experience, many kids make positive and lasting life changes that serve to steer their life in a positive direction. Getting youth on the right track in life has a strong positive impact on our communities, future families and helps provide our leaders of tomorrow.

The proposed modest camp expansion will allow the camp to modernize and provide improved facilities that will attract campers and their families to Siskiyou County for years to come. In rural Counties and especially the Scott Valley many business struggle due to a lack of customers and patrons. Having a well run facility that also attracts quality visitors to the valley and into many of the local businesses while they are here is a significant positive economic benefit.

To conclude, I would like to thank the Planning Commision for investing in the future of our youth, promoting strong families and fully considering the benifits of allowing Kidder Creek Camp to proceed with its proposed modest expansion. We can never go wrong by stepping up for our youth and looking into the future for positive social impacts that will benefit Siskiyou County and surrounding areas.

Sincerely,



Chris Cummings

Camp Volunteer,

3399 Dodson Lane

Anderson, Ca

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**COMMENTS** I love what you do  
for the community & the  
Kingdom of God!

**NAME**

Karyn Dancy

**ADDRESS**

P.O. Box 695  
Happy Camp, CA 96039

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Karyn Dancy

**DATE**

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Siskiyou County Community Development  
Planning Division  
Atten: Brett Walker, AICP  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

- I The Scott Valley plan should be implemented and adhered to before any permits are issued.
- II Noise and traffic is a serious issue and concern for adjacent property owners.
- III Fire prevention and escape should be addressed.
- IV Building codes should be enforced on all construction.
- V Sewage and water contamination should be addressed.
- VI Creek contamination is a real possibility.

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Signature

Roger Davis

Name (printed)

9329 Oro Fino Rd.

Address

Ft Jones, Ca. 96032

City, State, Zip

Dan and Janeane Deppen  
6523 Miner Creek Road  
Etna, California 96027

September 22, 2016

SISKIYOU COUNTY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
MR. BRETT WALKER – SENIOR PLANNER  
806 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
YREKA, CALIFORNIA 96097

**SUBJECT: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, upcoming proposed Zone Change to expand and increase Numbers and expand the Use Permit.**

Dear Mr. Walker and To Whom it may Concern:

I was one of the Original 11 members of the Scott Valley Area Plan preparation, under the direction of Mr. David Hedberg Planning Director at the time. Others are here as well. I have spoken to them and it was our intention and presumed that ANY and all Expansions, enlargements, or replacements of **“PRE-EXISTING NON CONFORMING USES”** would not be allowed, However, Those uses could remain, operate and continue. If any of the uses were discontinued, the use would then terminate! Should the use be proposed to expand, or be changed, it would be required to relocate to an area within the Spheres of influence of the small towns of Fort Jones, Greenvew, Etna and Callahan. Our intent and presumption was that this would encourage future development in areas suitable for expansion and development, and not encourage SPOT DEVELOPMENTS In our rural residential areas.

Examples being, Pre-Existing developments such as Marble Mountain Machinery, Former Arnold Tschopp excavation and sand and gravel business, Scott Valley Veterinary, if ever abandoned or discontinued would not be allowed to be replaced. Scott Valley Disposal had planned to purchase the former Tschopp property with the intention of opening their business there. They were denied that right for the above reasons from my knowledge.

Both KCOC and JH Ranch operations are and were Pre-existing non conforming uses when the plan was developed, and not considered to be expanded in size and numbers as are being proposed. Affecting the entire Scott Valley Community, not just adjacent landowners and the lifestyles of the residents in general.

In addition and fully supporting the issues Che’usa Wend presented to the BOS on Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> of September 22, 2016. Her information is accurate, to the point and only makes sense to those of use whom DO pay taxes, to receive our County Benefits, i.e. Law Enforcement, Road Maintenance, Schools, Snow removal, and services in general. These “Camps” have the potential of having inhabitants that would exceed the populations of our small towns – Fort Jones, Greenvew, Etna and Callahan. Sewage And domestic water is a major concern. Both locations are in and near the 100 year flood Plane, and have experienced major damage in past floods, which I personally have witnessed. 1955 & 1964 and several heavy water years since.

Our Quality of life and lifestyle was deteriorated by the JH Ranch Operations to the point we felt we had to relocate to avoid the impacts of the operation. KCOC is no different than the JH Ranch , other than location. Both are in rural residential communities of single families.

We even had the **“GRAND JURY”** perform an investigation from our complaints, which confirmed our Concerns and was supportive in all respects. Nothing ever was pursued to insure compliance then and nothing has been done since.

A Certified Appraiser even wrote a letter stating that anyone owning property near the JH Ranch Operations was subject to a property devaluation due to their operations. We even gave sworn depositions to the Code Enforcement Officer at the time for the Grand Jury! Mysteriously, nothing ever became evident based on the investigation and report for whatever reason.

I Lived and Owned a house on French Creek 1 mile downstream from the JH Operations for over 19+ years. We finally gave up after pursuing what we felt was due process, and sold that home and Built a new one Miner Creek. A heavy price to pay when Both my wife and I are True Scott Valley Natives, born and raised here, having to relocate to avoid the impacts of an out of control operation within the Valley. We have indirectly felt we were forced to change our lifestyle, and relocate due to lack of enforcement and control of a use. A life change because of this type of Development, un-regulated, un controlled, by their financial powers, continue to operate? Non conformance with their existing permit, asking to expand and enlarge and not complying with the ordinances, laws , regulations, state laws, federal law, Yet still growing and operating without any intervention is disgusting. If my wife or I were to operate as these people do we would be in jail!

Almost heartbreaking to see our Local Government following suit with degradation of our State and Federal Government and Agencies, at the price of the every day taxpayer.

I would respectfully request that if nothing else, the Size and numbers proposed for the Subject proposal be reduced from what has been requested as an attempt to avoid future similar problems that are Occurring with the JH Ranch. Seems as though this group is trustworthy and wish to try and fit into the community, not just ignore their neighbors.

Respectfully,  
Dan and Janeane Deppen

PC:file, Ray Haupt

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## COMMENTS

KC is changing lives.  
I support KC expansion.

## NAME

Amy Dickson

## ADDRESS

Po Box 992  
Fort Jones, CA. 96032

## SIGNATURE

*Amy Dickson*

## DATE

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Citrus Heights, CA 95621  
September 17, 2016

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ATT: Vurl Trytten

Dear Vurl Trytten, and the Planning Department:

RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.  
Master Site Plan Project

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want  
He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul.  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His namesake.  
Psalm 23:1-3*

This psalm describes what I think of the beautiful Kidder Creek Orchard Camps.

When my sons were teenagers, each of them in their own time, were taken from their distraught, wacked out mother and taken to Kidder Creek to work on the maintenance crew for the summer. I won't say that experience made them perfect angels, as it didn't, but it put them on a road to peace and growth in their own souls. They are now 40+ year old men living a good Christian life, loving their wives and children, and doing for others as the need arises. They both have hearts for the Lord beyond anything I could have ever taught them. I thank Kidder Creek Orchard Camps for their part in that plan. It was God's plan, not mine, and His plan worked much better than what I was doing.

I give you this little bit of history to say after reading over the Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc. Master Plan Site Project, I can only hope there will be many more "kids" able to revel in what KCOC does for children from many areas. The Counselors, themselves, are enriched so much by learning their capabilities to lead children to Christ, as well as teach them how to live in the wilderness area of Kidder Creek Camps. There is nothing like a natural habitat to mold "kids" to be more responsible citizens, and obey the plans of God for their lives. I'm sure there are many parents who will agree with me at what God has done for their kids. They are better people because of their experiences at Kidder Creek, no matter which camp they attended, what Counselor they had, or who they were trying to be before they arrived. God's hand on a child makes a difference.

Kidder Creek Orchard Camps has taken this beautiful piece of property, as well as the High Mountain Wilderness Areas, and the Rivers, given to them by God to use for His purpose. Along the way they added Mount Hermon to come alongside in their endeavor. At that time I was leery that the beautiful, peaceful place would become more citified, and lose it's wholesome appeal. I was wrong. It has proved to be a growing partnership, and has added to what can be accomplished for our wonderful Lord. I was impressed with the Site Plan Project in that it isn't something to be done right now, or even in five years. But it's been set up to take 20 or more years to accomplish, using funds as they come in. I couldn't think of anything they left out. They have thought of their neighbors, they have thought of the wilderness area in which it sits. They have tried to keep it as pristine as possible adding only what is needed for the comfort of those who are blessed to join in any part of the Kidder Creek experience. At this time I am asking you to please accept the Kidder Creek Master Site Plan Project, so that God can continue to change many more lives for the better in this time of "troubled waters". May God bless you in this decision.

Thank you,



An honored supporter,  
Nancy Mathews Dodson

*He shall feed His flock like a shepherd:  
He shall gather the lambs with His arm,  
And carry them in His bosom,  
And shall gently lead those that are with young.  
Isaiah 40:11*

CC: Andy Warken  
J. R. Loofburrow

## **Brett Walker**

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**From:** E. R. Doerr <doever@me.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2016 12:43 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Cc:** Ray Haupt  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change

The following comments are in regard to the above matter:

### EMERGENCY EXIT

Their proposed route passes through 3 separate parcels of land. Specifically:

- 1) An easement they have from the owners of the land adjacent to KCOC land.
- 2) 3 contiguous parcels of privately owned land.
- 3) A county maintained road.

This route is not viable for a number of reasons. Specifically:

- 1) The major portion of the road is through an easement they have from the owners of the land adjacent to KCOC land. This road would not meet Cal Fire requirements.
- 2) Their easement ends at 2 parcels of privately owned land whose owners have repeatedly denied their request for an easement. The owners are Kalletta Tasem and Betty Jerde, each owning one of the parcels. Both have filed a comment with the Development-Planning Division.
- 3) The route would also have to run through a 150 foot easement either side of Patterson Creek Road. They have no easement across this.
- 4) Patterson Creek Road is a county maintained road that connects with State Highway 3. The first 1 mile is paved. The next 5/8 of a mile is unpaved and is only a one lane road in several spots. The County would have to modify this portion of the road ,the expense of which would have to be borne by the taxpayers not KCOC.
- 5) KCOC Use Permit Application states that this exit would only be used for emergency egress. However, page 20 of the Project Description contradicts this,

*"road is available for use as an ingress/egress route in the event of emergency evacuation as well as for private use by the Camp, its staff and guests."*

Additionally, on 3 occasions, representatives of KCOC have publicly said that they would ,on occasion, have their staff and guests use this route for both ingress and egress. On 2 of those occasions their stated reason was to reduce the traffic on South Kidder Road which is their primary ingress and egress. That being the case it would require a traffic study on Patterson Creek Road.

The easements across the 3 privately owned parcels are contested. The County Council needs to make a ruling before it proceeds any further.

## SEWAGE TREATMENT

It is unlikely that the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board will approve a conventional septic system and thus will require a more sophisticated process to handle the sewage. They will be making comments on the proposal.

It is imperative that what ever is required to meet the Water Board standards be completed before any approval can even be considered. Something as serious as allowing contamination of both the soil and water has to be controlled.

As a resident of Scott Valley, I can not accept that KCOC will comply with just a hand shake or for that matter even a signed document. The approved system must be in place and functional before this request can be further reviewed by the Board of Supervisors.

Richard Doerr

Post Office Box 74  
Etna, California 96027

Dave and Kim Downey  
3332 Island Rd.  
Etna, CA 96027  
[Date]September 20, 2016

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County of Siskiyou Planning Department  
Attn: Vurl Trytten  
806 S. Main St.  
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Dear County Planning Commissioners:

I am writing on behalf of Kidder Creek Camp and the positive impact it has had on our community. Personally, each of our 3 children has attended numerous camps at Kidder Creek over the years. They have always come back from camp positive and wanting to better themselves as individuals. Also, my husband, Dave Downey with Downey Heating and Cooling, has done many jobs over the years at Kidder Creek. While looking back on our books, Kidder Creek has contracted us out to do almost \$10,000 worth of work over the last 10 years. That is money that goes back into our community. Lastly, Kidder Creek brings many positive people into the community. These people have coached youth sports teams, led numerous Bible studies with our youth, mentored troubled youth and young adults, and become working members of our community. I know that there is concern about the extra traffic that Kidder Creek expansion will bring but I would like you to give a greater consideration to the positive impact it has on our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kim Downey', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Kim Downey



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September 19, 2016

Dear Siskiyou County Planning Department Staff:

I am writing in regards to Kidder Creek Camps desire to amend their use permit. It is my opinion based on the statements below that Kidder Creek should be allowed to grow and develop in order to continue to provide a positive, local place for children and families to connect with each other, to create additional programs for children and families to attend, and continue to be a bright spot in our community. It is also of my opinion that Kidder Creek will be responsible and courteous in this growing phase.

First I will introduce myself. I am a 39 year old Siskiyou County resident. I grew up in Siskiyou County and have also lived and worked outside of our beautiful county. I am a registered nurse and have worked for local agencies such as Fairchild Medical Center, Siskiyou County Office of Ed., and currently Madrone Hospice. I love our county and the people that live here. I feel strongly, in the current state of society, that the young people in our community need as much opportunity and positive influence as possible. Kidder Creek is an agency that meets that need and allowing them to expand could further meet this need. Helping to keep kids engaged in positive activities and help open their eyes to a larger world full of opportunity.

Personally, I have been impacted by Kidder Creek Camp as a youngster attending the camp. I am and was a local kid and feel that Kidder Creek did and still does make it possible for local and outside families to afford to send their kids to a fun filled, impacting camp experience. During those developing years, it was very nice to be around positive, fun role models. I was also encouraged in my faith and able to use horse back riding skills for fun and see how they can be used to impact kids in a positive way.

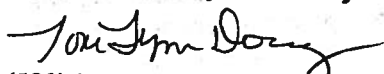
As a young adult, Kidder Creek Camps again had an impact on my life as a staff member. As it does for many of the young adults who work there as summer staff. I had the privilege to work there after a grueling year in college finishing up my nursing degree and prior to starting my nursing career here in Siskiyou County. Working with others in my peer group in such a positive environment is a highlight in my life. During my summer as a staff member I had opportunity to learn river raft guiding on the Klamath River, a place I knew so well but had never experienced in that way. I was also able to assist in taking an inner city group of kids into the Marble Mountain Wilderness to enjoy the outdoors - an experience they never had. Beyond enjoying the outdoors, the kids were encouraged to push themselves physically and get in touch with their relationship with Jesus. We took them rock climbing, river rafting, camping and were able to educate them about ways of enjoying life that are positive mentally, physically, and spiritually. I hope that to this day, that group of teens has a richer life with higher self-expectations due to that trip and the follow up of their leaders who attended the trip with them.

In addition to the wilderness and rafting trips I was and still have been able to use horseback riding at Kidder Creek to guide kids into seeing how God can work through human and animal relationships to help us grow as individuals. It is so fun to watch a kid who is initially intimidated by a large animal learn to trust the horse and grow in confidence as they learn to communicate with the horse in the beautiful arena and riding trails provided at Kidder Creek.

One opportunity that Kidder Creek provides to local children is Camp Hope. A secular camp experience provided to children who have come from hard situations. I believe that this program alone speaks of the heart of Kidder Creek. For a child to know they are loved and have seeds planted that life can be different - plays a part in encouraging them to overcome their hard circumstance and to reject the difficult family dysfunctions they know.

Kidder Creek holds a special place in my heart because of its founders and current staff's vision of planting seeds in kids hearts to help them grow into healthy adults. I plan to send my children there when they come of age, I plan to continue to support Kidder Creek financially when I can, and I plan to continue to volunteer my time as I am able because I believe in what they are doing - making an impact for good - one child and one family at a time.

Sincerely, Toni Lynn Downey



(530)643-2244, 14447 McAdams Creek, Fort Jones, CA 96032



Kidder Creek Camp has been a part of my family's life for 30+ years. My 4 children have all gone to the summer camps, where they have had the opportunity to learn about God in a Christ-centered, emersive setting. The lessons learned there have "stuck with them" to this very day. Now, as adults, they are sending their children, (our grandchildren), to camp there too - essentially starting the cycle over again.

Our family has financially supported Kidder Creek Camp and prayerfully walked with it through many changes over the years. We have participated in various special events, seen changes in leadership, ownership, growth in additional camp offerings, and building improvements. We've attended festivals, auctions, dinners, rafting trips, campouts, retreats, and camps. The attendance at these activities has always been steady in increases yearly. The camp's relationship

with it's neighbors, the community, area churches, supporters, and the larger community have also grown. And through it all their purpose has never changed: to point people to Christ.

Our county is blessed and fortunate to have Kidder Creek Camp here in our own area. The positive effects on our family because of our association with the camp is dynamic, permanent, and ripples down through the generations. We are so very grateful to be a part of God's work through the programs and efforts of Kidder Creek Camp and its personnel.

Sincerely,

Nancy and Larry Duff  
Grenada, CA.

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September 28, 2016

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Attn: Vurl Tryten  
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Dear Vurl Tyten:

This past summer I was given the incredible opportunity of being an Adult supervisor for our Family Justice Center's week at Camp Hope in Kidder Creek, Etna, California. I can easily say that it was one of the most meaningful weeks of my life thus far. I was in awe of the love and dedication shown to our campers--who have all been affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and/or neglect. I witnessed transformations in our campers that I otherwise only dreamed of seeing. Many of our campers have never seen the world outside of our local area and being able to offer them a safe and beautiful sanctuary to begin or continue to heal, is so important.

It is important that the victories that the campers who are lucky enough to attend Camp Hope see, be celebrated and supported because they leave positive impacts long after camp has ended. It is rare to see one of our past campers who does not immediately begin to talk about all of the amazing things they got to do at camp. During my week at camp, I saw a child with a past riddled by unimaginable violence grow and become the child he deserves to be. He showed up to camp with a tendency to be terribly negative, especially when it came to himself. I had known him for months and had never been able to give him a compliment he would be willing to receive. After Camp Hope, giving him a compliment no longer garnered an, "I suck" or "I'm bad at everything" but a smile that can only come from having fun and finally feeling safe. Today, a couple months after his camp experience, he continues to thrive and allow himself to feel joy! This is just one story, of so many I could tell.

As a result of the love, hope and healing that occurs at Camp Hope, it is a highly impacted and sought after camp. News of a potential expansion overjoys those of us who seek to bring effective services to the children we serve. This summer we had 60 campers who, because of capacity issues, were taken to an alternative camp. While it was a beautiful camp, it was NOT the Camp Hope experience that makes all of the difference for these kids and they notice it as well. One of our campers, who attended both camps, shared "I'm not trying to sound messed up, but Camp Hope was SO much better than the other camp!" It was my first time attending either camp and I have to say that after the Kidder Creek experience, I felt saddened about not being able to

offer that experience to ALL of our campers. They are all deserving of what Camp Hope and Kidder Creek have to offer.

The utopia that the Kidder Creek staff has created speaks volumes to their commitment to the area and making it the best possible camp experience for every child that comes through. I truly hope that you are behind Camp Hope's vision to expand their capacity and continue to improve the site. By supporting them with this vision you will also be supporting their mission of breaking the generational cycle of family violence and offering healing and hope to children who have been exposed to trauma and abuse. I look forward to bringing the healing and hope that can only be found at Camp Hope Kidder Creek, to many more of our children. Our seven year old camper, Alec, said it best, "I love Camp Hope. This place makes me feel like home."

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 209-312-9991.

Sincerely,

Maribel Duran  
Art Restores Kids Assistant  
1625 I Street  
Modesto, CA 95354  
[mduran@stanislausfamilyjustice.org](mailto:mduran@stanislausfamilyjustice.org)

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**COMMENTS** Wish we had one on our side of the mountain - Yreka needs such a great influence

**NAME**  
Dr. John Burney

**ADDRESS**  
224 Oakview Ct

**SIGNATURE**

*John Burney*

**DATE**

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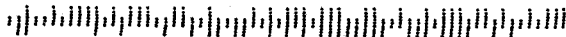
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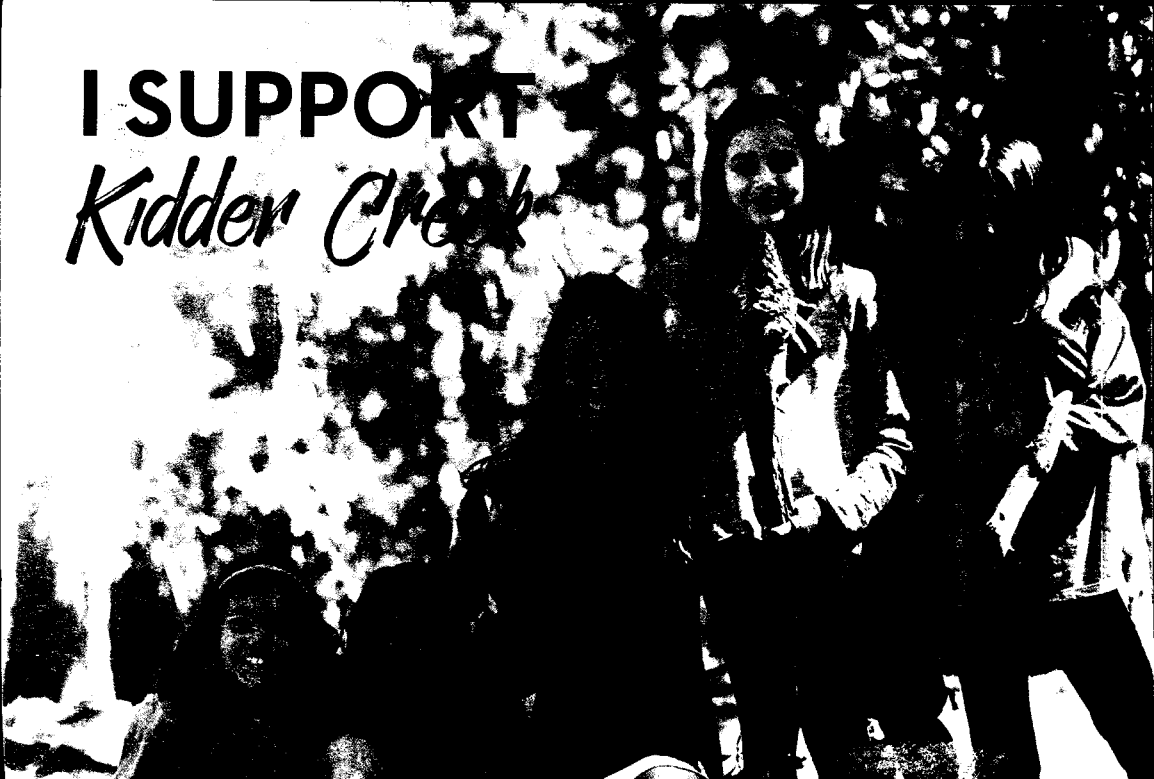
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Highly Support Youth!

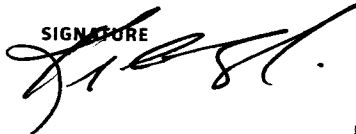
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KIRK A. EADIE

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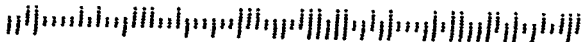
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## COMMENTS

Happy Camp loves Kidder Creek!  
We want more folks to enjoy what  
God is doing & keep up the  
great work!

NAME

Robyn Eadie

ADDRESS

P.O. Box 237 Happy Camp, CA  
96039

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Robyn Eadie

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Siskiyou County Community Development  
Planning Division  
Attention: Brett Walker, AICP  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka CA 96907

Dear Mr. Walker:

**RE: KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP ZONE CHANGE Z-14-01 AND USE PERMIT UP 11-15**

As residents and property owners of South Kidder Road we would like to express concerns we have regarding the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion.

We note in the Traffic Impact Study, completed by Traffic Works, the classification of Highway II was used, because of the width and non-posted speed limit of South Kidder Creek Road. This must be addressed and changed. South Kidder Creek Road is not a highway, but a rural neighborhood road. South Kidder Creek Road is heavily used by Scott Valley residents, not just neighborhood residents, for jogging, walking and bike riding. Livestock, pets and wildlife move up and down the road on a regular basis.

The estimated increase of vehicles during peak hours in the Traffic Impact Study is from 414 per day to 1,524, which is considered "Less than Significant Impact." We can assure you, as residents of South Kidder Creek Road we consider this increase much more than significant, especially if the speed limit is left at 55 MPH.

Thank you for considering these issues as you make your decision.

Sincerely,



Randel C. Eastlick

  
Jo Ann Eastlick

1600 South Kidder Creek Road  
P. O. Box 252.  
Greenview CA 96037

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Attn: Vurl Trytten  
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TO: County Planning Commissioners  
RE Kidder Creek Site Plan Proposal

9/26/2016

To Whom It May Concern;

I write this letter in support of the Mount Hermon Kidder Creek Master Site Plan Proposal and Project. My husband and I returned to Siskiyou County to raise our family in November of 1998. As our kids have grown, we have looked all over the west coast for camps and learning experiences to enrich our kids' lives, appreciation of nature and help them create meaningful relationships. Our kids have been to "camps" at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, UC Berkeley, Lake Tahoe, University of Oregon, Southern Oregon University and many others. But, our kids favorite getaway is always Kidder Creek. Right in our back yard, but a world away from daily reality, they love their summer camp time there. Our three kids have done it all, from team bonding to horseback riding, leadership training and whitewater rafting. We would be so thankful to have opportunities to experience Kidder Creek in other seasons and with expanded facilities. The proposed updates and additions would improve opportunities for local families, teams, groups and organizations. Kidder Creek always makes it possible for local kids to participate and is an integral part of the lives of families all over Siskiyou County, not just the Scott Valley area.

Truly, if you are on the fence, I ask you to call the executive director Andy at 467-3265 or a board member and meet them there for a walk, a conversation and a fresh picked apple from the orchard. Imagine the wonder and feeling of safety, healing and adventure that people of all age get to explore when they visit KC. It is magical! Better yet, sign up for a camp or send someone you love! You won't regret it!

Thank you for your consideration and investment in improving the lives of our local citizens and communities.

Regards,



Kimberley Eastman  
1115 Oak Valley Drive  
Yreka CA 96097  
530-841-0682

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**COMMENTS** Kidder creek has helped me become a leader and an overall ~~good~~ good person. Kidder creek has been a life changing experience and has drawn me closer to God.

**NAME** Madeline Eastman (15)

**ADDRESS**

1115 Oak valley drive  
Yreka CA 96097

**SIGNATURE**

Madeline Eastman

**DATE**

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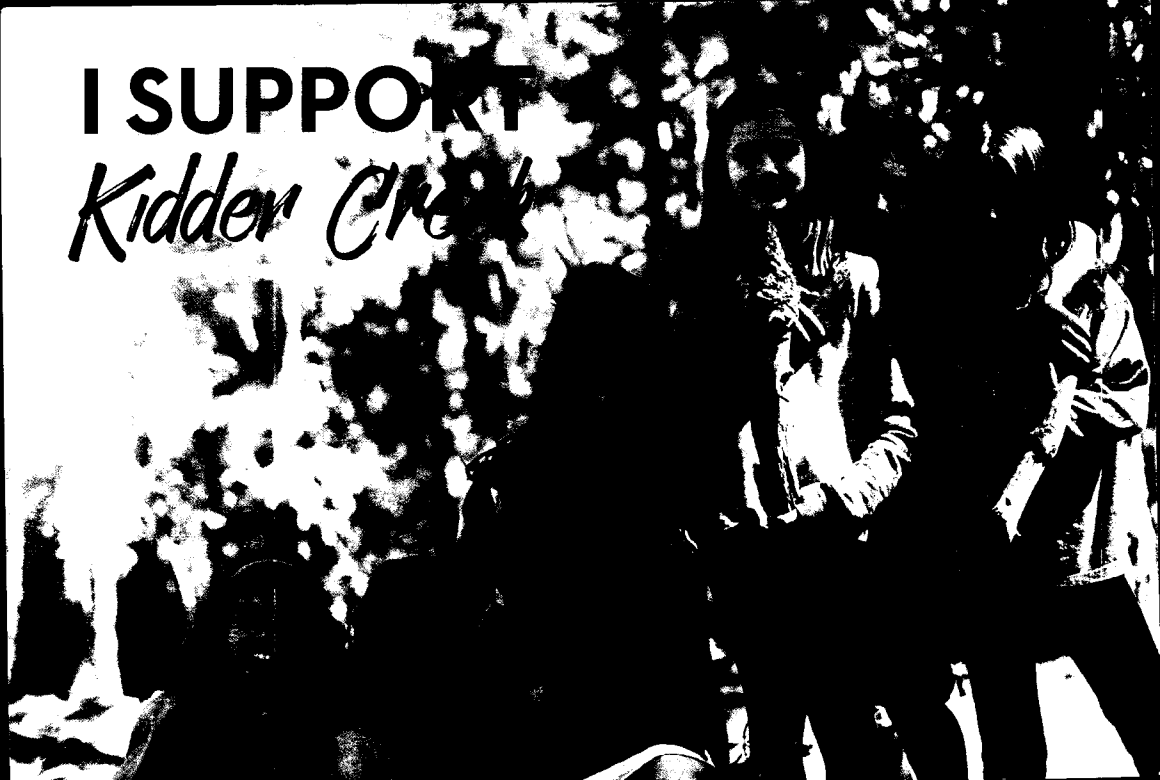
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COMMENTS I think kidder  
kids and families. I  
enjoy visiting.

NAME

Amanda Elsemore

ADDRESS

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**COMMENTS** *Kidder Creek is such a great place for families*

**NAME**

*Connie Elsemore*  
**ADDRESS**

**SIGNATURE**

*Connie Elsemore*

**DATE**

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## COMMENTS

*The need for these facilities is truly necessary for the good of our children. They need places to learn of the good news of God.*

NAME

*Nelly Elston*

ADDRESS

*P.O. Box 178, Happy Camp*

SIGNATURE

*Nelly Elston*

*9603*

DATE

*10-2-16*



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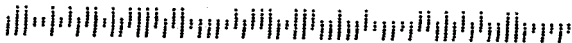
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Jennifer Embury

ADDRESS

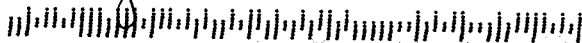
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**COMMENTS** *This camp has a positive influence on lives, and that's something we need more of. There's enough negative going on around us.*

**NAME** *Cheryl Estes*

*Cheri Estes*

**ADDRESS**

*P.O. Box 22, Happy Camp, Ca.*

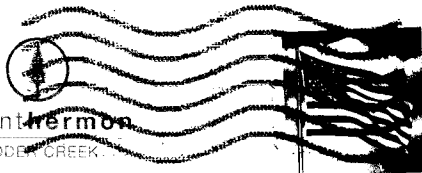
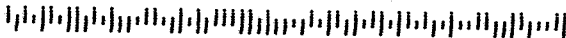
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*Cheryl A. Estes*

**DATE**

*9/27/16*

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## COMMENTS

A Christian camp that will impact youthful lives is in much need. We completely support Kidder Creek.

## NAME

William Estes

## ADDRESS

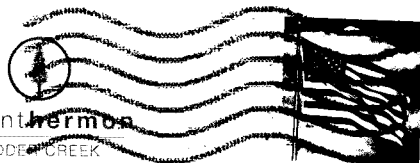
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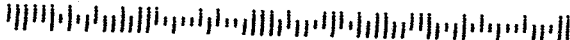
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## COMMENTS

NAME

Joanne Evans

ADDRESS

15625 Quartz Valley Dr.  
Fort Jones Ca. 96032

SIGNATURE

Joanne Evans

DATE

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## COMMENTS

*this is a great idea that they want to add more rooms & attend for the kids to do the summer at camp.*

NAME

*Charles O Laskely*

ADDRESS

*P.O Box 836 Happy Camp*

SIGNATURE

*Charles O Laskely*

DATE

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*96039*



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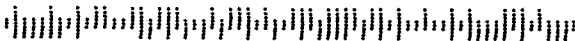
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Some of our concerns and questions about this expansion are:

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- No passable emergency exit road in case of fire
- Noise and air pollution
- Adequate sewage treatment/water quality downstream?
- Consistent with the Scott Valley Area Plan?
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The Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division's 30-day **public comment** period on the KCOC Use Permit Application **ends October 6, 2016**. *Time is of the essence*. If you, too, are concerned about protecting our quality of life and rural atmosphere in Scott Valley, please take a moment to **make your opinion count**.

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If you have any questions contact Dee Jones at 598-4490

9-18-16

Date

Siskiyou County Community Development  
Planning Division  
Atten: Brett Walker, AICP  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

1500 PLUS CARS A DAY !!! ESTIMATED  
TRAFFIC INCREASE!!! from 165 campers TO 844 EVERY WEEK  
for 9 MONTHS OF THE YEAR! WITH OPTIONS FOR WINTER RETREATS TOO! - 12 M<sup>EXPAND</sup>  
THIS WILL TAKE THE COUNTRY ATMOSPHERE RIGHT OUT OF KIDDER CREEK<sup>SOUTH</sup> A Y<sup>E</sup>  
NOBODY WILL WANT TO LIVE DOWN SOUTH KIDDER OR SOUTH KIDDER LOOP RE  
PROPERTY VALUES WILL DECREASE!!! WE WILL BE <sup>(FORCED)</sup> MADE TO DEAL  
WITH THE LOSS NOT, COMPENSATED FOR IT. THIS IS WRONG! OVER EXPANSION  
IS WRONG! AS A KIDDER LOOP RESIDENT HOMEOWNER WE ARE CONCERNED  
THE INCREASE OF WATER USE AND WASTE RUN OFF IS A CONCERN TOO.  
Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.  
THEY ARE ASKING FOR A HUGE INCREASE ALMOST 3%. THE # SEEMS SMALL  
Sincerely, BUT THE IMPACT WILL BE HUGE, IN ALL ASPECTS! WE ARE A  
HAPPY WITH THE MASTER PLAN FOR SITE EXPANSION.

Christine Fear

Signature

MICHAEL & CHRISTINE FEAR

Name (printed)

P.O. Box 849 / 734 JAYGENE CT

Address

ETNA, CA. 96027

City, State, Zip

9/26/16

Date

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Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Signature

Teanna Flippo

Name (printed)

12007 Quartz Valley Rd

Address

Ft Jones, CA 96032

City, State, Zip

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## COMMENTS

its so fun

## NAME

Skye Fox

## ADDRESS

204 W Howard Yreka CA

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DATE

## SIGNATURE

Skye Fox



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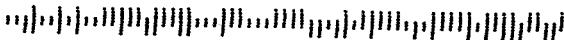
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## COMMENTS

*Great Camp*

## NAME

*Celeste Fowle -*

## ADDRESS

*5089 Indian Island  
Weed, CA 96094*

## SIGNATURE

*Celeste Fowle*

## DATE

*10/3/16*



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**COMMENTS** Our kids and family have been enjoying this awesome camp for 20 years. VIF has also been a source of employment for young NAME adults in our county.

Mark + Sue Freudenburg

**ADDRESS** 904 Terrace Dr.  
Yreka, CA 96097

**SIGNATURE**

Mark T. Freudenburg

**DATE**

9/24/2016



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**COMMENTS** I support the new use permit. Kidder Creek is a huge asset to our county, and they are committed to being considerate and accommodating to their neighbors.

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Sue Freudenburg

**ADDRESS**

904 Terrace Drive  
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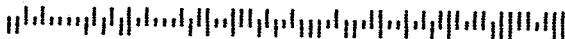
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October 6, 2016

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Dear Commissioners:

My name is Susan Freudenburg and my husband Mark and I have lived in our beautiful county for the past 26 years. We are both teachers at Yreka High School.

For most of our years in Siskiyou County we have been involved in the work at Kidder Creek Orchard Camps. We have sent our children to attend their programs, volunteered in facility improvement projects, and supported the camp financially. As our children entered college, they spent several summers employed as counselors, support staff, and program leaders.

Through the years we have observed many children and youth develop a strong commitment to their faith, gain a new vision for their place in this world, and find healing and hope in the midst of their struggles and pain. Kidder Creek particularly reaches out to kids who are abused and neglected. It is a place of beauty, fun, and growth. The staff does a remarkable job of using nature and outdoor activities to teach life lessons that impact campers far beyond their program week.

I know Kidder Creek has a strong commitment to being a good neighbor in Scott Valley. The staff works hard to teach campers to be considerate of the camp's neighbors, and is open to its facilities being used and enjoyed by the community through events such as Fall Festival and Sober Grad Night. They are willing to talk with the community about further strengthening these relationships and opportunities.

As Kidder Creek seeks to expand and grow, I know there are some Scott Valley residents who are concerned about the impact on their community. The camp's leadership is strongly committed to doing all it can to reduce any negative of the expansion. I also know that growth almost always raises the possibility that some may be impacted and even inconvenienced. However, great opportunities have been squelched in small communities because people feared growth and change. I would encourage the board of supervisors to also consider the potential positive impact on local economies through increased tourism, as well as the increased benefits of providing more campers with a wonderful experience in our beautiful mountains.

Thank you for considering these ideas, and for all you do to serve our county.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Freudenburg  
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sfreudenburg@gmail.com

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RE: Kidder Creek Use Permit

My husband and I have been involved with Kidder Creek since 1995. After my husband retired he came to Kidder Creek in the summer for several years and ran the horse program. In 1999 I joined the staff in the area of food service. In 2005 after finishing the summer in food service I volunteered in the office to transfer Kidder Creek records onto the Mount Hermon server; in November of that year I came on staff full-time as the Bookkeeper and eventually took on the role of Business Manager/Registrar.

We have watched Kidder Creek slowly grow to where it is today. Without Mount Hermon and some of its wonderful constituents Kidder Creek would no longer be in operation. They took us through some very hard times financially. Today we operate like any other department of Mount Hermon. We have a budget we need to meet yearly and need to be ready to defend and overages that are not approved. We also operate on a separate Donor pool.

We have heard, "Mount Hermon is a cash cow" and other remarks. Mount Hermon struggles to meet their budget each year and they are NOT a bottomless money resource—every part of our Capital expense is carefully weighed and defended just like any other business. Our revenues are used toward our Operations, supplemented by our Donors, and we still run in the red; however, now our financial picture is part of the overall Mount Hermon picture.

Kidder Creek tries very hard to utilize businesses within Siskiyou County, such as North Siskiyou Dairy, Siskiyou Distributing, Parry's Market (now Fitzgerald's) in Happy Camp which supplies all the food for our river program, Scott Valley Machine & cooling who services all our refrigerators, freezers and ovens, Fort Jones Lumber and Fort Jones Hardware, just to name a few. We pay our invoices in a timely manner. We use Fairchild Medical Center as our primary source for accidents and injuries.

Kidder Creek has always felt that we serve the community well. We are aware of our neighbors' concerns and have implemented multiple avenues of addressing those concerns. Some of our staff are S. Kidder Creek residents. I have been privy to various documents and responses which show that Kidder Creek is concerned about the environment and works hard to meet requirements of various agencies. We teach "Leave no Trace" to all our staff and they in turn teach their campers.

As a long-time actively involved individuals in time, talent and our treasure to Kidder Creek we have watch the slow growth movement, remembering when a big week at our Ranch Camp was full with 10 campers, Timberline was considered full with 25 campers and Wilderness camps were a huge 5-6 campers. The growth has been slow over the past 20 years and will continue to be slow for the next 20 years: This year we had over 1600 campers spread over a 10-week period, some of which were never on Kidder Creek property; some of our campers go the river and go home from the river. Others come

here for a night, maybe two, and then are out and about in the Wilderness or at the river. Even some of Ranch Camp campers are here for only a night and then go into the high mountains for the rest of the week, returning on Friday and going home on Saturday. Weekend groups are usually youth oriented as we do not have the facilities for adults and we treasure that we are a youth camp. That is the passion of Kidder Creek—to bring youth to our pristine surroundings and let them SEE God for themselves.

When we were smaller each family brought their child or children to camp on Sunday and picked them up on Friday. Now we run Sunday through Saturday morning. Many campers car pool and we also have a bus that runs round trip to Mount Hermon each week picking up and dropping off campers along the route, sometimes up to 40 per trip. Small groups joining our camping program arrive in vans of 7 to 8 passenger vehicles.

We have been actively engaging the farmers and growers in our ground water usage and they are in sync with our use of Kidder Creek water resources. We have been compliant with the Department of Fish and Game, do the required water testing on our drinking water and have other checks and balances in place to meet compliance with agencies.

By approving Kidder Creek Camps' growth plan, you will be investing in the lives of countless children and youth for years to come. I had a call from a grandmother that had been sending her 3 grandkids to camp since they were old enough to come. She was in tears, and so was I, as she related that it was worth all the money she had spent because one of her high school-age grandsons who is from a divorced situation came home from camp and said, "I may not have a Dad, but I have a Father (God) who loves me and takes care of me." That young man came to camp again this year and I think he would live here if he could! He wants to be a counselor when he gets old enough. That is what we are all about. Making sure these young people know that God loves them even when they don't feel loved in their home or at school; God loves them and has a wonderful plan for their lives. They also have a support team at Kidder Creek Camps that will pray with them, listen to them and love them no matter what!

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loyal & Carol Friesen".

Loyal and Carol Friesen  
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## Kidder Creek Questionnaire

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I Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

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peoples' lives, and we would love for you to share your  
thoughts by answering the questions below.

1. How has Kidder Creek impacted your relationship with  
Christ?

It has made me appreciate the  
beautiful things God has provided  
for us. ~~It~~ It made me get off my  
phone and really focus on worship.

2. How do you think Kidder Creek has positively impacted  
the surrounding communities?

It has provided a good example  
for kids and helped adults focus  
on Christ more.

Name Paislea Frost Town Yreka, CA

## *From the Desk of Ryan Garrett*

September 30, 2016

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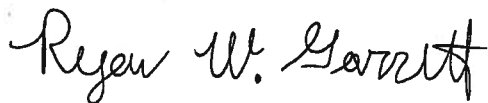
Dear Vurl Tyten:

Kidder Creek, Camp Hope was truly life changing. Camp Hope does miraculous things for all who are involved. Coming from a first time camp counselor perspective, I would have to say that partaking in camp was truly an honor. I watched lives change in just one quick week. Expanding the Kidder Creek camp would have a positive impact on the lives of many other children and I wholeheartedly support this project. I was asked to offer my support of the expansion of Kidder Creek and I can honestly say that if more children are able to experience camp by increasing the capacity of the camp, I cannot think of a better place for the children to go.

Camp counseling at Kidder Creek, Camp Hope was the biggest emotional, inspiring, and rewarding roller coaster I have been on. I was not expecting so many children to move me to tears so many times. So many young boys have gained special places in my heart and I would do anything for those boys. Knowing their backgrounds and still seeing them smile every day is something that I will hold on to for inspiration in my daily life. I will volunteer to continue to mentor these boys next summer and if we are given the opportunity to take children to Kidder Creek (hopefully for two weeks next year) I will do my very best to attend. This year we went to an alternate location for camp and it was not nearly as a good of experience neither for us as camp counselors nor for the children.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 209-603-4904.

Sincerely,



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**Brett Walker**

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**From:** Hoop George <hoopgeo@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 01, 2016 5:50 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

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Please deny the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp application!!!

Sincerely,

Kay George  
PO Box 533  
Etna, CA 96027



## Brett Walker

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**From:** Jeanie <jmgriggs28@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 01, 2016 5:44 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 & Use Permit UP 11-15

I'm totally AGAINST the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp's request for a Zone Change and Amended Use Permit, which will increase occupancy from 164 people to 844 people per day. I've personally experienced their lack of regard for our natural resources and the tremendous amount of litter and human waste. I have seen them cooking on the trail and won't move so we have to go around them. They've gone up to the top of the mountain and yelled as they rolled rocks down. The groups, including counselors have been rude, with no regard for other people in the mountains. I wonder where and what the adult counselors are doing or teaching the group. There will be an increase in traffic, noise and pollution. I believe their proposal conflicts with the Scott Valley Plan. The zone change is detrimental to all aspects of rural life!

I DO NOT want the zone change and amended use permit approved!!!! Please deny the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15.

Sincerely,

Jean M. George  
P.O. Box 533  
Etna, CA 96027

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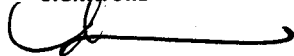
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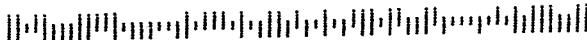
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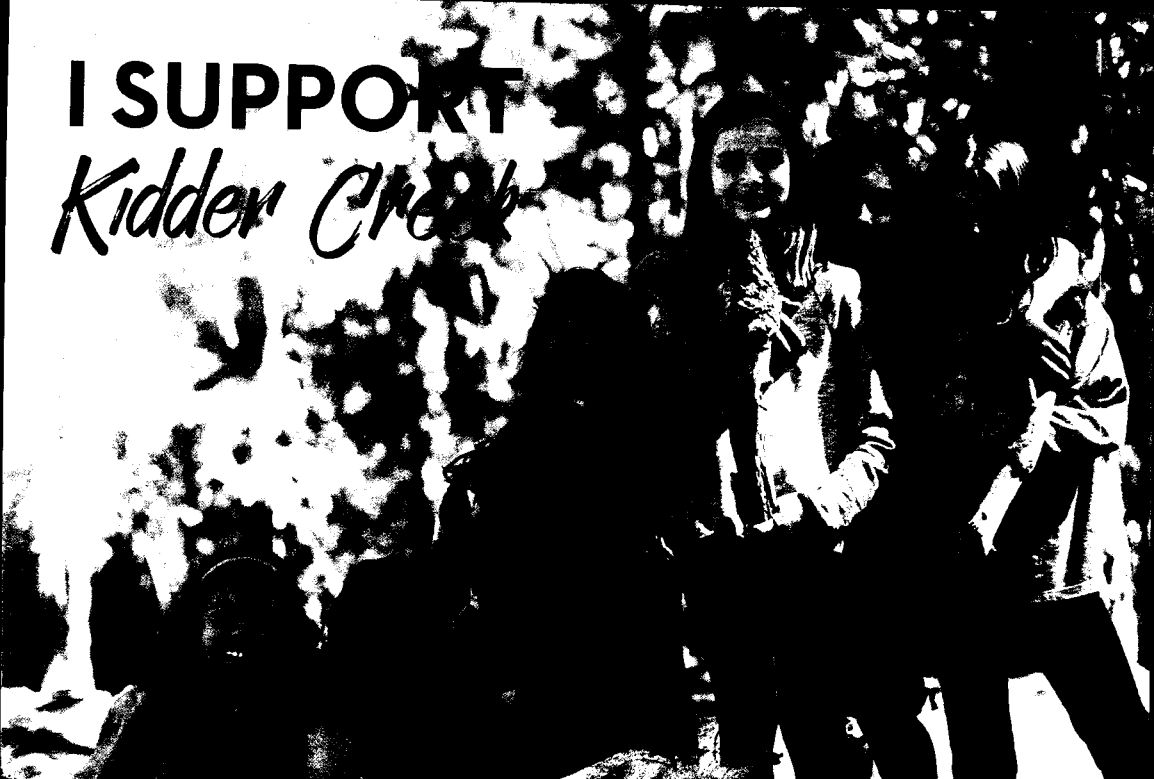
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and their growth in Christ. I have  
had 5 children who have been  
influenced and all have had wonderful  
experiences.

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the surrounding communities?

It has brought good people to  
the area that have helped with  
the community in helping youths.

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Lea Goodson

Redding, CA

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Since 2007 we have sent our kids to Kidder Creek Camp (5 kids). They have all had rewarding times with the staff and other campers. It has a high light of their student years.

They have also grown to value Siskiyou County wanting to visit other times of the year.

Also, as parents, we appreciate the staff and work of the organization.

We now visit Siskiyou County other times of the year & have made friendships in the county.

Scott & Lea Goodson  
Redding.

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## COMMENTS

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for our Valley

## NAME

Susan + Ed Green

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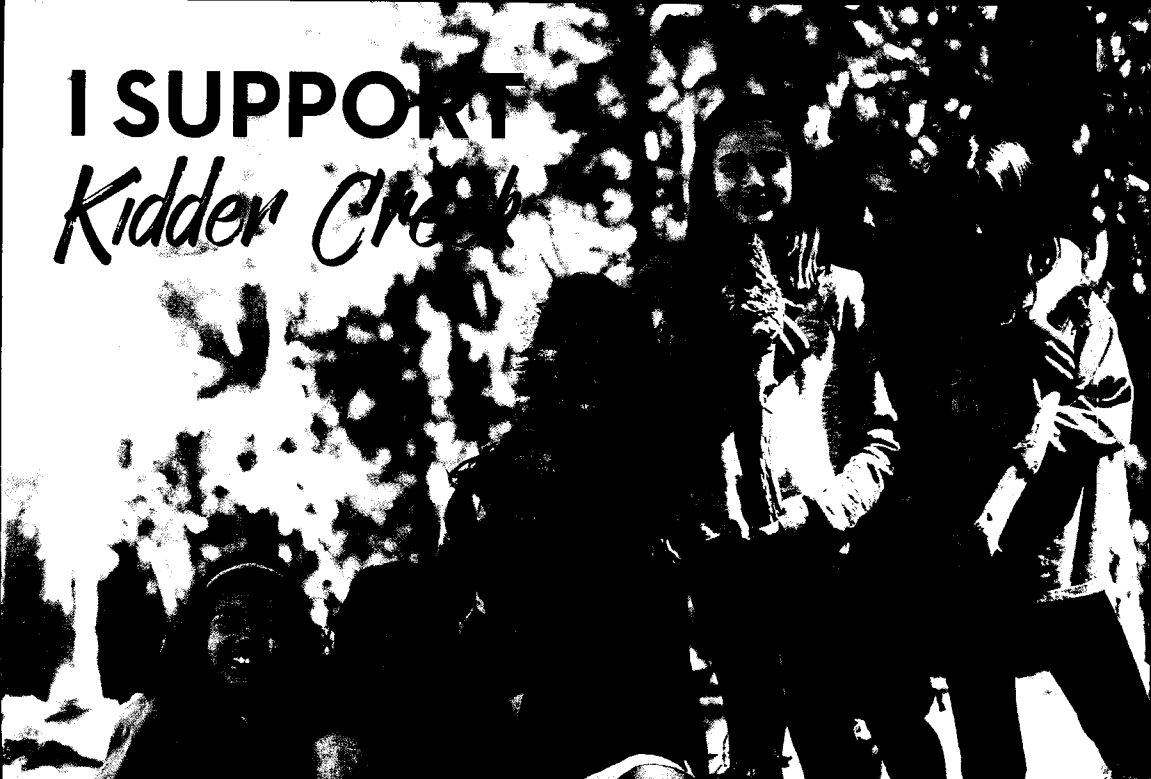
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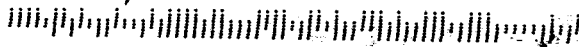
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Valerie Griffith

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## **Brett Walker**

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**From:** Flint Griggs <ewgorg@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 01, 2016 6:06 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Please deny the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp application for a zone change and use permit change!!! I want to keep our rural way of life and follow the Scott Valley Area Plan. I have seen how they over populate an area and the extensive damage that is done.

I'm OPPOSED to any changes for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp.

Flint Griggs  
PO Box 493  
Etna, CA 96027



**Brett Walker**

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**From:** Tanner <abolt5@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 01, 2016 5:57 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-16

I DO NOT want a zone change or use permit granted. I have personally experience their lack of respect for locals. I want to keep our rural way of life and follow the Scott Valley Area Plan as it was originally planned. Kidder Creek Orchard Camp personnel and their youth have a disregard for adhering to the rules and regulations that apply to the rest of us. I have been at lakes where there are so many people in their groups that I've had to leave, tt has been over crowded and over used.

Please deny the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp application!!!

Sincerely,

Tanner Griggs  
309 Horn Lane  
Etna, CA 96027

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ATT: VURL TRYTTEN,

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I HAVE SPENT TIME YEARS AGO, WHEN I WAS IN A GROUP CALLED "SOWERS"; SERVANT ON WHEELS EVER READY! AS A GROUP WE HELPED BUILD, REPAIR, FIX-UP OR ANYTHING THAT WE COULD HELP TO BUILD A WELCOME CAMP TO HELP YOUNG PEOPLE LEARN & RESPECT GODS WORD, THE BIBLE. I HELPED OUR GROUP YEAR AFTER YEAR TO IMPROVE ON BUILD & REPAIRING WHAT NEEDED REPAIR, THE CAMP WAS ALWAYS CLEAN & WELL KEPT.

THE CAMP KIDDER CREEK HAS ALWAYS BEEN WELL KEPT. THE CHANGED LIVES HAS BEEN A BLESSING, TO SEE AND WITNESS THOSE CHANGED LIVES WAS AND IS NOW!

WITH ALL THE EVIL GOING ON IN OUR COUNTRY & WORLD A CAMP IS VERY MUCH NEEDED LIKE KIDDER CREEK! A.T.L. IT IS A LIFE CHANGING EXPERIENCE TO KIDS AND FAMILIES AS THEY MEET JESUS!

AN "X" SOWER AT 88YRS

WHAT A LIFE WITH JESUS!

John M. Swinson

10/5/16  
Date

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RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

Too much traffic on S Kidder Ck Rd & also ~~too~~ traveling  
too fast on said road. Dogs, cats & chickens already  
killed. No spit out in case of fire besides main  
entrance. Effect on water levels for residents  
below the camp. Less water for all concerned.  
Quality of water. Effect on natural habitat.  
Way too many people for the area!!

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Gross  
Signature

CAROL L. GROSS  
Name (printed)

4937 S. Kidder Loop  
Address

ETNA, CA 96032  
City, State, Zip

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Siskiyou County Community Development  
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806 South Main Street  
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**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

- 1 Emergency exit road in case of fire
- 2 Water! Water! Other wells could go dry
- 3 Scott Valley plan - Legal!
- 4 Sewage?

Please we don't need this camp

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Barbara Gussman  
Signature

BARBARA GUSMAN  
Name (printed)

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Address

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Tony Melo, Chair  
Siskiyou County Planning Commission  
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October 6, 2016

Kidder Creek Camp Master Plan

Dear Chair Melo and Fellow Commissioners,

I am writing in support of the Kidder Creek Camp Master Plan currently under review by Siskiyou County on behalf of our Camp HOPE California campers, staff members, and volunteers. I urge you to support approval of the Master Plan.

In the 1970's, the founder of Kidder Creek Camp (Dick Jones), had a vision for a camp that would help at-risk and troubled children. He invited my Dad, Bill Gwinn, to come walk the Kidder Creek Orchard property with him. My dad was the former Director of Mount Hermon Association and himself a child that had grown up in a violent and abusive home. They dreamed of a day when Kidder Creek could serve not only children from healthy, functional homes but also serve children from abusive homes.

Today, Kidder Creek, in partnership with our Camp HOPE California program, serves children from homes impacted by child abuse and domestic violence. The results have been stunning. Last week, the University of Oklahoma published its research about Kidder Creek Camp and its success with our traumatized children coming to camp from all over the North State, Southern Oregon, and even the Bay Area. The research, published in the Child and Adolescent Social Work Journal (attached), proves that we can change the way severely abused children see themselves and their futures.

The expansion of Kidder Creek can magnify the impact of Camp HOPE California while still maintaining the local, rural, and intimate nature of Kidder Creek Camp.

I have never seen a camp so connected to the local community or committed to working with the neighbors and the people of Siskiyou County than Kidder Creek Camp. We urge you to support the Master Plan and allow more children to find the hope and healing that Kidder Creek offers in its philosophy, program, and partnerships.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Casey Gwinn".

Casey Gwinn  
President, Alliance for HOPE International  
Founder, Camp HOPE America/Camp HOPE California  
Former San Diego City Attorney (1996-2004)

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# Camp HOPE as an Intervention for Children Exposed to Domestic Violence: A Program Evaluation of Hope, and Strength of Character

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**Abstract** Children exposed to domestic violence are at risk for physical, mental, and social difficulties that have received an increased focus among researchers and policy makers. Using Snyder's (2000) theory of Hope as a conceptual framework, Camp HOPE America is a summer camp program targeting school-aged children exposed to domestic violence. The purpose of this study is to present the changes in child hope before and after camp and correlate child hope to positive character strengths as rated by camp counselors. This study used a matched pretest posttest design to examine the change in hope, and strength of character among 229 school-aged children participating in Camp HOPE America. Results showed that hope, and psychological strengths improved from pre-test to post-test assessments. Additionally, children's scores on hope were positively associated with the character strengths of zest, grit, self-control, optimism, gratitude, social intelligence, and curiosity obtained from counselor observations. These findings highlight hope as a coping resource for children exposed to domestic violence and provides preliminary support Camp HOPE America as an intervention within the established Family Justice Center system in the US.

**Keywords** Children exposed to domestic violence · Hope · Character strength · Camp HOPE

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## Introduction

Researchers estimate that upwards of 18.8 million children in the US witness domestic violence across their lifetime (Hamby, Finkelhor, Turner, & Ormrod, 2011). Several meta-analytic studies find that children exposed to domestic violence are at a higher risk for emotional, social, and behavioral difficulties both in the short- and long-term (Evans, Cavies, & DiLillo, 2008; Kitzmann, Gaylord, Holt, & Kenny, 2003; Wolfe, Crooks, Lee, McIntyre-Smith, & Jaffe, 2003). Children exposed to domestic violence experience additional stresses associated with the trauma of repeated separations, child custody battles, and isolation from extended family supports. Children exposed to domestic violence are also at a significantly higher risk for abuse and neglect (Fantuzzo & Mohr, 1999). An emerging literature indicates that children exposed to domestic violence are also likely to experience other forms of victimization (e.g., abuse, neglect). Indeed, research has recently brought attention to the prevalence of co-occurring or poly-victimization (cf. Finkelhor, Ormrod, & Turner, 2007; Finkelhor, Turner, Hamby, & Ormrod, 2011). In a US national sample of youth between the ages of 2–17, Finkelhor et al. (2009) found eight out of ten children have experienced at least one victimization with respondents reporting an average of 3.7 victimizations.

While the research on exposure to domestic violence continues to emerge, existing evidence suggests these children are at risk for increased anxiety, depression, social isolation, increased physical and psychological aggression, and propensity to perpetuate the cycle of domestic violence (Carlson, 1990; Lichter & McClosky, 2004; Litrownik, Newton, & Hunter, 2003). Exposure to childhood trauma is associated with higher the rates of illness, disease, and

criminality in adults (Felitti & Anda, 2010; Reavis, Looman, Franco, & Rojas, 2013).

As such, there is a need for system level intervention that can document research-supported practices focused on children exposed to domestic violence. The purpose of this study is to assess the change in children's hope among participants of Camp HOPE America (Gwinn, 2015). The primary focus of this program evaluation is to assess children's hope along with a sense of belonging, support and encouragement, believing they can achieve their dreams (resilience), and strength of character (e.g., Zest, Grit, Self-Control, Optimism, Gratitude, Social Intelligence, and Curiosity). This study is important for several reasons. First, while hope has been shown to be an important resource for adults and children, no studies exist focusing on children exposed to domestic violence. Second, Camp HOPE America uses Snyder's (2002) Hope Theory as the foundation of its activities and is situated within the multi-agency, multi-disciplinary Family Justice Center model of service delivery with an estimated 136 centers existing across the US. Therefore, this study represents the first empirical assessment of an emerging camping and mentoring model that can offer a intervention that has the capacity to generalize to children exposed to domestic violence at a national level.

### Hope Theory

Hope refers to the positive expectation we have toward the attainment of a future oriented goal. While the target of hope can be in the short or long-term (e.g., obtaining a hot meal vs. a life free from domestic violence), the outcome exists with some degree of possibility rather than certainty. In social work, hope represents a core aspect of the strengths perspective in the helping process (Collins, 2015; McCarter, 2007; Powell & Blanchet-Cohen, 2014; Rapp, Saleebey, & Sullivan, 2005; Saleebey, 1996, 2000; Smaldino, 1975; Sullivan & Floyd, 2013). Freire's (1996) quote, "There is no change without the dream, as there is no dream without hope," (p. 91) illustrates the role of hope as a psychological strength buffering the negative consequences experienced from adversity such as witnessing domestic violence.

Snyder's (2000) hope theory has received growing empirical support as a goal-oriented psychological strength that promotes well being across the lifespan. Moreover, Snyder has developed brief self-report measures for both adults and children that has shown positive psychometric characteristics across samples (Bryant & Harrison, 2015; Hellman, Pittman, & Munoz, 2013). Snyder (2000) described hope as a cognitive-based motivational theory in which children learn to create strategies as a means to attain their desired goals. Hope theory has two fundamental

cognitive processes termed "pathways" and "agency". Pathway thought processes are the mental strategies or road maps toward goal attainment. In this process, children consider various pathways to their goals. Once viable pathways are formed, the hopeful child is able to conceive of potential barriers and develop strategies to overcome the barriers or switch to alternative pathways. Agency thinking refers to the mental energy or willpower the child can direct and sustain toward their goal pursuits. Hopeful children are able to exert mental energy to their pathways and persevere by self-regulating their thoughts, emotions and behaviors toward their desirable goal.

Snyder (1995) described the process of nurturing hope for a child begins with goal setting strategies. Here, a child begins to experience the possibility of a positive future; this attention to a newly considered goal results in the short-term increase in agentic thinking. During this increase in agency, the social worker can work with the motivated child to identify pathways to achieving the goal while considering likely barriers. It is important that pathways have measurable benchmarks that allow the child to experience early success indicators, which results in increased agency. This illustration demonstrates the interplay between the hope processes of pathways and agency thinking. Alternatively, children who have experienced repeated failed attempts at goal pursuits often recognize their deficits in both pathways and agency thoughts. These low hope children will face future goals with negativity, their lack of assets, and a focus on the probability of failure (Snyder, 1995). Thus, goals that are significantly blocked result in anger, frustration, and despair. When a child is unable to overcome a barrier, the final result is apathy or hopelessness (e.g., lack of motivation and goal directed behavior). The important reminder of these processes is that hope and hopelessness can be learned and reflects the importance of the child's interaction with the social and environmental context.

The role of hope in a child's capacity to flourish is well established. Hopeful thinking among children is positively associated with perceived competence and self-worth (Kwon, 2000) as well as lower depression and anxiety (Ong, Edwards, & Bergeman, 2006). Higher hope children are more optimistic about the future, have stronger problem solving skills, and develop more life goals. Hopeful children are less likely to have behavior problems or experience psychological distress. These children also report better interpersonal relationships and higher school achievement success in the areas of attendance, grades, graduation rates, and college going rates (Pedrotti, Edwards, & Lopez, 2008). Moreover, hope has been shown to serve as a resilience factor when facing stressful life events among children (Valle, Huebner, & Suldo, 2006). Finally, hope was shown to be positively associated with



emotional well being in a six-year longitudinal study investigating hope and positive youth development (Ciarrochi, Parker, Kashdan, Heaven, & Barkus, 2015).

### Camp HOPE America

Camp HOPE America ([www.camphopeamerica.com](http://www.camphopeamerica.com)) is the first local, state, and national camping and mentoring initiative in the United States to focus on children exposed to domestic violence. The vision for Camp HOPE America is to break the generational cycle of family violence by offering healing and hope to children who have witnessed family violence. Camp HOPE America is a program of Alliance for HOPE International ([www.allianceforhope.com](http://www.allianceforhope.com)). Alliance for HOPE International is the umbrella organization for all Family Justice Centers and similar multi-agency models serving victims of domestic violence and their children throughout the United States.

### Camp HOPE Program

The Camp HOPE Program is a values-based summer camping and mentoring model with a six-day program and follow-up activities during the school year. The program focuses on three key elements: (1) “Challenge by Choice” activities; (2) Affirmation and Praise for developing and observed character traits; and (3) Themed, small group discussion and activities focused on helping children set goals and pursue viable pathways. Challenge by Choice refers to challenging children to set daily achievement goals by pursuing activities with perceived danger or risk (e.g., canoeing, zip line) while allowing them to opt out of those activities if the challenge creates unmanageable stress or fear. Campers are positively encouraged to engage in the personal challenges presented, however no camper is coerced, negatively pressured or unconstructively persuaded to take part in an activity. Campers are encouraged to support each other in their personal challenge by choice whether they determine to undertake a particular activity or not. All activities are designed to promote: creative thinking, decision-making, problem-solving, teamwork and mutual support, reasoning, self-esteem, competency, self-management, group trust, organization, and goal setting. Even if campers do not participate in challenging activities, they are expected to participate in other daily camp activities and to follow all safety and group protocols. For safety reasons, campers are not allowed to leave the group setting or be alone at any time (the exception includes toileting or showering).

All recreational activities were supervised by trained Camp staff members who also operated weekly summer camps that are not focused on children exposed to family violence. Specialized program activities and other

therapeutic components were managed by Camp HOPE staff members employed by Alliance for HOPE International. Using a trauma-informed camper/counselor approach, Camp HOPE focuses on providing affirmation and encouragement including campfire sessions where children received character trait awards each day from their peers or adult counselors. Camp HOPE program activities are site specific but has included rafting, tubing, high and low ropes challenge courses (age specific), horseback riding, arts and crafts, kayaking and canoeing, recreational hiking and field games, skits and camp songs, nightly campfires, journaling, KBAR (kick back and relax) time in the cabins/tents each day with counselors and campers, camp fire group discussions each night (“Where did you see hope today?”), three family-style meals each day (eating with their own cabin group), and other relationship-oriented times. Each day at Camp HOPE there is a positive statement for the day. These included: “I am a unique masterpiece,” “I am becoming my best self,” “We need each other,” “My future is brighter than my past,” and “My best self is within reach.” By having a positive statement for each day, children had the opportunity to internalize their own uniqueness, personal progress, need for others, future-oriented focus, and perseverance. Children did not have “free time” at Camp HOPE and children were never without an adult mentor or adult counselor (with the exception of toilet/showering needs). All electronics including cell phones, laptops, and other devices were collected and turned off when children arrived at camp. Electronic items were then returned after the conclusion of the camping week.

One of the key elements of Camp HOPE was the use of a de-centralized programming model. In this particular model, each cabin was paired with another cabin of a similar age. Older campers (11–17 year olds) were paired with a cabin of the opposite sex. Younger campers (7–11 year olds) were paired with similarly aged campers of the same sex. The combined cabins were referred to as a “track” or “circle.” Throughout the week, each track/circle participated in the various camp activities together and built relationships within the smaller group instead of simply participating in all activities in a large group.

In 2015, Camp HOPE children also included foster children, group home children, and a small group of children not receiving services in an existing Family Justice Center. All the children attending Camp HOPE had been exposed to and/or witnessed family violence prior to coming to Camp HOPE. Approximately 20 % of the children attending had also been physically and sexually abused children as well. A subset of 64 participating campers had been administered the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) questionnaire which ranges from 0 to 10 to quantify the number of trauma experiences. This

assessment was administered to a subset of children over the age of 11 and assessed by a Family Justice Center counselor. The average ACE score for the 64 campers was 5.51 ( $SD = 2.38$ ) with a median score of 5.0 and a mode of 4.0. Indeed, 79.4 % of these children had an ACE score of 4 or higher. Comparatively, the Center for Disease Control Kaiser Permanente Adverse Childhood Study with over 17,000 participants report that 12.5 % of the population have an ACE score of 4 or higher. Additionally, Ford et al. (2014), with a sample of 57,703 subjects, found an average ACE score of 1.61. Results of a one sample  $t$  test [ $t(62) = 12.99; p < .05$ ] demonstrate that the average ACE score for our sample of Camp HOPE children was significantly higher than the national rate (Ford et al., 2014).

## Method

### Assessment Procedure

Two hundred and thirty-eight surveys were administered to the youth participants of Camp HOPE during the 2015 summer. A pre-camp and post-camp design was utilized. Children received the pre-camp survey thirty days prior to camp and post-camp surveys were collected the final morning of camp. Individual Family Justice Centers coordinated the recruiting and selecting of children and the obtaining of consent from parents/caregivers/guardians prior to data collection. These data were matched to the post-camp assessments and de-identified prior to delivering to the first author for statistical analyses. This protocol was approved by the University of Oklahoma IRB.

### Sample Demographics

Pre-camp surveys were completed by 234 children while 237 post-camp survey were completed. Ultimately, 229 completed pre and post surveys were matched, resulting in a 96.2 % match rate. Specific demographic characteristics of the children were limited in the survey. However, the average age of the respondent was 10.8 years ( $SD = 2.57$ ). Two hundred and thirty-four children reported their gender with 48.7 % males and 51.3 % females. In addition to the child self-report assessment, camp counselors completed pre and post observation based assessments for each camper that were matched to the 229 camper self-assessments.

### Measurement—Child Self-Report

#### *Children's Hope*

Hope was assessed using the Children's Hope Scale (Snyder et al., 1997) which examines the extent to which

children believe they can establish pathways to their goals as well as develop and maintain the will power to follow these pathways. This measure is comprised of six self-report items with a six-point Likert-Type response format (1 = none of the time; 6 = all of the time). Scores can range from a low of six to a high of 36. Thus, higher scores reflect higher hope. Internal consistency reliability analysis for the data collected in this study indicated a Pre-Hope  $\alpha = .77$  and Post-Hope  $\alpha = .81$ .

### Measurement: Counselor Observations

#### *Hope Index*

Counselors were asked to complete the Children's Hope Scale (Snyder et al., 1997) for each camper in their respective group. Similar to Snyder (2005), items were modified to reflect an observational assessment approach. For example, the item "I think I am doing pretty well" was reworded to "I think the camper is doing pretty well." The questionnaires included the same six-item children's Hope Scale reworded to fit the observation intent. Internal consistency reliability was adequate for the sample of counselor's (pretest  $\alpha = .92$ ; posttest  $\alpha = .91$ ).

#### *Child Character Strength*

Following the positive psychology foundation that character leads to the capacity to live a fulfilling and meaningful life, we included a 20-item assessment of character strengths from the KIPP Character Counts Growth Card (available: <https://characterlab.org/character-growth-card/>). Following the KIPP Character Counts model, counselors assessed the child in the area of Zest, Grit, Optimism, Self-Control, Gratitude, Social Intelligence, and Curiosity. Counselors rated each camper in their group at the beginning of camp and the final day of camp. Each item was rated on a seven point Likert-Type response (1 = almost never; 7 = almost always) on the frequency of observation. Thus, higher scores reflect higher levels for each character strength assessed. Table 1 provides the character strength observed, definition, number of items, and when 3+ items are used the internal consistency from the pre-test assessment. Internal consistency from the posttest scores are presented in Table 2.

### Research Questions and Hypotheses

Given the growing literature on the positive nature of hope, two questions served to guide this evaluation. First, can hope scores be increased among children exposed to domestic violence? Second, does hope predict adaptive

**Table 1** Character strengths assessed at Camp HOPE

Character strength	Definition
Zest	An approach to life filled with anticipation, excitement, and energy (3 items; $\alpha = .84$ )
Grit	Perseverance and passion for long-term goals (3 items; $\alpha = .83$ )
Optimism	The expectation that the future holds positive possibilities and likelihood (2 items)
Self-control	Capacity to regulate thoughts, feelings, and behaviors when they conflict with interpersonal goals (4 items; $\alpha = .90$ )
Gratitude	Appreciation for the benefits received from others and a desire to reciprocate with positive actions (2 items)
Curiosity	Search for information for its own sake. Exploring a wide range of information when solving problems (3 items; $\alpha = .67$ )
Social intelligence	Being aware of the motives and feelings of other people. (3 items; $\alpha = .82$ )

Note Cronbach's alpha presented for scales with three or more items from pretest scores

**Table 2** Zero-order correlation matrix of hope, resiliency, and strength of character

Item	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	9.	10.
Child scores										
1. Hope	(.85)									
2. Resiliency	.79*	(.86)								
Counselor observations										
3. Hope	.28*	.39*	(.91)							
4. Zest	.35*	.38*	.69*	(.82)						
5. Grit	.21*	.26*	.66*	.51*	(.79)					
6. Self-control	.22*	.30*	.61*	.43*	.73*	(.90)				
7. Optimism	.27*	.36*	.72*	.58*	.65*	.71*	–			
8. Gratitude	.36*	.41*	.67*	.67*	.60*	.56*	.72*	–		
9. Social intelligence	.36*	.38*	.70*	.63*	.65*	.71*	.70*	.73*	(.86)	
10. Curiosity	.34*	.43*	.72*	.65*	.61*	.58*	.66*	.71*	.67*	(.70)

Note Values in parenthesis reflect Cronbach's Alpha for scores obtained at posttest.  $N = 233$ . \*  $p < .05$

outcomes for children exposed to domestic violence? This resulted in the following hypotheses.

**H<sub>1</sub>:** Children attending Camp HOPE will report an increase in their hope scores from pretest to posttest.

**H<sub>2</sub>:** Children attending Camp HOPE will report an increase in positive character scores as reported by camp counselors.

**H<sub>3</sub>:** Child hope scores at the posttest will be positively correlated with child character strength posttest scores as observed by camp counselors.

## Results

A series of repeated measures analysis of variance was computed to investigate the level of change between pre-test and post-test on children's self-report of hope as well as the counselor assessments of camper hope, zest, grit, self-control, optimism, gratitude, curiosity, and social intelligence. Given the number of comparisons, a

Bonferroni correction was used for to control the type I error, which was set at .007. While paired sample  $t$  test could be used in each comparison, the resulting ANOVA  $F$ -ratio is equivalent to  $t^2$  and provides additional information relative to effect size estimates (partial eta-squared).

### Child Self-Report

The results of this repeated measures ANOVA showed that the increase in children's hope scores from pre-test ( $M = 25.40$ ;  $SD = 5.38$ ) to post-test ( $M = 26.75$ ;  $SD = 6.19$ ) was statistically significant [ $F(1,228) = 15.15$ ;  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .06$ ]. Moreover, the partial eta square indicates that estimated rate of change as small (cf. Cohen, 1992).

### Counselor Assessment

The repeated measures ANOVA showed the increase in hope pre-test scores ( $M = 23.23$ ;  $SD = 5.92$ ) compared to

the post-test scores ( $M = 25.13$ ;  $SD = 5.64$ ) were also statistically significant [ $F(1219) = 30.95$ ;  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .12$ ] and of moderate strength. Moreover, all increases in character strength observations were statistically significant. More specifically, post-test observations showed a moderate and significant increase for zest [ $F(1229) = 46.63$ ;  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .17$ ], grit [ $F(1228) = 30.86$ ;  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .12$ ], gratitude [ $F(1229) = 44.36$ ;  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .16$ ], and curiosity [ $F(1229) = 46.51$ ;  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .17$ ]. Small yet statistically significant increases in mean scores were observed for self-control [ $F(1229) = 9.50$ ;  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .04$ ], optimism [ $F(1229) = 20.16$ ;  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .08$ ], and social intelligence [ $F(1229) = 18.13$ ;  $p < .001$ ;  $\eta^2 = .07$ ] respectively.

### Correlation Analysis

As seen in Table 2, the correlational analysis demonstrated that an increase in children's self reported hope was associated with increased scores in the child's observed character strengths. More specifically, higher scores in Hope were associated with higher levels of energy (Zest), perseverance toward goals (Grit), ability to regulate thoughts, feelings and behaviors (Self-Control), an expectation that the future holds positive possibilities (Optimism), appreciation toward others (Gratitude), desire to seek out new things (Curiosity), and awareness of the feelings and motivations of others (Social Intelligence). Additionally, child self-reported hope was positively associated with counselor observation of the child's hope.

### Discussion

Given that upwards of 18+ million children are exposed to domestic violence in the US and that exposure can have negative effects on physical, mental, and social well-being research examining positive youth development is noteworthy. More specifically, activities for Camp HOPE America are based upon Snyder's (2002) theory of hope and are operated by Alliance for Hope International, the parent organizational structure for multi-agency, multi-disciplinary domestic violence-oriented Family Justice Centers located across the US, Canada, Latin America, and Europe. This study represents the first research to examine the Camp HOPE America model as it relates to increases in children's hope and character strength as an intervention for children exposed to domestic violence. The findings include significant increases in hope as reported by children several days prior to camp and on the last day of

camp. Additionally, counselors completed an observational assessment on each child and found significant increases in the character strengths of hope, zest, grit, self-control, optimism, gratitude, social intelligence, and curiosity. Finally, the correlational analyses demonstrated that children's self-reported hope were positively associated with camp counselor's observations of the child's character strength. Our findings are consistent with other research (Chang & DeSimone, 2001; Kwok, Gu, & Kit, 2016; Marques, Lopez, & Pais-Ribeiro, 2011) suggesting that brief hope interventions with children can increase their psychological strengths and well being.

Children exposed to domestic violence and who live in chaos and fear experience a multitude of negative stressful situations and in the absence of strategic intervention these experiences will manifest into potentially negative psychological and behavioral reactions that make life difficult (Benavides, 2015). Hope, as a psychological strength, is a protective resource that can help children cope with stress and adversity associated with domestic violence (Benavides, 2015; Chang, 1998; Ciarrochi, Heaven, & Davies, 2007; Horton & Wallander, 2001; Valle et al., 2006). Children with high levels of hope have a greater capacity to identify viable pathways and dedicate mental energy to their goals. Moreover, the relationship found in our study suggests that hope is associated with striving for opportunities (zest, grit, optimism, curiosity), the ability to regulate thoughts and feelings (self-control), and understanding and appreciating of the actions, motives and feelings of others (social intelligence, gratitude). Consistent with the positive psychology literature, these character strengths predict well being and provide psychological resources to enhance coping during difficult times (Park & Peterson, 2009).

### Camp HOPE America

Camp HOPE America is informed by Snyder's hope theory (2002) and the challenge by choice activities are designed to enhance and support pathways and agency cognitions among children exposed to domestic violence. Camp HOPE America's curriculum is designed to enhance goal setting, pathways thinking, and inspire goal attainment in children who have experienced the adversity associated with domestic violence. Camp HOPE America is the first camp in the United States focused entirely on children exposed to domestic violence and other related abuse with a dedicated curriculum designed to change the way the children view themselves and their futures. While preliminary in nature, the findings from our evaluation of Camp HOPE support its strengths approach to empowering children toward a positive orientation to the future.

## Limitations

While the results of this study are promising, potential limitations must be considered when interpreting the findings. First, a pre-experimental one-group pretest posttest design was employed to measure changes in hope and the other character strengths, no control group was used to bolster confidence in the internal validity that increases, while statistically significant, were directly related to the Camp HOPE experience. Furthermore, given the lack of follow-up the sustainability of these positive changes remain in question. The use of control groups in intervention research can be difficult for many reasons. However, Camp HOPE is a model situated within operating and developing Family Justice Centers, which provide a coalition approach to social services for families experiencing domestic violence. Therefore, to further test the efficacy of this intervention, future research could pursue a longitudinal design perhaps including children from a Family Justice Center that as yet has not established a Camp HOPE intervention to fashion a wait-list comparative control group. Among other potential limitations is the use of self-report survey research for both children and the observational assessment by the adult camp counselors. While Snyder's hope theory and the child measurement are both empirically supported, the potential for response biases like social desirability remains. While it is a potential methodological strength that an additional assessment included the observations of camp counselors, potential biases limited the generalizability of the findings. In particular is the significant limitation in the camp counselor ability to meaningfully provide a pre-observational assessment on the first day of camp. Additionally, while the participating children were recruited from nine geographically separated Family Justice Center communities, the participants from this study reflect a limited sample of children exposed to domestic violence from the west coast of the US. Finally, while improvements in hope and character strength were statistically significant; the effect size estimates found in this study were small and is yet unclear if these changes can be sustained across time. Clearly, replications, refinements and extensions are desired. These preliminary findings set the stage for researchers to engage in quasi-experimental or experimental evaluations to examine the impact of Camp HOPE on children exposed to domestic violence.

## Discussion and Implications for Research

Empirical evidence demonstrates the significance between exposure to domestic violence and a child's potential for physical, psychological, social, and behavioral difficulties (Evans et al., 2008; Summers, 2006). Research supported

community based intervention models, such as Camp HOPE America, that target that children can potentially mitigate these negative effects and promote hope as a psychological asset. This study offers at least two compelling contributions. First, this study is the first of its kind to investigate hope and character strength among children exposed to domestic violence. Second, this study offers new empirical evidence supporting the Camp HOPE America model as an effective community based intervention that can be implemented across the US given its connection to the Family Justice Center network. This study offers promising information about the initial efficacy of an intervention to increase hope and strength of character among children exposed to domestic violence. It is our intent that this study's findings stimulate additional interest (e.g., research, practitioner, policy makers) in systems level interventions focused on developing character strengths and hope that allow a child impacted by trauma and abuse to flourish.

## Compliance with Ethical Standards

**Conflict of Interest** Chan M. Hellman declares no conflict of interest. Casey Gwinn is President of Alliance for HOPE International.

**Ethical Approval** All procedures performed in this study were in accordance with the ethical standards of the university and with the 1964 Helsinki declaration and its later amendments or comparable ethical standards.

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**COMMENTS** We love Kidder Creek. Our kids go every summer, and it will be fun to have even more fun opportunities there.

**NAME**

Cindy Hall

**ADDRESS**

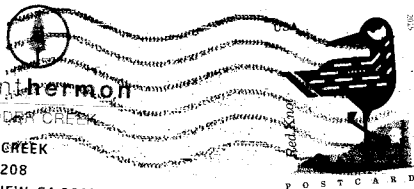
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### COMMENTS

#### NAME

Donna Hamilton

#### ADDRESS

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#### SIGNATURE

Donna Hamilton

#### DATE

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RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

MR. WALKER, I HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT THE KCOC ZONE CHANGE AND USE PERMIT. SEVERAL OF MY CONCERNS COME FROM BEING A FIREFIGHTER FOR 37 YEARS.

(1) IS MY CONCERN THAT THEY CANNOT EVACUATE 844 PEOPLE IN A TIMELY MANNER. INCOMING EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT AND CREWS MIXED WITH CAMPGERS + STAFF FLEEING WOULD BE A DISASTER. THERE IS NO 2ND EXIT, I HAVE SPOKEN WITH LANDOWNERS AND THEY WILL NOT GRANT AN EASEMENT. THE EXISTING S. KIDDER CR. ROAD WOULD NEED WIDENING. THE APPROVED PRESENT OCCUPANCY PERMIT ALREADY EXCEEDS THE POPULATION OF GREENVIEW BY OVER 100 PEOPLE.

(2) - SEWAGE TREATMENT - THE REQUESTED 844 WILL EXCEED THE INDIVIDUAL POPULATIONS OF BOTH ETNA + FT. JONES OVER

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

REKH  
Signature

RONALD KENT HARPER  
Name (printed)

5135 SOUTH KIDDER LOOP ROAD  
Address

ETNA, CA 96027  
City, State, Zip

SHOULDN'T A PROPER, MODERN SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT BE REQUIRED, NOT SEPTIC TANKS + LEECH FIELDS. I HAVE STRONG CONCERNS ABOUT WATER POLLUTION.

③ I ALSO HAVE CONCERNS OVER WATER USE. IF THE PROPOSED NEW POND IS ALLOWED AND IT HAS A 7AC. SURFACE WITH A TOTAL STORAGE OF 36 AC/FT. THAT COMES OUT TO JUST UNDER 12 MILLION GAL.

JUST TO FILL. OUR WELL, ABOUT  $\frac{2}{3}$  MILE FROM THE CAMP HAS DROPPED FROM A WATER LEVEL 52 FT TO 78 FT FROM 2000 TO 2015. DO WE NEED ANOTHER "CITY" USING OUR WATER BUT PAYING NO TAXES?

④ I HAVE NOT READ EVERY WORD OF THE SCOTT VALLEY PLAN, BUT I DO KNOW IT'S INTENT IS TO LIMIT POPULATION AREA'S WHERE THERE IS NO, OR UNDER DEVELOPED INFRASTRUCTURE. I DON'T SEE HOW PUTTING OVER A 4 TIMES INCREASE IN CAMPERS + STAFF IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE SCOTT VALLEY PLAN. SAME FOR JH RANCH.

⑤ MT. HERMAN IS A BUSINESS, IT MAY BE A RELIGIOUS NON PROFIT BUT IT'S MAKING MONEY AND VERY, VERY LITTLE OF THAT \$ IS COMING TO SISKIYOU COUNTY. THEY HAVE TAX EXEMPT STATUS AND HAVE JUST PURCHASED MORE LAND THAT THEY WANT TO ALSO NOT PAY TAXES ON. THEY HAVE PLENTY OF \$ TO RUN A SLICK P.R. CAMPAIGN.

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Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

#6 SISKIYOU COUNTY IS NOT A WEALTHY COUNTY. IT DOES NOT HAVE THE PEOPLE OR MONEY FOR ACTIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT AND OVERSIGHT. THAT IS A FACTOR IN THE CURRENT JH RANCH MESS. SISKIYOU COUNTY NEEDS "TAX PAYING BUSINESSES NOT TAX EXEMPT CITIES" OF NON RESIDENTS THAT USE OUR LAND + RESOURCES BUT CONTRIBUTE NOTHING TO COUNTY. I SPENT SEVERAL OF YEARS IN THE FIRE DEPT. IN FIRE PREVENTION CODE ENFORCEMENT AND WE OFTEN REQUIRED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, WATER SUPPLY + STORAGE AND OTHER MITIGATION EFFORTS. PLEASE DON'T GIVE THIS GROUP A FREE RIDE, THEIR IMPACT IS TO GREAT,

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Signature

Name (printed)

Address

City, State, Zip

Date

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**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

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WILL THE ROAD HANDLE THE TRAFFIC? NO!!  
IS THERE ANOTHER WAY OUT IF FIRE OCCURS? NO!!  
WILL THERE BE ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLY FOR DRINKING  
AND FIRE? WILL OUR SCOTT VALLEY COUNTRY PRIVACY  
BE JEOPARDIZED? YES IT WILL!! WE MOVED HERE TO  
GET AWAY FROM THE TRAFFIC AND OVER CROWDING!!  
WILL PROPERTY VALUES GO DOWN? YES!! WE DO NOT

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you. WANT THIS!!

Sincerely,

NO-NO-NO

Timothy Hawk / Linda Hawk  
Signature

TIMOTHY HAWK / Linda Hawk  
Name (printed)

5312 SOUTH KIDDER LOOP  
Address

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RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Dear Mr. Walker:

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1. How will you improve the infrastructure to accommodate the expansion?
  2. Would you be willing to set a maximum amount of water that could be used?
  3. Is there any possibility of cotaminating Kidder creek if you use a leech field to handle the sewer from the Dining Hall.
  4. Is there an escape route in case of fire?
- Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Douglas G. Herman  
Signature

Douglas G. Herman  
Name (printed)

5231 S. Kidder Loop  
Address

Etna, CA 96027  
City, State, Zip

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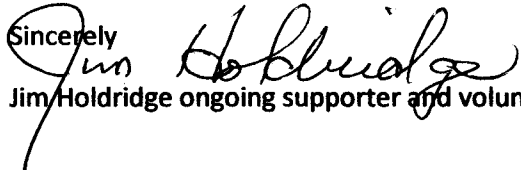
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Dear Mr. Trytten

As an ongoing participant and supporter in the growth of Kidder creek, I am writing to encourage your support in the growth and Ministry that is going on right now in the lives of countless young people and their families. As a volunteer at the camp for the last 8 years, I can attest to the countless lives that are effected every year of camp operations. I feel it is safe to say that there is a great number of transformations that occur in the lives of countless young people at this strongly, Christian based, camp.!

Your support in this planning process is greatly appreciated

Sincerely

  
Jim Holdridge ongoing supporter and volunteer

28 September 2016

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Sharon Hoppas  
George Martin  
30824 Cecilville Rd.  
Forks of Salmon, CA 96031

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT

Brett Walker  
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806 South Main Street  
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RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp  
Zone Change (Z-14-01) and Use Permit (UP-11-15)

Dear Mr. Walker:

We own property outside of Etna and share one-quarter of a mile of property boundary with Kidder Creek Camp. We received your notice, and subsequently purchased a copy of the plan for proposed development of the camp, which would consist of approximately a 500% increase in operation. We have concerns in several areas:

1. **Water.** The plan states that a seven-acre "pond" will supplement their small pond now. (We have lakes in the Marble Mountains, Trinity Alps, and Russian Wilderness that are smaller than seven acres, so I propose we call this unit what it is: a lake.) Water is a huge and increasing problem in Scott Valley, and the paucity of it has led to agriculture well failures, junior water rights being revoked, and fields going fallow by mid-summer. I would like to know from what aquifer the well will draw its water and who else is drawing water from that water source. I understand that initial filling of the pond will require 36 acre-feet of water, but how much will be required daily (or weekly) to keep it full? It will surely lose much water to evaporation during our increasingly hot and long summers. This in addition to the 500% increase in domestic and other recreation requirements creates a huge increase in water use in the camp. Where is it coming from and who else is impacted by that water draw?
2. **Traffic.** We looked at the studies of traffic along South Kidder Creek Rd., and find it difficult to accept that such an increase in people visiting and working at the camp would not greatly increase traffic on that road, and that such an increase could really be mitigated. I'm sure that residents along that road will be addressing this concern.
3. **Noise and Nighttime Light.** The proposed 500% increase in operation -- traffic and activities -- will probably interfere with the quiet enjoyed by those who live around Kidder Creek Camp. We



Brett Walker

28 September 2016

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are hoping that noise and nighttime light will not make its way over the hill to our property. If it does, what is our avenue of complaint?

4. **Trespass.** We already have people riding their horses on our property. We are concerned that, with an increase in activity at the camp, guests at the camp will hike or ride up their hill and over it into our property. We have put up "no trespassing" signs along the border, but it doesn't seem to do much good, and we worry about an increase in our trespass problem.
5. **Economy and Culture Shift.** The fifth concern is perhaps the most difficult to express, but it is one that we have deep concerns about. Scott Valley is primarily an agricultural economy – and culture. Approximately 5000 people live in Scott Valley. J.H. Ranch and Kidder Creek Camp between them are proposing a significant increase in population – albeit transient. The quiet of the rural life is disappearing along French Creek Rd. already. At what point do we have to say that Scott Valley is changing into a recreation/tourism economy. Such an economy brings with it different qualities, life styles, and values. If we are moving toward that kind of an economic and cultural change, then these proposals – and its impossible to separate J.H. Ranch and Kidder Creek Camp in this -- should be looked at more closely.

The Siskiyou County – Scott Valley Plan states that "agriculture is the number one economy in the Scott Valley watershed" and "development will only be allowed in a manner that will not deplete natural resources critical to the valley's economy and quality of life." We have concerns for both the economy and quality of life with this development.

Yours truly,



Sharon Hoppas



George Martin

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## COMMENTS

Our family, and especially our children, LOVE Kidder Creek!!

## NAME

Horne Family

## ADDRESS

3525 Mountain View Hts.  
Montague, CA. 96064

## SIGNATURE

Christine Horne

## DATE

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### COMMENTS

Kidder Creek is an incredible opportunity for kids to explore the outdoors and become independent.

### NAME

Cheryl Horvath

### ADDRESS

28141 Scott River Rd.  
Scott Bar, Ca 96085

### SIGNATURE

Cheryl Horvath

### DATE

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## Brett Walker

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**From:** Pam Piemme  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2016 9:16 AM  
**To:** Vurl Trytten; Brett Walker  
**Subject:** FW: Kidder Creek Master Site Plan

Pam Piemme, Permit Tech.  
Phone: (530) 841-2151  
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Siskiyou County Community Development Department

**From:** Allie Beth [mailto:[alliebethhymas@gmail.com](mailto:alliebethhymas@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2016 9:07 AM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Master Site Plan

Dear Siskiyou County Planning Commission,

My name is Allie Hymas and I live just outside of Greenview. I live nearer in proximity to Kidder Creek than most of Scott Valley's residents and I am writing to whole-heartedly endorse Kidder Creek's master site plan.

A study in the American Journal of Pediatrics shows that in 2011, 41% of Americans under the age of 23 had been arrested. The study's main author, Robert Brame of University of North Carolina stated, "An arrest usually happens in context. There are usually other things going on in a kid's life." Kids who are involved with substance abuse, vandalism, theft, and gang activity are usually the same kids that are living under the federal poverty minimums. The NAACP says that's almost half the kids in the United States. This is completely overwhelming to me. Almost half of our kids are getting into trouble and all of our communities and government agencies need to do their part to help kids grow into responsible adults.

All of the facilities, staff, and mission of Kidder Creek are devoted to the single goal of benefitting kids and young adults. Unlike many camps that exclusively offer programs for families that can afford tuition, Kidder Creek has made it their mission to provide the camp experience to underprivileged kids. Many of the kids at Kidder Creek are there on scholarships or subsidies, and half of the weeks of camp are spent running a research-based program called Camp HOPE for child victims of domestic abuse. The experiences kids get when they are tackling a fun, challenging activity or sharing their heart with a counselor point them towards a more vibrant, meaningful life. This breathtakingly beautiful setting in Scott Valley is like a whole new world to many kids who have never experienced life outside the city. Credible research at the University of Oklahoma and the Search Institute in Minneapolis both point to camp as a critical tool in pointing underprivileged kids towards a meaningful life. You can do something for kids who are struggling. You can help Kidder Creek serve these kids by approving their site plan.

The dissenters might change their mind about the project if they knew that the work Kidder Creek is doing with kids has a track record of steering kids out of the path to crime. Camp HOPE's many awards and accolades includes a distinguished recognition from the US Department of Justice as an asset in their efforts to prevent crime. The inconveniences of a site expansion are minuscule in comparison to the devastation just one camper at Camp HOPE has experienced as a victim of domestic violence. Is preventing 0.1 second of increased wait time at the stop sign worth it, if it means depriving an abused child the opportunity to find hope and meaning in our beautiful wilderness?

While most of the at risk youth come from outside our county, Kidder Creek's expansion would allow them to serve more local kids. In some areas of Siskiyou County, the poverty level is above 30%, which is more than double the national average. Kids in these areas are at risk of continuing the poverty cycle, multiplying the number of people getting into crime. Kidder Creek wants to reach those kids and change their lives for the better. Please help them by approving their site plan and we could help thousands of kids every year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Allie Hymas

Betty L. Jerde  
2904 South Belen Street  
Demming, NM 88030

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September 21, 2016

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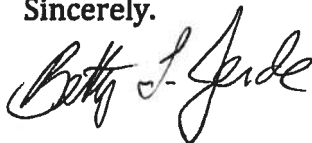
Re: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP  
ZONE CHANGE (Z-14-01) AND USE PERMIT (UP-11-15)

I wish to make a public comment regarding the above matter.

My name is Betty L. Jerde and I own APN 23-051-190 across which Kidder Creek Orchard Camp has repeatedly asked for an easement to complete a road for their 2<sup>nd</sup> egress. I have refused each request and will refuse any future ones.

I can be reached at:  
2904 South Belen Street  
Demming, NM 88030  
(304) 704-3400

Sincerely,



Betty L. Jerde

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## COMMENTS

Kidder Creek has been a formational experience for me and for my children. My eldest nephew just went to Kidder Creek and loved it. Keep up the awesome/amazing work.

## NAME

Geneva Schannissen

## ADDRESS

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Sand Valley, CA 96086

## SIGNATURE

Geneva Schannissen 10-3-16

## DATE



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## COMMENTS

*Kidder is always giving + blessing so many in the community.*

## NAME

*Corrie Johnson*

## ADDRESS

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## SIGNATURE

*Corrie Johnson*

## DATE

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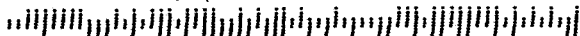


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As a property owner bordering Kidder Creek camp, my concerns over the year round expansion are many. Foremost to me is the noise and trespassers. This occurs in a peaceful rural residential area, not a commercial or business location. Why is a PA system in use? Are the campers so spread out that a bullhorn is necessary to address ~~the~~ them? There is no quiet at all in the summer. Secondly I have experienced multiple invasions of privacy by trespassers. Are the campers supervised? If they cannot keep 150 to 200 people accounted for in the summer, what will happen when occupancy grows to 884 for the year use? What kind of cap is on the occupancy rate? Also not all the neighbors were notified of the 20 year expansion. Why not? All are affected.

Sincerely Paul Johnson

Box 224

Greenview Campground

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- ① with property <sup>taxes</sup> be paid by the camp?
- ② with property ~~taxes~~ taxes be lower by Siskiyou County for living next door to noise etc.?
- ③ if they build a lake or pond can I build lake or pond? if No why not?

4 Sewage 844 people

5 Water etc.

6 the list could  
on and on and on

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Elizabeth DeEtte Jones  
PO Box 191  
Greenview, CA 96037

October 3, 2016

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**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

South Kidder Creek Road bisects my 64 acres, which are located approximately one mile east of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. I am very concerned about the KCOC's proposed expansion. For the past twelve years I have witnessed a distressing increase in traffic volume during the spring and summer months due to their operation.

About five years ago, the management of the camp contacted neighbors with their plans to expand and sought our feedback. I told them then that my concern was the amount of traffic on the road and its impact on the quiet enjoyment of my home and sanctuary. To their credit, the camp recently began to bus in groups of campers and has requested that their guests and staff reduce their speeds. They've even posted temporary signs to slow folks down. Largely, these efforts have failed. As the camp has grown, the number of staff and volunteer vehicles, buses, vans, horse trailers, delivery trucks, and construction equipment has increased dramatically. I have lost pets and livestock to speeding vehicles. I can no longer safely ride my horse, ride my bike or walk my dog along the road. When their own traffic study projects 1,500+ cars per day on the road it makes me think they really didn't care to listen to their neighbors.

The idea of an encampment of a size and scope larger than either of our valley cities of Fort Jones or Etna is simply inconceivable. Does their plan include adequate sewage treatment facilities for an occupancy level of 844 people? How will their proposed 38,000 gallons of water use each day affect our water table? Why are they allowed to submit a plan that does not include a properly deeded easement for their secondary fire escape road? Why are there no mitigations, *at all*, regarding traffic in the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by your office?

I do not question the right of the camp to enlarge, however, I believe that the scale of the expansion is inconsistent with the Scott Valley Area Plan and with our rural lifestyle.

Please take a closer look at their plan and its impact before you recommend it be adopted.

Sincerely,



Dee Jones

Elizabeth DeEtte Jones  
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Atten: Brett Walker, AICP  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

South Kidder Creek Road bisects my 64 acres, which are located approximately one mile east of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. I am very concerned about the KCOC's proposed expansion. For the past twelve years I have witnessed a distressing increase in traffic volume during the spring and summer months due to their operation.

About five years ago, the management of the camp contacted neighbors with their plans to expand and sought our feedback. I told them then that my concern was the amount of traffic on the road and its impact on the quiet enjoyment of my home and sanctuary. To their credit, the camp recently began to bus in groups of campers and has requested that their guests and staff reduce their speeds. They've even posted temporary signs to slow folks down. Largely, these efforts have failed. As the camp has grown, the number of staff and volunteer vehicles, buses, vans, horse trailers, delivery trucks, and construction equipment has increased dramatically. I have lost pets and livestock to speeding vehicles. I can no longer safely ride my horse, ride my bike or walk my dog along the road. When their own traffic study projects 1,500+ cars per day on the road it makes me think they really didn't care to listen to their neighbors.

The idea of an encampment of a size and scope larger than either of our valley cities of Fort Jones or Etna is simply inconceivable. Does their plan include adequate sewage treatment facilities for an occupancy level of 844 people? How will their proposed 38,000 gallons of water use each day affect our water table? Why are they allowed to submit a plan that does not include a properly deeded easement for their secondary fire escape road? Why are there no mitigations, *at all*, regarding traffic in the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by your office?

I do not question the right of the camp to enlarge, however, I believe that the scale of the expansion is inconsistent with the Scott Valley Area Plan and with our rural lifestyle.

Please take a closer look at their plan and its impact before you recommend it be adopted.

Sincerely,



Dee Jones

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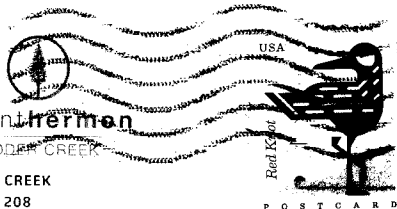
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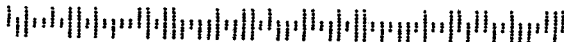
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**COMMENTS** I have seen first hand, the positive impact of Kidder Camp, on our grand children's lives. Improvements would make it possible for more to benefit

**NAME**

Dale F. Kitz

**ADDRESS**

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**COMMENTS** Kidder Crk Broaden's youth's education - and that is most important in life!

**NAME**

GERARD A. KAZ

**ADDRESS**

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**From:** Pam Piemme  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 7:36 AM  
**To:** Vurl Trytten; Brett Walker  
**Subject:** FW: Attn: Vurl Trytten, Co Siskiyou Planning Dept

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This was received sometime last nite. I moved it into my kid creek folder before checking the time.

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**From:** Julie Webster Keating [mailto:[jwkeating@yahoo.com](mailto:jwkeating@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 1:11 AM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Attn: Vurl Trytten, Co Siskiyou Planning Dept

October 5, 2016

Dear Members of the Planning Department,

I am writing in support of Kidder Creek Camp. My name is Julie Webster and I grew up in Scott Valley. The Camp has had a hugely positive effect on my life and my family's lives in the last forty years. I was in high school when Dick & Norma Jones bought the orchard property with the dream of opening a camp for children. We had nothing in Northern California like it. My parents and many other families in Siskiyou County and beyond immediately became involved in helping to make this become a reality.

I remember the 3 youngest siblings in my family going to those first years of log cabin camp. They were in heaven!! Children need to be outdoors; play hard and become worn out. This is good for their bodies, minds and emotions. All 3 also loved going to Soccer Camp. They received Scholarships and also these were Christmas gifts from Grandparents. My parents worked hard helping to volunteer at the camp and build, or do what needed to be done in those early years.

I was Very lucky to be gifted by a friend a 1 Week Backpacking Trip into the Marble Mountains in 1979. The Backpacking Program hadn't been running for too long and I would leave for College in 1 month. Although I grew up in Scott Valley, I was Not a real adventurous type. I was more of a quiet student or I'd like to ride my horse alone or with friends. This trip was a Huge Challenge and a difficult week for me. But, I absolutely loved it and was So Proud of myself and my fellow comrades that we accomplished such a feat. Our leaders were amazing on that trip and taught us so much about ourselves. They encouraged us when we couldn't go on or our pack was too heavy. I loved this experience so much that I signed up for a Backpacking Class in Southern California and backpacked into mountains down there.

As my two younger brothers and sister become teenagers it was wonderful to watch them become part of the staff for Kidder Creek Camp. They were janitors, counselors & river guides. Our parents taught us all to give & care about all of those around us. What they believe is not something they say, it is something they do.

I was in Southern California for 30 years after high school. I went to college down there, worked, married & raised my daughter. Scott Valley was always home and I would be here whenever I could. From the time my little girl was 4, I brought her up in the summer so she could go to Day Camp. She loved it! There were friends up here she knew she got to go to camp with every year. It's a chance for a younger one, ages 4-9, to experience camp during the day and have an amazing time for less cost than overnight camp. Once my girl was 7 she finally got to go to Log Cabin Camp. She had such an Amazing time!! She wanted to go more than once but Grandma & Grandpa had a hard enough time saving that money. This was 20 years ago, her first overnight. She went for So many years, Timberline & Whitewater Rafting. Every summer we came up to Scott Valley as my daughter was growing up. Camp & the Klamath River are such a part of our lives. The highlights of her whole year were always her time at Camp and on the River. She wrote reports about her summer and showed pictures to her friends.

When my daughter was a teen we had a wonderful little boy who was our neighbor in Southern California. His mom was a single mom & my good friend. His dad had never held down a job in 20 years. My daughter & I both babysat him. His 2 big brothers were 8 & 10 years older than him & he was alone A lot. He was very athletic since he was 2 years old. 5 years ago I had moved back to the Valley. I knew this young friend of ours would have a great time at Camp. He was now 7 years old. If he stayed in So Cal all summer he would play video games, watch TV & go to school programs all summer because his mom had to work 2 jobs to pay bills. I asked if he could spend the summer with us up here and go to Timberline Camp. She agreed. He had an amazing time up here. He So loved Kidder Creek Camp!! He made great friends and loved his counselor. I wish he could have gone to camp 3 times that summer. He loved being in the country, swimming, running and hitting baseballs in our fields. These city kids need to experience our amazing country, mountains and water. 2 years later he came back for another summer at age 9. He chose to go to Timberline again & had an even more amazing time. He wanted to stay again. He hasn't been able to come these last 3 years because of some of life's challenges. I have been able save \$10 most months for his next time at Camp. I sure hope he comes this summer. He is in 7th grade this year.

One of the special things for our family is seeing our next generation be able to go to the camp we love. These last 5 years my nieces have been able to go to Day Camp. My little brother's girls & my sister's girls. Last year and this year 1 niece was old enough to go to Timberline, overnight.

I want to share something even More meaningful about this camp than what it means to my family!! I want to share something that has Significance on the society we live in here in Siskiyou County. When I was in high school there were a lot of drugs, alcohol and violence in our Valley & County. Many years ago one of the people I went to school with ended up in prison for years for a violent crime. My mom & other ladies kept in contact with this person. When she got out of prison she got her life back together, years ago. So, last year I was doing registration at Camp on Sunday afternoon as the new campers are coming in and I look up and there is my former schoolmate with her little 7 year old granddaughter. I was overjoyed to see her!! I hugged her for the first time & cried. She said she had brought some of her kids here and now she was bringing her granddaughter for the first time. I just hugged that little girl. She had a great time at Camp that week. See, I remember the home life of my friend as we grew up. It was very hard with an alcoholic absent father. She needed to have a camp to go to and people to care and lots of space to run.

I remember how bad the drugs & alcohol were back in the 60s & 70s. It is so much worse now in our county. We need more kids being able to come to camp and make their way into the mountains, rivers, ponds, bike trails and on the horses. There are too many kids in our county lost in substance abuse and wandering the streets committing crimes. Hopefully we can all find money and get them to camp when they are young.

I have watched KCOC communicate with their neighbors with the utmost respect all of these years. They genuinely care about them and want input from them. I see how they train their staff to value the community

and Valley they live in for the Spring/Summer. At the beginning of the summer Kidder Creek asks for volunteers to drive all the staff around the Valley to show them important landmarks, stores, restaurants etc... The drivers share history and share where the staff can eat and shop on their days off.

Thank you for letting me share how much Kidder Creek Camp means to me and so many I care about. The growth of this amazing camp will mean being able to open space for so many more children and teenagers. As more can come, the cost will be able to go down and this will help families all over our county and beyond.

Sincerely,

Julie Webster Keating

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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## NAME

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## ADDRESS

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## SIGNATURE

Dan Kiep

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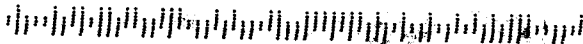
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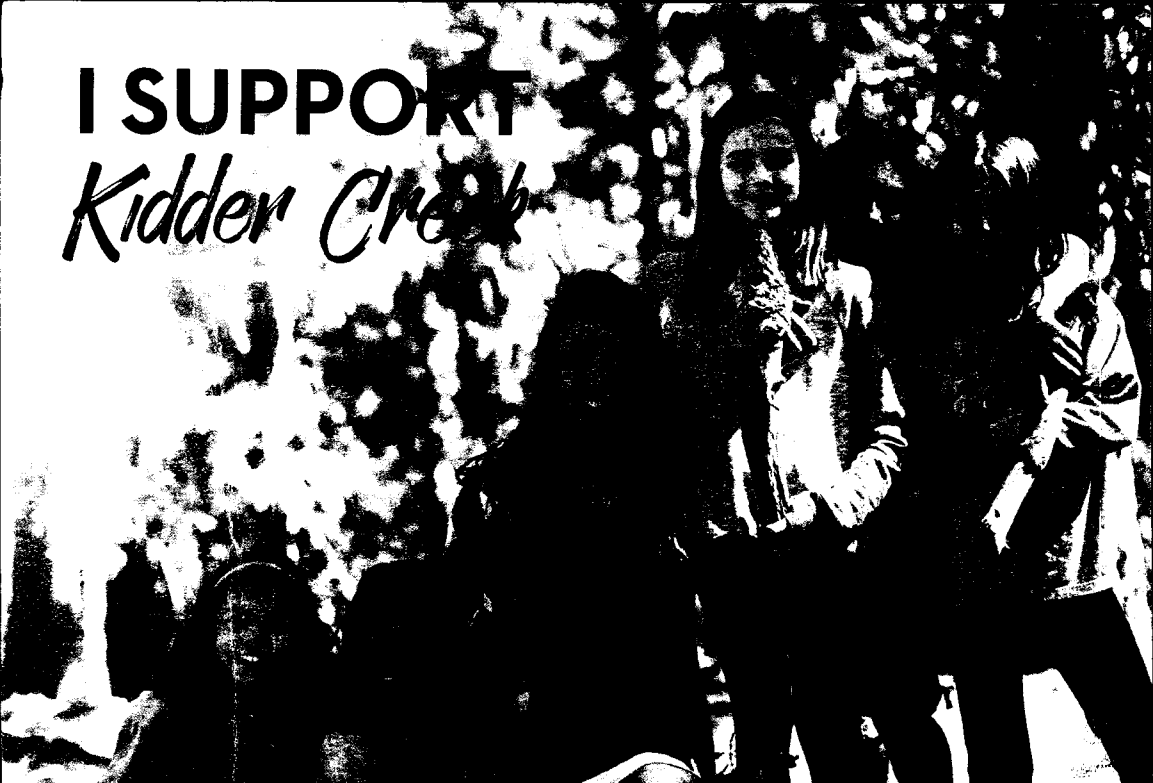
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**COMMENTS** my step daughter and her daughter (my granddaughter) had a wonderful experience at Kidder Creek. My stepdaughter died suddenly a few months later. I am so thankful for their experience there.

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Elaine Kische

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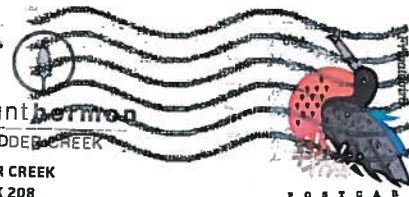
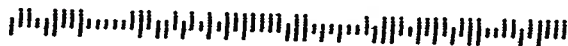
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Carol Koehler 9/24/16



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## COMMENTS

Kidder Creek has been outstanding in bringing community and the wellness to life as whole. It is beneficial to this county and beyond.

## NAME

Ric & Laura Kornarek

## ADDRESS

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Laura Kornarek 7/24/2016

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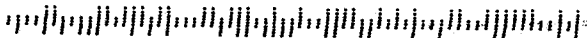
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## COMMENTS

*This is a great camp  
for kids. I say yes. It  
really help my children*

## NAME

*MARY KOONS*

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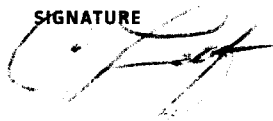
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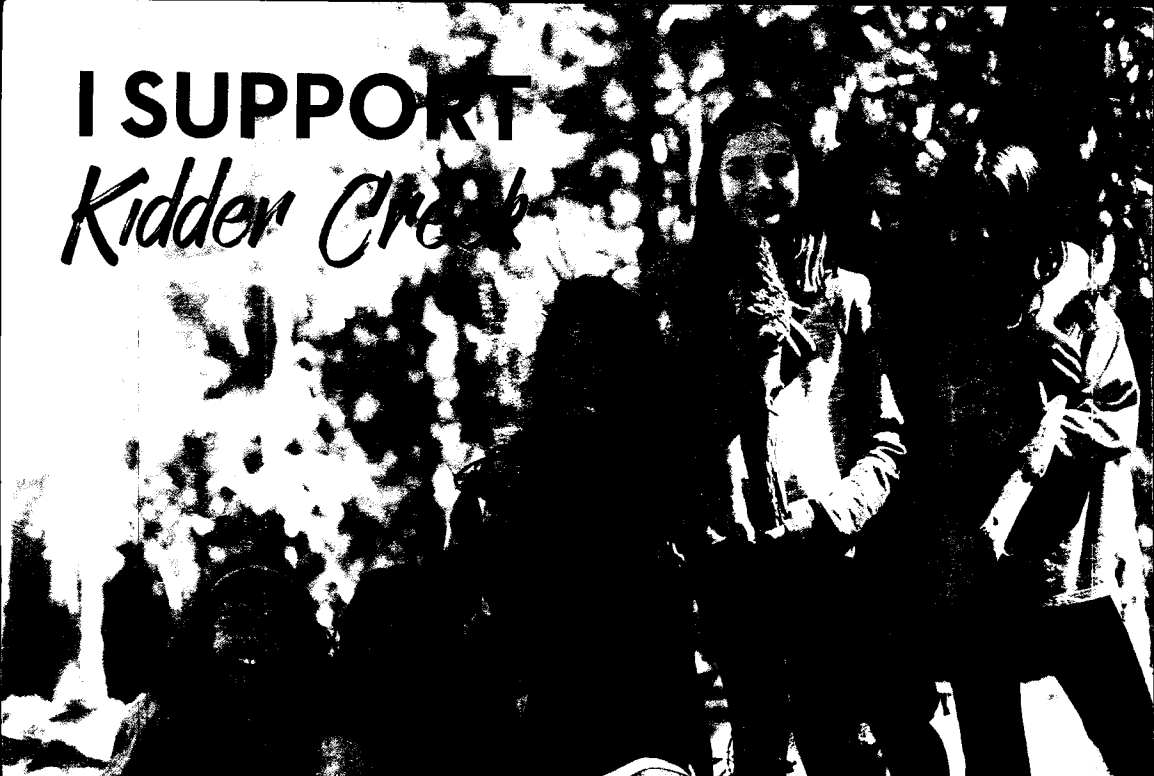
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Dear Vurl Tyten:

This past summer I was blessed with the opportunity to volunteer as a camp counselor for the Stanislaus Family Justice Center. I was able to attend two camps with the kids, many who are part of our Art Restores Kids program. I was initially excited to be a part of this experience with the kids because I remembered how much fun I personally had when I attended summer camp as a child and know how great of an experience it can be. However, it did not take long for me to realize that this camp opportunity meant a lot more for these kids than I could have imagined.

After getting the chance to meet some of the campers at one of the kick-off parties that was held prior to leaving for camp, I learned that several of the kids had never even traveled out of the area and many of them had never had any sort of camp or vacation experience at all. I saw the excitement on their faces and become increasingly excited myself as I heard how eager they all were to spend a week in the mountains. I also came to learn of many of the campers' home situations and some of the issues many of them had been dealing with. I began to see the potential impact an entire week at camp could have on these kids, even if it was just to have a week free of the chaos that surrounds many of their lives.

After coming back from the first camp, hosted by Camp Jack Hazard, I was so grateful to have been a part of the week as I saw how much fun all of the campers had with the various activities. With that being said, I also realized much of the potential the camp could have held for our kids, was lacking. I prepared for Camp Hope Kidder Creek with high hopes that many of the opportunities to have a lasting positive impact on the kids through emphasizing a message of hope would come to fruition and they truly did. The combination of having a beautiful location and amazing staff centered around a message of hope, allowed the kids to build a positive self image. There were constant messages of encouragement and reassurance that no one would have to be in

a position they were uncomfortable with, this truly allowed many of the campers to do amazing things that I think many of them never even knew they were capable of.

The success that Camp Hope Kidder Creek has had in creating the perfect environment puts them in an amazing position to truly impact many kids lives and I fully support an expansion of their site and program. I have high hopes that an expansion would mean that they will continue to positively impact many more kids lives in the future. I wholeheartedly feel that Camp Hope Kidder Creek not only provided a week filled with fun for the kids, but also is continuing to have a lasting impact on the campers. Camp instilled in them an extremely important message that will help them navigate through the difficult circumstances they face in their everyday lives. I am reminded of the impact that Camp Hope had on our campers when I see many of kids since returning and I hear how they are already excited to go back to camp next summer. I am so grateful for the experience that Camp Hope Kidder Creek provides for our campers and hope that you will support their expansion vision so that many more kids will be blessed to have their own life changing camp experience.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Pam Piemme  
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**From:** Jerry Lewis [mailto:[jerrylewis@comcast.net](mailto:jerrylewis@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 4:30 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Camp Plan Review

To: County of Siskiyou Planning Department  
Attn. Vurl Trytten

Subject: Support of Kidder Creek Camp

My initial interest in Kidder Creek Camp came about fourteen years ago while serving on the board of directors at Mount Hermon Association, Inc. in the Santa Cruz mountains. Kidder Creek Camp had come to ask for support and leadership from the largest Christian camp in the country, Mount Hermon. The Mount Hermon entity has been around serving families and kids since 1906, the year of the San Francisco earthquake. It had the experience and resources that Kidder Creek needed in order to survive in difficult times. I served on the Mount Hermon board for 16 years and came on the Kidder Creek Camp board at that time to serve on its board with Pam Malmberg for 10 years. I have a special, long-time interest in serving families and kids. Kidder Creek became an extension of the Mount Hermon camping experience to the north state and fits in particularly well with its added exposure to horses, river rafting, and generally just great outdoor experiences for kids and families to be together.

My first on-site experience at Kidder Creek Camp was with the men in my family, all twelve of them from son-in-laws to grandsons. We came up in on a six hour drive from the Bay Area and stayed for three nights and four days to explore the place and get to know each other better through a camping environment. We kept ourselves very busy by participating in the many available activities at Kidder Creek Camp including fly fishing, swimming, river rafting, skeet shooting, mountain biking, hiking, rock climbing, exploring caves and water falls, eating great food and barbequing outdoors, toasting marshmallows under the stars, and, secretly, smoking cigars. Life doesn't get much better than this. Kidder Creek Camp is a special place for family retreats and for all kids at heart.

I attended the Fall Festival a couple weekends ago and saw how important Kidder Creek Camp is to its local community. I took a bag of apples home with me. I see the ability through Kidder Creek Camp to attract more people like me and my family to this community and to enhance local Scott Valley and Siskiyou County businesses. But, right now, Kidder Creek does not have adequate zoning and facilities to handle additional guests. This local asset can have a more regional appeal to travelers if it can be expanded and upgraded. The entire community will benefit and families from all over will be rewarded just like my family was.

Thank you for subscribing to the growth of the county by allowing Kidder Creek Camp to expand and to be the attraction to the area for what is the future of our country, our kids and our families.

Sincerely,

Jerry Lewis

Jerry L. Lewis  
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KIDS. THANKS FOR  
APPROVING!*

NAME *JERRY LEWIS*

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## COMMENTS

Kidder Creek has been an enormously positive influence on our children + in our community

## NAME

## ADDRESS

Pamela Lind  
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## SIGNATURE

*Pamela Lind*

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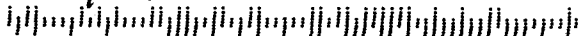
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To the Siskiyou County Planning Department

My name is Stefen Lind, the pastor of Siskyou Christian fellowship. It has come to my attention that Kidder Creek camp (operated by Mount Hermon) has proposed a master plan for future development of their facility in Scott Valley. As I have a vested interest in seeing our community fitted with positive opportunities for recreation and character development I pursued this and was able to view portions of this plan. I see the aforementioned plan as a great investment for us as a community in not only the future of our local youth but also in economic development. Many of the families who send their children to this camp are from more affluent communities in other regions of the country and when they come these kids develop a love for our area which in turn will impact our near future. As these kids grow older they themselves will begin to invest in our area and so my vote is to see this plan approved and Kidder Creek able to improve their facility in order to appropriately prepare for future opportunities to better the lives of our local youth as well as make an impact on the world around us.

All this being said, I certainly appreciate the cost to our community this growth will have whether it be increased traffic flow or the potential impact on local infrastructure yet my conviction is the benefit these changes will bring to our local economy through increased lodging tax collected due to parents overnighiting in our county as well as the revenue collected through any tax excised on restaurants- not to mention the overall benefit of our county being appreciated for its beauty, as a place of fond memories and personal development which have less tangible returns yet may yield the richest gains.

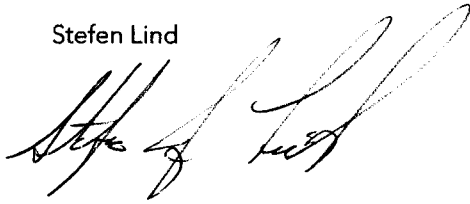
In closing, I have noticed (and appreciated) the transparency of Mt Hermon in their dealings with our county in that they do not appear to be trying to "get away" with anything but instead are going through the proper channels and being very much up front

with the public. It is my opinion that this behavior should be rewarded in order to develop a culture of trust and transparency in our county as we all endeavor to create an environment that we will be proud to leave our children and grandchildren. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and please count me with those who heartily support this organization.

May God Bless this County

Sincerely yours,

Stefen Lind

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## COMMENTS

Kidder Creek is awesome  
I been here for 5 years

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## COMMENTS

We love Kidder Creek Camp  
and support expansion!

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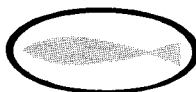
In re: Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc. (KCOC), wrt Use Permit (UP-11-15)

Dear Planning Commission Members:

I am writing in support of KCOC's Use Permit revision now approved by the Planning Department. I have been involved with KCOC for some 40 years since its founding. My wife & I were 1 of 6 couples who founded the camp in 1978. I was the beginning Administrative Director & 2 years later became President/CEO & Executive Director of Camp Operations. I am familiar with the day to day operations. And I have been a local real estate broker for 41 years. So I am also familiar with local real estate guidelines.

With respect to the pending Use Permit, some have expressed concern for the traffic count. But it seems that the daily count is not considered. The main volume of traffic occurs on Saturdays & Sundays when parents are picking up & bringing their children. These are "peak" traffic days, not "daily" as the traffic report incorrectly states. The rest of the week, M-F, the traffic is normal. But the weekend traffic is most noticeable when neighbors are home & not at work.

Speed control on South Kidder Creek Road remains a challenge, especially in the tight curves. Drivers unintentionally get in a hurry. The road is a prescriptive easement. The property owners own the road. And although the County Road Department maintains the roadway, the County does not own a 60' right of way. The County shares the prescriptive easement. Years ago I personally made 6 Burma Shave speed signs, to wit: "PLEASE DRIVE SLOW, FROM HERE TO THERE, YOUR DUST WON'T SHOW, WE'LL KNOW YOU CARE, BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR, KCOC". I have no idea of their effectiveness. A previous Assistant Public Works Director questioned their legitimacy until I pointed out that there was no right of way to restrict the placement of private signs so long as they were outside of the roadway. I invited him to place County speed signs; he didn't. Eventually the signs all disappeared, to where I don't know. Of course dust isn't now an issue since the road is now hard surfaced. But speed control remains a concern.



It goes without saying that any successful enterprise must cover expenses with income to stay in business. There has been suggested that we simply raise the fees. But for 40 years we have made an effort to keep the fees affordable offering camp for all youth, regardless of their finances. In fact, in order to accommodate local youth, we have been offering all Siskiyou County youth a 25% discount & then hope that generous donors make up the difference. We also offer camperships subject to a demonstrated need.

Now consider if we were not able to meet expenses, i.e. operating at a net loss. Then our only alternative may be to sell. Our By-Laws restrict any of us from benefiting. All proceeds must go to a like non-profit operation. The current improvements would most likely make the facility sales price prohibitive to a single purchaser. That would most likely then result in a developer purchasing the property. And since a good part of the property is zoned rural residential, small acreages, it would be prime for a subdivision of homes & small parcels. And the traffic would then be "peak" every day of the week, parents commuting to & from work M-F, driving kids to & from school, after school activities & weekend trips, recreation, shopping, etc. Traffic is projected to increase.

Finally, throughout our 40 year history, we have always consciously emphasized respect for our neighbors & their opinions, both local & valley wide. Several times throughout our history we have conducted community briefings & comments from local neighbors on our plans & operations, such as last week when we conducted 4 such well attended separate briefings (at the camp, Bob's Ranch House in Etna, the Fort Jones Community Center & the Rotary Club of Scott Valley).

Sincerely submitted for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norman R. Malmberg', with a stylized, flowing script.

**Norman R. Malmberg, Captain, USN (Ret.) (34 years)  
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**To: County of Siskiyou Planning Department**  
**Re: Kidder Creek Master Site Plan Project**

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### **Quality of Life**

Protecting the quality of life in the Scott Valley is of primary concern to the valley wide community and to Kidder Creek. Although the scenery, open spaces on the valley floor and wilderness areas close at hand enhances the unique quality of life found in Scott Valley, the real determiner of quality of life lies in the hearts of the people who live here, attend the schools and work on the ranches and farms and in the businesses.

Kidder Creek was founded on the core values of providing an experience where children and families have time and space to reflect, play and spend time with friends. The essences of a camp experience helps kids answer the important questions – Who am I? What do I believe? Do my choices matter? Where do I fit? The primary core value of the Mount Hermon/Kidder Creek organization is to help answer these questions based on a knowledge and faith in Jesus.

The core values of the organization are reflected in fact that the staff and Board of Directors have been honest and respectful of the neighbors, county employees and regulations of the county and the state. One of the core values is to be good stewards of the land that God has chosen for this ministry. This beautiful setting is the backdrop for the whole ministry therefore Kidder Creek is mindful of the camping experiences' effect on the land, neighbors and wilderness areas. Kidder Creek is committed to making the impact appropriate and minimal which includes implementing the required regulations and building codes.

### **Simply raise the fees**

It is a camping industry-wide fact that fees to attend camp will not cover all operating expenses. It is the same at Kidder Creek and 1/3 of the budget is dependent on donated dollars. These donations allow KC to give a 25% discount on fees to Siskiyou County children and provide other camperships when needed. And the need of our children to find a safe place filled with caring people is great to negate the influence of the only "business" that is growing in Siskiyou county.

KCOC is a non-profit organization. "To be tax-exempt under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code an organization must be organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes set forth in section 501(c)3, and none of its earnings may inure to any private shareholder or individual." [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov) This 501(c)3 is issued to Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.

We feel God has set aside this land, this time, this staff to carry out His message of love and hope to kids and families of Siskiyou county so their lives might be transformed thereby having an impact on the quality of life in their communities, schools, and work place.

Thank you to each one of you who has sent kids to camp, donated time and treasure, and shared the vision of making a positive impact in Siskiyou County.

  
Pam Malmberg

Mount Hermon/Kidder Creek Board Member  
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## COMMENTS

An amazing uplifting experience  
for youth

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# FALLOW FIELD LEGAL SERVICES

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10/5/16

My name is Ryan Mannix and I am an attorney in Yreka, California. I am writing this letter in support of Kidder Creek expansion.

My wife and I home-school our five sons in this County. This past year my oldest son Noah was old enough to attend "Cowboy camp" for the first time. This was his first time out of our care for even a night. It was great to have a local camp that we could trust our child to— I would not have trusted him into the care of just any camp nor would have I been comfortable having him go out of county. Living in Siskiyou County the allure of the "cowboy lifestyle" intrigues most young children and my son was no exception, so for him to go to camp and become a "real cowboy" was a very special moment in his development. In fact, our family milk cow gave birth to a calf when he was at camp and Noah named him "Cowboy". My second son is already looking forward to attending camp next year when he is old enough, and my wife and I are looking forward to the time when all of our boys can go to camp at the same time and we will get a parent vacation! This alone will explain why I am in favor of Kidder expansion— I will be adding a new camper to their roster each year for the following 4 years. These are home school kids and we cherish the opportunity to give them freedom and socialization in an environment that is close and that we trust.

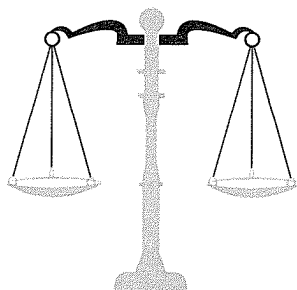
We have also greatly enjoyed the Kidder Creek fall festival the past two years. That event is the most family friendly, fun, and free event in this County. This year the boys enjoyed horse rides, zip lines, field games, pond swimming, caramel dipped apples and a donut eating contest. How wonderful to have this clean family event in our community!

I urge you to allow this wonderful community resource to expand.

Thank you,



RYAN MANNIX



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October 4, 2016

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VIA EMAIL

RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change (Z-1401) and Use Permit (UP-11-15)

Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project.

Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc. (KCOC) proposes to consolidate and supersede 3 current use permits (UP-76-39, 1977; UP-84-37, 1984; UP-95-12, 1996).

The Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change (Z-14-01) and Use Permit (UP-11-15) Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration states, *"The project is a proposed rezone and use permit application to **expand an existing organized camp**. The rezone would reclassify approximately 170 acres of land from TPZ to R-R-B-40. The use permit would expand the camp area from 333 acres to 580 acres and increase **the total camp guest occupancy from 165 (total bed occupancy of 310)\*** to a peak summertime occupancy of 844. The 844 occupancy includes camp guests, staff, and volunteers. It is anticipated that the expansion would occur over a twenty year period. The organized camp is a conditionally permitted use pursuant to Siskiyou County Code (SCC) Section 106.1502(c)(4)."* (emphasis added)

\*No total bed occupancy is given in UP-95-15. This will be addressed at length later.

## **INADEQUATE PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The project description in the DIS/MND, as stated above, is inadequate in that it does not identify any of the new proposed uses, but rather mentions only "expansion of an existing organized camp". In the body, the DIS/MND does state, *"Kidder Creek has proposed to accommodate special events (public and private), which may include **weddings, birthdays, religious functions, concerts, auctions, picnics, horse clinics, demonstrations, and training events, and similar events**. Estimated attendance would be 20 – 250 guests, average 3 – 8 hours per event, and be held approximately once per month between the months of April and October. These special events would not occur at the same time as regular camp activities, but may occur when campers are off-site."* (emphasis added)

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Adult retreats apparently proposed to be held in the proposed Adult Retreat Centers.

To allow the public to comment in an appropriate manner, the inclusion of these additional activities should be clearly disclosed in the initial project description. The public should not have to dig through various documents to discover what is actually being proposed.

CEQA may only require a “brief description” of the project, however such description should not be so short as to omit uses which may contribute to an adverse and significant impact on the environment. Additionally, the Use Permit Application Guide of the Siskiyou County Planning Department makes this statement as to the project description: “2. *Project Narrative. A clear and legible written narrative shall be submitted on a separate sheet of paper which details the proposed project. The narrative shall include: **proposed uses, number of employees, proposed hours of operation, number of occupants, types and quantities of storage of materials, any processing of materials, etc.***” (emphasis added) It is noted that the number of employees is not included in either the DIS/MND or the Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc. Revised Project Description for UP 11-15.

It should be made very clear to the public agencies and public at large that, if approved by a use permit as currently presented, there will be no phasing limitations on the project. The IS/MND is merely the County’s study and review of KCOC’s Revised Project Description. So on approval everything in KCOC’s Revised Project Description could be implemented immediately. There may be a few mitigations to be met, but these are inadequate for a project of this scope. (More on that later.) Approval would mean that residents and motorists in Scott Valley could be immediately impacted by everything in the Revised Project Description without any phasing in or time limitations.

According to the Executive Summary, “*Development of the land use and program expansion described in this project will take place using a multi-phased approach where priority items will be determined based on available funds. A strategic planning effort by the Camp resulted in the vision for this project and the preferred prioritization described in this document. It is important to note that the location of building facilities are tentative based on the conditions of each site and approval through the building permitting process.*”

Again, approval of this project as an out-right use permit, with no under-lying Planned Development zoning, will give KCOC an entitlement to implement the 20-year phased-in use now, or at any time in the future. While mitigations might be approved which would require that the project be phased in over certain time periods, the fact is that Siskiyou County does little or no mitigation monitoring. One look at the out-of-compliance, out-of-control JH Ranch project will show how little control the County bothers to exert over use permits.

Siskiyou County contends that use permits run with the land and are not extinguished by non-use. They claim that it takes a Revocation Hearing process by the County to terminate a use permit. This is in conflict with County Code, however, it is imperative that this project be permitted appropriately to avoid resolution of this conflict through costly litigation.

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Now there are those who will come forward saying that KCOC would only expand as per stated in the phased project statements. Well, perhaps they would, but what if they get an offer they can't refuse and a larger, deeper pocketed organization comes in. Another owner/organization would have a legal right to implement everything with no phasing, and with an immediate 844 [daily] occupancy.

The residents of Scott Valley, where the project is located, are already very negatively affected by the JH Ranch project which has been out of compliance for years and continues to build out and add to occupancy without either the blessing of or intervention by the County. JH Ranch Mountain Resort also owns Scott River Lodge, so motorists on Highway 3 have already seen traffic between these two projects negatively impact their rural lifestyle. Adding the traffic from 844 [daily] occupancy, with some occupants leaving for other venues while new ones are coming in on the same day, will make travel on our up until a few years ago very rural Highway 3 a nightmare and getting out of my little subdivision onto Highway 3 even worse.

## **PROJECT AS PROPOSED IS VAGUE, LACKS SPECIFICITY AND LACKS COHERENCE**

The project description is vague at best, and is not suitable to define the entire project. In its Revised Project Description, KCOC opines, *"KCOC understands that environmental and permitting details change over time, therefore this document addresses only the large-scale environmental assessments that were performed to ensure there are no negative impacts under a new Use Permit and related zoning change. The smaller, site specific requirements will be met at the time of design and construction of each area over the next 20 years."* (emphasis added)

This overarching premise causes appropriate comments on the project to be very nearly impossible to be made. It also makes a Mitigated Negative Declaration impossible for the entire project, since CEQA does not allow deferred mitigation which would be required for all the vague, sometime in the future components of the project description. The smaller, site specific requirements (whatever that means) must be disclosed and analyzed now.

There is lack of specifics regarding the pond (lake); the buildings; and nearly everything. A project this vague should not qualify as a "project" under CEQA and should be sent back to drawing board for specifics.

Also, the project proponent should be required to present more clear figures as to how many of the proposed occupants will be paying "guests," how many will be employees, and how many will be volunteers. There may be a perception on the part of the public that the site will be used for other purposes than is being presented and considered in the proposed use permit.

And, the County should assure that the language employed in use permits and other permitting mechanisms is clear and unassailable. For example, there should be a clearly stated daily maximum project occupancy, with the word "daily" inserted before every "maximum occupancy." So, "844 daily maximum occupancy" would be a clear statement.

## **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT VERSUS REZONE TO PLANNED DEVELOPMENT**

Should this project be approved as a use permit without first rezoning to Planned Development?

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At a March 5, 2009 meeting attended by Mike Moses - Deputy Director of Environmental health, Rowland Hickel - Assistant planner, Rick Dean - Waste management, Dina Elinson - Consumer protection - Health Dept., Bill Navarre - Land use unit manager - public health dept. and Randy? - Building dept. the choice of a Use Permit versus Planned Development was discussed. The notes (apparently KCOC's notes) state,

## "Planned development vs. use permit

### Use permit

- is site specific
- Development to be completed within two years with a possible extension of another 2 years.
- Easier to obtain (no supervisor review necessary/possibly fewer agencies involved/less expensive process)
- Development done in small phases with revised or amended use permit
- does not require a zoning change

### Planned Development

- One large up front plan that includes everything desired
- Development can be done over a long period of time, conforming to building requirements at time of construction.
- Small changes can possibly be absorbed; large changes require a new or amended PD.
- PD is a zoning change and must go through the process for changing"

The notes go on to say, "3-19-09 Meet with Roland at his office. Discussed UP vs PD. He encouraged us to pursue a use permit. Amended his previous statements about UP. **Said Large project could be submitted with phases of completion. First phase to be completed within four years, second can be do[ne] in 6,7, or 8 years (as proposed), and so forth with each phase.** Stated that UP would be easier to obtain (only requires planning dept. approval unless decision is contested, then would go to sup's), is less expensive, is approved by the Planning Dept., and is more flexible to changes than a PD is." (emphasis added)

It is difficult to know, seven years later, exactly what Mr. Hickel had in mind, but he obviously did not understand that Planned Development is the zoning, and that a use permit would still be required for the activity on the Planned Development zone.

The County should require re-zoning to planned development zoning before a use permit is approved, if this project is to go forward.

## **INADEQUATE ANALYSIS OF PROJECT**

The DIS/MND is inadequate in that for a 20-year phased project the DIS/MND does not include any discussion of buildout in the area surrounding the project. Only the fatally flawed traffic study mentions any buildout, and that only of the 17 legal lots that access South Kidder Creek Road. A 20-year scenario for buildout of the surrounding area must be analyzed.

## **GEOLOGY/SOILS – HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

While not on the DTSC Envirostor database, which includes the Cortese List" or SWRCB GeoTracker database, the fact is that the project site had a sawmill which was torn down sometime in history. Neither the

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DIS/MND nor the Revised Project Description go into any detail about this sawmill, and it might not be a problem. However, the fact that the project proponent intends to use materials/soils from the new pond area, which is the site of the old sawmill, makes disclosure of the facts about the existence and history of the sawmill and an analysis of the soils from the sawmill site imperative to protect the health and welfare of project users. Please require an analysis of the soils at the old sawmill site to protect the youth and other users of this project.

The Revised Project Description states, “*Geology/Soils Minor grading associated with building site preparation and road improvement may be associated with the implementation of specific site development. **Moderate grading of the new pond area is expected, however the material is identified for planned use within Camp boundaries (i.e. road improvement and/or horse arena).** ....*” (emphasis added)

## **NOISE**

The DIS/MND does not take into consideration the fact that moving the road within the project from the center of the site to the perimeter of the site could have a negative impact on the sensitive receptors abutting the project.

Additionally, it does not present facts or figures combining the use of loud or amplified sound with the sound [noise] generated by construction activities.

Mitigation Measures 12.1 and 12.2 totally ignore the quiet, rural setting of this project and its residents living nearby. MM-12.1 states, “**During project site development construction activities shall be limited to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays.** Construction activities are prohibited on Sundays and federal holidays. This condition shall be noted on Building Permits documents and any Improvement Plans required for this project. Timing/Implementation: During grading and construction of improvements Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division” (emphasis added)

Six day a week noise from construction over a 20-year period is just not acceptable for our quiet, rural lifestyle. Nor is it acceptable in an area where wildlife has flourished and will continue to survive if this project is not approved..

The Revised Project Description states, “*Aesthetics/Noise The views and noise-generating activities will be addressed during the design and construction phases of the project. KCOC is committed to designing these areas where no buildings are in the view of neighboring properties. A few elements are already in the planning phase that will help to alleviate increased noise; 1. The purchase of property adjacent to the camp has been developed to create a “buffer” zone, 2. Plans to move certain activities will be considered where sound can be directed towards unpopulated areas, and 3. **We continue to offer programs that are decentralized, keeping campers in smaller groups that don’t require loud noise or sound amplification to a large degree.**”*

Yet the DIS/MND ignores that and provides a noise generating mitigation that will do nothing to keep neighbors happy healthy, or peaceful (see below).

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MM 12.2 states, **“The use of loud or amplified sound (i.e. music, stereo equipment, public address (PA) systems, etc.) shall be limited to 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM Monday through Saturday, and 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM Sunday and National and State-recognized holidays. Noise shall be limited to 60 dB at the boundaries of the project site during the hours listed above and 45 dB at all other times.”**

*Timing/Implementation: As long as the Use Permit is valid Enforcement/Monitoring: Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division”* (emphasis added)

Allowing Sixty (60) dB at for 14 hours a day at the property boundary for six days a week, and 13 hours a day on Sundays and National and State-recognized holidays on an on-going basis in our quiet, rural area should not be allowed without a noise study being done. Based on proponent’s deferral of definition of noise-generating activities, perhaps this was the best the County could come up with, but the County needs to look at the Scott Valley Area Plan and the community before they allow such egregious noise pollution.

Also, the Noise Element of the Siskiyou County General Plan was approved on December 6, 1978. It is severely out of date. The page numbers are not consecutive and make no sense on the County website which I must use since I am out-of-area. The Noise Element should be up-dated prior to approval of a project of this size, scope and potential for adverse negative environmental impacts.

And, the DIS/MND states under Noise Item c), *“Less Than Significant Impact. The project would result in an increase in ambient noise levels associated with the addition of camp guests and staff. This is considered less than significant as **the project site is adjacent to a large subdivision, and is compatible with that use.**”*

I have some comments on that: 1) I have lived in the area for 19-years. Unless we are talking about the subdivision on Kidder Creek Loop, I have no idea what is being mentioned unless “adjacent” only means “nearby;” 2) Please explain how a subdivision would be compatible with the uses presented in the Revised Project Description. I have been a licensed real estate agent for many years, and as such I know that a project of this size and scope is not compatible with a housing subdivision; and 3) The statement totally ignores all the individual residents surrounding the project. In fact. The distance to the nearest sensitive receptor isn’t even mentioned. Many of us bought our homes to enjoy the quiet, rural nature of the area. I personally know a resident who owned and lived on property adjacent to KCOC. She sold to KCOC when they brought forward their initial plans for this expansion. She was sure she could not handle the noise and traffic from the expanded project.

The DIS/MND does not mention the effect of moving the projects roads to the periphery of the project, which could have a serious negative impact on the sensitive receptors.

Our life-style, quality of life and the well-being of our wildlife are at risk from this project. At the very least require a noise study covering sound from people who are at the project, construction, sound amplifiers and the relocated roads.

Additionally, a recent Appeals Court Case found that the lead agency should consider both the increase in noise level and the absolute noise level associated with a project. The DIS/MND does neither. It merely makes this statement, “c) Less Than Significant Impact. **The project would result in an increase in ambient noise levels associated with the addition of camp guests and staff. This is considered less than significant as the project site is adjacent to a large subdivision, and is compatible with that use.**” (emphasis added) A noise study should

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be required to provide both the increase in noise level and the absolute noise level associated with a project so that the impact of noise can be adequately analyzed.

## **LIGHT GLARE**

The lack of light glare makes Scott Valley a wonderful place to star gaze. It is one of the few places I have lived where I can actually see the Milky Way. I am shocked that so little is being done to protect the public's view of this celestial wonder.

Regarding light and glare, the DIS/MND states, **“Less Than Significant Impact. It’s anticipated that any future outdoor lighting resulting from proposed improvements would be consistent with existing development at the site and nearby. Additionally, future development of the project site would be subject to Section 106.5602 of the Siskiyou County Code, which requires that exposed sources of light, glare, or heat be shielded so as not to be directed outside the premises. Adherence to County Code Section 10-6.5602 would ensure that potential impacts associated with light or glare would remain less than significant.”** (emphasis added)

The public does not want, nor should it have to, anticipate what the project will or will not do in the future. There should be concrete conditions as to what can happen in the future on this project. Good luck with relying on County Code Section 10-6.5602 to ensure that potential impacts associated with light or glare would remain less than significant. Since the County has enforcement challenges, that would require costly litigation on the part of the public to try to keep the glare out of the night sky.

It is a dereliction of duty on the part of the County to do little more than require shielding which does not necessarily keep the light and glare at the property boundary. A requirement for walking path ground lighting from solar power; minimal, truly shielded lighting at buildings; and prohibition of LED or other such intensive type lighting would be a step in the right direction of allowing the residents of Scott Valley to maintain their life-style; quality of life; and their dark, star-filled skies.

## **ADJUDICATED WATER RIGHTS**

The Scott River Adjudication, Decree No. 30662 Superior Court for Siskiyou County, does not allow for use of the water as is proposed by this project. It does not allow for the existing pond, for which I can find no approval. Even if it is argued that the beneficial use of water storage for firefighting applies, one must look at the percentage of use. Perhaps 10% for firefighting and 90% for the recreational uses of a non-profit which charges big bucks for recreational uses and hides its profit. Additionally, the water rights holders do not have the authority to sign off for such use as is made by the project.

The Scott River Adjudication, Decree No. 30662 Superior Court for Siskiyou County states.

*“55. Barker Ditch*

*The total allotment of 23.00 cfs to the Barker Ditch (Diversion 445) set forth in Schedule B25 **may be used for domestic, stockwatering, and power purposes and for irrigation of the acreages shown after the name of each person listed below:** ...”* (emphasis added)

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It does not allow for commercial use as is being proposed in this project, and the water rights holders do not have the authority to “sign off” for such use.

Although many agencies are cited as agreeing to the use of the adjudicated water rights by KCOC for recreational purposes, I contend that they do not have the authority to take such an action.

The County should assure that this use is legal before proceeding with approval of the project to avoid time-consuming and costly litigation; and to maintain the validity of the Scott River Adjudication.

## **LAND USE AND PLANNING - SCOTT VALLEY AREA PLAN**

The DIS/MND states:

*“b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to, the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?*

*b) Less than Significant Impact. The project site includes multiple zoning districts, as described above, and as shown on Figure 3.0-4 (Existing Zoning) and Figure 3.0-5 (Proposed Zoning). Scott Valley Area Plan Policy No. 1 (Prime Agricultural) states that only agricultural and public uses may be permitted on prime agricultural soils. A portion of the project site, mainly consisting of the flat meadow and orchard areas, is designated as Prime Agricultural Land, as shown on the Scott Valley Area Plan Natural Resources Map 3. **Kidder Creek Orchard Camp predates both the Scott Valley Area Plan and the current General Plan. The proposed expansion of the camp does not include any structures or other permanent-type uses on those areas designated as Prime Agricultural Land. This area has been used for passive recreational uses in the past and will continue to be used for similar uses. The project would not conflict with applicable plans that have jurisdiction over the project area. Consistent with the applicable County land use and Scott Valley Area Plan policies, the project is an organized camp, compatible with adjacent land uses. Further, access adequate to accommodate the immediate and cumulative traffic impacts of the proposed development would be provided, all necessary building permits would be obtained prior to development, and conformance with state Fire Safe regulations would be required. As such, the proposed project is consistent with the County General Plan, Scott Valley Area Plan, and Zoning Code.**”*

This project IS NOT in compliance with the Scott Valley Area Plan. It does not meet any of the five (5) Major Goals presented in the SVAP. Nor does it meet the criteria for Development Goals 6 and 7.

KCOC may predate both the SVAP and the General Plan, but that statement carries no weight. Both plans must be considered in approving this project.

Prime Agricultural land should have greater protection, and the boundary of the Prime Ag land clearly marked so that it is not inadvertently used inappropriately by KCOC customers. Perhaps by a condition of approval of the use permit.

## **ORGANIZED CAMP**

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The DIS/MND project description states, “*The **organized camp** is a conditionally permitted use pursuant to Siskiyou County Code (SCC) Section 106.1502(c)(4).*” (emphasis added)

Yet, Siskiyou County Code (SCC) Section 10-6.1502(c)(4) states, “*(c) Establishments or enterprises involving large assemblages of people or automobiles, as follows: (1) Amusement parks and race tracks, (2) Circuses and carnivals, (3) Public buildings, parks, and other public recreational facilities, **(4) Recreational facilities privately operated,** (5) Resorts, and (6) Public celebrations; ...*” (emphasis added)

While an organized camp can be a privately operated recreational facility, and be a conditionally permitted use as stated above, the addition of weddings; birthdays; religious functions; concerts; auctions; picnics; horse clinics; demonstrations; and training events; and similar events makes approval under Section 10-6.1502(c) questionable. Some of uses might be allowable under Section 10-6.1502(c)(6), but others would not. There needs to be more definition of these uses. The inclusion of “similar events” is another example that provokes the public’s opposition. What exactly are similar events? Let’s get some definition going here.

I don’t like to see anything approved under the catch-all Section 10-6.1502 because it avoids the zoning which we rely on when we purchase our homes. KCOC is such a controversial project that higher standard should be utilized.

Also, according to California Code, the maximum occupancy for the entire camp is determined by the State Fire Marshal for fire safety, the maximum occupancy established by the local health agency for onsite sewage disposal system capacity, and local planning department requirements. Where is discussion of and proof of these maximum occupancy numbers?

## **INADEQUATE MITIGATION MEASURES/DEFERRED MITIGATION MEASURES**

Since there is no clarity about many future uses. It must be assumed that they are not being mitigated, because they are not known. Therefore, the mitigation measures are inadequate.

By its own admission, the MND identifies numerous potentially significant environmental impacts. While the public is concerned about any potentially significant negative effects on our unique natural, cultural, and human resources, our biggest concern is that each of these impacts may not be adequately mitigated, as required by CEQA. By definition, a MND can only be prepared when the mitigation measures are so certain that they would “*avoid the effects or mitigate the effects to a point where clearly no significant effect on the environment would occur*” (CEQA Guidelines Section 15369.5)

As currently written, many of the mitigation measures are vague and uncertain. In other cases, the details of the mitigation measures are deferred to the future because of the lack of specifics for the project, a clear violation of CEQA’s requirements. Not only do many of the measures fail to meet CEQA’s standards for adequate mitigation, but they leave the public vulnerable to some of the potentially significant negative environmental impacts

Also inadequate are the many instances which state that mitigation measures will be recommended. A mitigation that defers any analysis until a future time fails to comply with CEQA because it does not commit

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County to a realistic performance standard that will mitigate the potential negative environmental impact. CEQA requires that any inadequately evaluated and mitigated impact be evaluated in an EIR.

## TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC

The public believes that the increase in traffic from the increased occupancy of this project will most negatively impact people and the environment. Yet the DIS/MND states that there would be No Impact from the increase in traffic.

The Traffic Impact Study (TIS) for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (Z-14-01 & UP-11-15) dated December 22, 2015 which was prepared for Siskiyou County by Traffic Works is fatally flawed and inadequate. Only the S. Kidder Creek Road (at west end) and S. Kidder Creek Road (at east end) segments were analyzed. The entire length of S. Kidder Creek Road was not analyzed, therefore creating an inadequate analysis of the roadway

Additionally, according to the TIS, *“This study includes analysis of the weekend day and weekend peak hour as the peak traffic conditions currently occur on the weekends and are expected to be during the same time period in the future. The evaluated development scenarios are: Existing Conditions (no project), Plus Project Conditions, and Cumulative Plus Project Conditions.”* The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires support by substantial evidence that the existing physical conditions without the project can most realistically be measured by this method. The use of the very highest traffic counts on South Kidder Creek Road during the month of July in 2014 as the existing physical conditions is not supported by substantial evidence in either the TIS or in the County’s (DIS/MND) for the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (Z-14-01 & UP-11-15) project.

Using this method for “existing conditions” does not accurately reflect the conditions existing during weekday hours, non-KCOC use times, or the entire year. While the County may have some latitude regarding

The CalTrans GUIDE FOR THE PREPARATION OF TRAFFIC IMPACT STUDIES STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION dated December 2002 states:

### *“IV. TRAFFIC DATA B. Traffic Counts*

*Prior to field traffic counts, consultation between the lead agency, Caltrans and those preparing the TIS is recommended to determine the level of detail (e.g., location, signal timing, travel speeds, turning movements, etc.) required at each traffic count site. All State highway facilities within the boundaries of the TIS should be considered.*

*Common rules for counting vehicular traffic include but are not limited to:*

- 1. Vehicle counts should be conducted on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays during weeks not containing a holiday and conducted in favorable weather conditions.*
- 2. Vehicle counts should be conducted during the appropriate peak hours (see peak hour discussion below).*
- 3. Seasonal and weekend variations in traffic should also be considered where appropriate (i.e., recreational routes, tourist attractions, harvest season, etc.).*

*C. Peak Hours To eliminate unnecessary analysis, consultation between the lead agency, Caltrans and those preparing the TIS is recommended during the early planning stages of a project. In general, the TIS should*

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*include a morning (a.m.) and an evening (p.m.) peak hour analyses. Other peak hours (e.g., 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., weekend, holidays, etc.) may also be required to determine the significance of the traffic impacts generated by a project. “*

Using the highest traffic count, while perhaps an allowable method, minimizes the environmental impact of the project. It does not reflect the current or baseline conditions without the project. It does not reflect the conditions during months when the project is not at peak operation. The traffic impact study does not provide an ADT.

The CalTrans website states,

## ***“[Annual Average Daily Traffic (Annual ADT)]***

*Annual average daily traffic is the total volume for the year divided by 365 days. The traffic count year is from October 1st through September 30th. **Very few locations in California are actually counted continuously.** Traffic Counting is generally performed by electronic counting instruments moved from location throughout the State in a program of continuous traffic count sampling. The resulting counts are adjusted to an estimate of annual average daily traffic by compensating for seasonal influence, weekly variation and other variables which may be present. Annual ADT is necessary for presenting a statewide picture of traffic flow, evaluating traffic trends, computing accident rates. Planning and designing highways and other purposes.*

### ***[Peak Month ADT]***

*The peak month ADT is the average daily traffic for the month of heaviest traffic flow. This data is obtained because on many routes, high traffic volumes which occur during a certain season of the year are more representative of traffic conditions than the annual ADT.*

### ***[Back and Ahead]***

*Back AADT, Peak Month, and Peak Hour usually represents traffic South or West of the count location. Ahead AADT, Peak Month, and Peak Hour usually represents traffic North or East of the count location. A listing of routes with their designated direction of travel is listed here.”*

From the numbers presented on the CalTrans website regarding Highway 3, the count has been carried over from year to year. As a resident of Scott Valley, I can assure you that there is definite increase in traffic on Highway 3.

And as a resident of the Kellems Lane area I drove up South Kidder Creek Road to the property that KCOC bought in or around 2011 to socialize with a friend about two times a month over a 12-year period. The road is narrow. It has nearly blind curves in the middle section. On one occasion I was headed west to my friend's house when I encountered a small gravel truck headed east. I nearly ended up in the tailings at the side of the road to avoid being side-swiped by the gravel truck.

Since the project intends to use the Patterson Creek Road as an exit - entrance when they choose to do so, the traffic impact study must include an analysis of the use of Patterson Creek Road. If Patterson Creek Road is a privately owned road, project proponent should provide an agreement form road owner(s) allowing such use.

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There needs to be a better analysis of the middle section of South Kidder Creek Road. The tight windy curves in this area create the public having a great deal of concern whether the traffic impact study is really viable.

The criteria for a two-lane highway (Highway 3, for example) should not be used for the study of South Kidder Creek Road. South Kidder Creek Road is barely two lanes wide, and is an approximately 2-mile dead-end road which ends at the KCOC property. The Highway Capacity Manual has a chapter with a formula for just such a scenario, but the TIS did not use it. Rather they used the two-lane highway formula which completely skews the numbers and fatally flaws the TIS.

## **EMERGENCY ACCESS ROAD**

Regarding the Emergency Access Road, the Revised Project Description for Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc. (UP-11-15) states,

*“There is a current easement for access to and from the camp along the route identified with the south pointing arrow in Figure 7 (see appendix for Shared Road Easement and Easement Deed). This road connects to Patterson Creek Road, a partially paved, county maintained road. **This road is available for use as an ingress/egress route in the event of emergency evacuation as well as for private use by the Camp, its staff and guests.** Since 2008 (the beginning of our strategic planning effort) this road has been improved and treated for fire fuels reduction to improve access by larger emergency vehicles and to create a buffer zone for firefighters in the event of wildfire. **KCOC does not have any plans to use this road as a public entrance for its guests and has a locked gate. However, there are occasions where Camp vehicles may utilize it for entry/exit when necessary.**”*

That is a conflicting statement. If the secondary access is going to be used by KCOC for entry/exit in other than emergency conditions, use of this road is subject to a deeper analysis, i.e., who – guests, staff, visitors?, how many, how often. The residents of Patterson Creek Road may be negatively affected by such use, and even using the road for emergency access from the camp may impede these residents accessing the road for emergency evacuation. This has a huge potential for putting human lives at risk.

As stated above, Patterson Creek use must be included in the traffic study.

The IS/MND for the project glosses over the potential negative impacts by stating, “A recommended condition of approval will require that the emergency access route(s) meet Cal Fire standards,” and “The secondary access point will not be used for primary ingress and egress from the site, therefore additional traffic due to the project will not affect this access. The current main access road was found to be compliant with the Fire Safe Regulations.”

The recommended condition should not only be recommended, it should be required. The County has complete authority to make this requirement. To fail to do so is a dereliction of duty on the part of the county.

Without a condition placed in the use permit, the secondary access point could be used by KCOC without restriction. The use permit must be conditioned to allow only emergency use of the secondary access point.



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“KCOC will comply with requirements and Fire Safe regulations as is required through the building permit process.” This statement has nothing to do with traffic or transportation and is essentially meaningless since there is no condition that KCOC do so.

## Bus Use:

The TIS states percentages of bus use, which it opines will cause less traffic on South Kidder Creek Road. There is no assurance to the public regarding bus use, and unless there is, the TIS has one more flaw.

## **CURRENT TOTAL OCCUPANCY:**

The camp is currently permitted for up to 165 campers/guests (staff not included in previous use permit) at any given time.

The Revised Project Description for UP-11-15 states, “*Compliance with Current Use Permit KCOC originated in 1976 at which time it applied for its first Use Permit (UP-76-39). This permit has been updated in 1984 (UP-84-37) and again in 1996 (UP-95-15). During the past 38 years KCOC has complied with the terms indicated in each permit. Currently KCOC is operating under permit number UP-95-12 and has consistently complied with the permitted use including 333 acres, **a total occupancy of 165**, on-site parking limit of 215 and an average daily traffic volume of 131. The following chart shows specific conditions identified in UP-95-15 with a statement of compliance for each.*” (Emphasis added)

Yet Table 3.0-4 Existing and Proposed bed occupancy by sleeping areas/type Use Current Proposed shown in the IS/MND is as follows, showing a Grand Total Current Occupancy of 310:

USE	CURRENT	PROPOSED
Staff/Guest housing	28	44
Summer Staff Housing	34	80
RV Site Beds (2 beds per RV)	24	72
Subtotal	96	196
Adult Retreat Centers	0	120
Basecamps	70	100
Basecamps	144	156
Regular Camp Cabins	0	272
Subtotal	214 (144 beds)	648 (548 beds)
Grand Total	310	844

This chart, which is included in the DIS/MND, is erroneous. The subtotal for the Current period is overstated.

KCOC’s Revised Project Description doesn’t even mention the 310 occupancy number.

Table 2: Proposed Incremental Occupancy Increase

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	IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD	TOTAL OCCUPANCY
	Current	165
	5 years	265
	10 years	600
	15 years	724
	20 years	844

I have requested, but not received, the source of the 310 Current Grand Total number. It appears to have been plucked out of thin air. Based on the 1978 permit the mix was: 36 campers (78%) and 10 counselors/staff (22%). If the 1995 figure of 310 is correct, that is 165 campers (53%) and 145 staff/volunteers (47%). I have questions about the status of those volunteers - are they customers who only paying part of the fee? Or?? What do they do??

Please correct the record. There is no validity for or proof of the 310 occupancy number.

## **CONCLUSION**

If the KCOC project is to move forward towards approval, the proponent should bring forth a project that is shorter in years, fewer in occupancy, and greater in specifics. Until that happens, I do not believe this project should be approved under CEQA.

This letter alone presents a fair argument that the project as proposed has the potential to have a negative impact on the environment. Given the important interests advanced by full disclosure of environmental impacts, the threshold for preparation of an EIR is low. The County must prepare an EIR if the record contains any “substantial evidence” suggesting that a project “may have an adverse environmental effect” – even if contrary evidence exists to support the agency’s decision.

There is a choice – bring forward a better project or require preparation of an EIR. The public does not intend to allow corporate interests, whether for profit or non-profit, to destroy Scott Valley and our way of life.

I reserve the right to make additional comments on this proposed project.

Sincerely,

*Anne Marsh*

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## Brett Walker

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**Cc:** Carol Friesen; Susie Marshall  
**Subject:** ATT: Vurl Trytten Kidder Creek Camp support

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Siskiyou County Planning Commissioners

RE: Support of Kidder Creek Camp

Thank you for giving me and other residents of Scott Valley the opportunity to comment on the Use Permit being considered for Kidder Creek Camp.

I am Bob Marshall and my wife (Susie Marshall) have been residents of Scott Valley (Etna) for the last 40 years. In addition to managing the Yreka Community Theater Center (1977 – 1993), I also taught band, choir, and classroom music at Ft. Jones, Etna, and Quartz Valley Elementary schools from 1997 to my retirement in 2012.

I have been involved with Kidder Creek Camp since its early years when Dick and Norma Jones first established the camp. After a while, I then began serving as the Ranch Camp cook. Every summer from 1995 to 2012, you would find me providing breakfast, lunch, and sometimes dinner to hundreds of young campers experiencing (many for the first time) the beauty of God's creation and meeting Him face-to-face in this special place called Kidder Creek Camp. In my work there, I have been a witness to young people having their lives changed and their relationships to parents and friends restored through God's grace and love.

Since its beginning, Kidder Creek Camp has always been about showing love and respect to our friends and neighbors. While this Use Permit will allow KCC to expand services and programs to accommodate more children and families, it is my expectation that this will have a positive outcome for all the residents of Scott Valley and Siskiyou county. I know that KCC will continue to be a good neighbor.

Finally, thank you once again for investing in the future of our young people and families by allowing this growth in Kidder Creek Camp.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Marshall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

October 3, 2016

To whom it may concern at the Siskiyou County Planning Commission

From: Jennifer C. Marx

Re: Kidder Creek Camp Proposal for Expansion

In keeping with the contentious proposals of the JH Ranch in Scott Valley, the Kidder Creek Proposal for Expansion is threatening the safety, life style, and peace of Scott Valley residents as well as the environmental well-being of our valley.

Over 800 campers, especially on a year round basis would add more people and traffic than substantially adding another town of greater size than any which presently exists in the valley already. The Kidder Creek proposal (as well as the JH PDPA) flies in the face of the Scott Valley Area Plan which is part of the Siskiyou County zoning law. The SV Area Plan states that significant population growth as well as development should be restricted to areas surrounding the cities of Etna and Fort Jones.

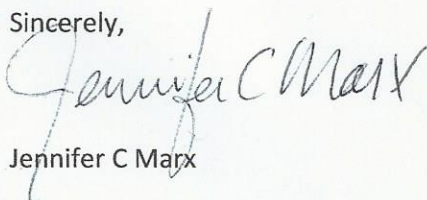
Water quality effects of so many people need to also be addressed in detail. The lack of specifics in the proposal is of great concern. How water use and disposal need to be spelled out very specifically. In a watershed that is dealing with endangered coho salmon, such a huge water usage increase needs to be addressed by the Fish and Wildlife and Water Quality agencies.

With the threat of forest fires in the area, having adequate safety exits is extremely necessary. These are not adequately acquired. Calfire needs to be consulted and heeded on this matter.

Residents of the Scott Valley have been supportive of Kidder Creek camp for years because it has served the youth of the community and has been remained in the keeping of our rural culture. That function has been much appreciated; however, its purchase by an outside corporation and its huge increase in size is something that residents, were they totally aware of the ramifications, would resist as much as they have the several PDPA's of the JH Ranch over the last few years.

The consistent pressure of large groups in our wildlands is also a concern. The wilderness and other forest lands surrounding the Valley are a recreation area for residents and other people who chose to come here to recreate. Constant large groups of people spoil the natural landscape and the experience of those who choose individually to come. To use a term that has shown up lately in the debate, "industrial recreation" should not be an option in the Scott Valley Area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer C Marx". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Jennifer C Marx

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Mr. Brett Walker, Senior Planner  
Planning Division  
Siskiyou County Community Development Department  
806 S. Main Street  
Yreka, CA. 96097

Dear Mr. Walker:

I am a descendant of William Sutherland Bailey Walker. My ancestors settled the Scott Valley more than 150 years ago. They arrived in a wagon train. I don't live there, but have visited often since I was a child. It was magical then and it remains a place of wonder and tranquility.

Now the valley is facing a serious threat. If approved, Kidder Creek Orchard Camp's application for zoning and use permit changes guarantees a deteriorated environment fraught with traffic, noise, pollution, and depletion of critical resources, particularly water.

The camp operators enjoy a "welfare exemption" that excuses them from paying property tax, because the property is (allegedly) used exclusively for religious, hospital or charitable purposes.

Would someone please explain how a rifle range and paintball course are essential to religion, health care or charity?

I urge the Planning Commission to thoughtfully consider what approval of this permit would mean and the irreversible damage it would cause.

William Walker's daughter Mollie wrote these words in her journal.

The world has its delights,  
And its delusions too  
But home is calmer bliss invites  
More tranquil and more true.

Keep this in mind as you make your decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Masser". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Date 9/20/16

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RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

Since no taxes will be paid on this property - who  
pay for road up keep to Kidder Rd and Hwy 3?  
We own a cabin up North Kidder Creek Rd.  
When Camp is in session, we can see all  
the events at Camp even though we are about a mile  
up ~~road~~ <sup>stream</sup>. Concerned about fire safety also. Does this  
Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

*Camp Pay Cal Surveys?*

Susan M Mayfield  
Signature

Susan M Mayfield  
Name (printed)

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# I Support Kidder Creek Camp

This is a declaration of support for Kidder Creek Camps planned development and application for an amendment to their use permit, #UP 11-15. I believe that the planned improvements including their new recreational pond, horsemanship facilities, 3 season cabins and dining facility will benefit local kids, families and community in many ways.

## COMMENTS

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**I SUPPORT**  
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**To: County of Siskiyou Planning Department**  
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Dear County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Jeremey Mcvae and I am the youth pastor at Siskiyou Christian fellowship in Yreka CA. I am writing this letter in regards to Kidder Creek's proposed plan to improve their facility so they might better accommodate guests. I believe Kidder creek to be an asset to our community for the following reasons.

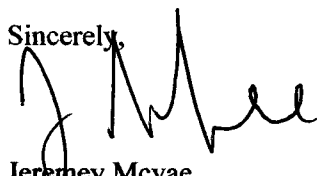
Kidder Creek is a place where young people are being taught respect, honesty, and teamwork. From one on one counseling, to group activities that focus on team building, Kidder is helping better our community one productive, upstanding citizen at a time.

They are great at what they do! I have been involved with Kidder Creek for many years and am always impressed with the way they do things. Whether it is a community outreach, or youth event, their programs and activities are top notch. Their staff is always well trained. They are good neighbors, always going the extra mile to be respectful. They have proven themselves to be good stewards by the way they manage their staff and property. I am proud to have a facility like Kidder Creek in our community.

Lastly, and most importantly, Kidder Creek is a place where lives are changed. I have personally seen the impact that they have had on young people. Something special happens when you take a kid out of their day to day grind, and share with them truth and love, hope and peace. When you bring them to a place where they must learn to work through their fears and see what it looks like to rely on God, and one another. Kids that had no hope find hope. Kids that were unsure of their future suddenly see opportunity. The more lives we can see changed the better. I cannot think of a better way to serve the next generation than to make sure they always have a place like Kidder Creek.

It is my opinion that Kidder Creek be allowed to move forward with their plan to improve their facility.

Sincerely,



Jeremey Mcvae

# I Support Kidder Creek Camp

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## COMMENTS

*This camp facilitates life-changing experiences for the youth in our community! We are blessed to have them here.*

## NAME

*Natalie Mercier*

## ADDRESS

*410 3rd St. Yreka, CA 96097*

## SIGNATURE

*[Signature]*

## DATE

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September 20, 2016

To Whom It May Concern;

My name is Lisa Miller. My husband and I moved here to Scott Valley over 16 years ago. We first learned of Kidder Creek Camp when we volunteered for a special week they had at camp called Royal Family Kids Camp. We both worked full time during the week so we couldn't spend all week at camp but we would go out to camp after work and be relief counselors which was a big help to full-time counselors. We thought this camp was a wonderful thing to offer our community. I understand this program is no longer happening at Kidder Creek but a new camp called Camp HOPE is an incredible camp offering healing and hope to children and adults who have witnessed and been impacted by family violence. I understand that Camp HOPE is offered at no cost to children or their families.

In the past 16 years we have seen and heard such wonderful things happening at Kidder Creek Camp. In addition to the wonderful weeks of overnight camp as well as day camp offered I know that the schools take field trips for awesome fun and learning experiences. Last year Kidder Creek allowed our local soccer league to use their soccer fields for practice and games. With so many teams needing to practice it was difficult to share fields so their generosity to the community was truly appreciated.

The families that have moved into Scott Valley to be involved at Kidder Creek Camps are doing amazing things in our community. Their employees have coached sports whether they have kids playing on the team or not! They have participated in Vacation Bible School camps in the summer, Christmas Programs in the winter, etc. All of these are so precious to our community. As a very active volunteer in Scott Valley I know how difficult it can be to find any help, let alone such enthusiastic & willing help, for community programs.

Thank you for investing in the future of more young people and healthy families because of the growth at Kidder Creek Camps.

My children are still a little young but I can hardly wait for them to be old enough very soon to participate in all that Kidder Creek Camp has to offer!

Blessings,



Lisa Miller

Resident of Etna, Ca.

# Marble Mountain Kennels

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October 4, 2016

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Regarding the Kidder Creek Expansion Plan

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Pete Morrill and I am a small business owner in the Scott Valley. My family and I live right next to Kidder Creek Camp on South Kidder Creek Road.

I personally would like to encourage Scott Valley residents to support Kidder Creek's expansion plans for the following reasons:

- a) Kidder Creek Camp has had a history of more than a 30 years of helping children, families and supporting the local community;
- b) Kidder Creek Camp has a positive impact on the local economy by providing jobs and bringing outside dollars into the local area;
- c) Kidder Creek Camp has tried hard to work with local government agencies to make sure their plans are environmentally friendly and have minimal impact on neighbors;
- d) Kidder Creek Camp has taken the time to listen to neighbors and their concerns and has always tried to mitigate all issues that seem in conflict with the local area.

As I and other neighbors have met with the Kidder Creek Camp leadership team, it seems that the most significant issue with the present expansion plan is the traffic on South Kidder Creek Road.

While the majority of residential homes are set well back from the road, I am sympathetic to those who are impacted by increased traffic on this mostly sleepy roadway. For this reason, I would join with the vast majority of South Kidder Creek residents and ask for the county road department, or whoever is responsible, to post a reduced speed limit sign on South Kidder Creek Road as drivers approach the first Kidder Creek Estates development at Kidder Creek Loop.

I feel that this action, along with the continued efforts of the Kidder Creek Camp staff team to inform guests and employees of the need to keep the speed down, would go a long way to resolving the primary issue that neighbors have with this expansion proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue,

Sincerely,

*Pete & Julie Morrill*

Pete & Julie Morrill  
Business Owners & South Kidder Creek Residents

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## COMMENTS

We live on South Kidder Creek Road next to K.C. Camp & we are in favor of the camp.

## NAME

Julie Merrill

## ADDRESS

2006 S. Kidder Creek Rd.  
Greenview, CA 96037

## SIGNATURE

Julie Merrill 10/4/16

## DATE



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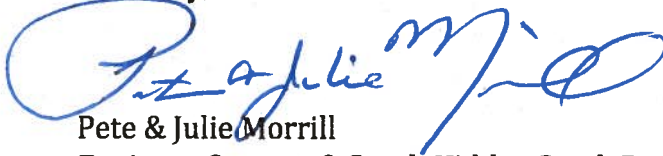
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I would also support the county giving Kidder Creek permission to station staff on South Kidder Creek Road to remind incoming and outgoing traffic to go slow during high traffic times. They currently do this, but staff are set back from the road and in a very passive position. By allowing KC staff to use temporary signage to remind drivers to slow their speed, I think the speed of incoming traffic could be greatly reduced on the 1.5 miles leading up to the camp entrance during their known high traffic volume times.

I feel that this action, along with the continued efforts of the Kidder Creek Camp staff team to inform guests and employees of the need to keep the speed down, would go a long way to resolving the primary issue that neighbors have with this expansion proposal.

Thank you for your consideration of this issue,

Sincerely,

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Pete & Julie Morrill  
Business Owners & South Kidder Creek Residents

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### COMMENTS

*Great experience - great things happen there!*

### NAME

*Cecée Morrison*

### ADDRESS

*PO Box 413  
Mount Hermon, CA 95041*

### SIGNATURE

*Cecée Morrison*

### DATE

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### COMMENTS

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NAME

Zane Morrison

ADDRESS

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Elizabeth Morton

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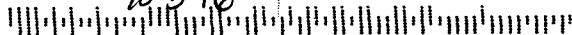
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## COMMENTS

Kidder Creek has ~~been~~ been a safe and supportive place for my foster kids.

## NAME

Adria Murphy

## ADDRESS

115 N Gold St  
Yreka CA 96097

## SIGNATURE

*Adria Murphy*

## DATE

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Dear County Planning Commissioners;

We are writing this letter in support of the Use Permit and Zone Change application made by Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. We have lived in Scott Valley for fifteen years, and appreciate the quality of the rural life found here in Siskiyou County. We enjoy the beauty of our forests and the networks of people we find here. We do not envy your position in deciding on the requested use and zoning of Camp property, and are hopeful that the loud threats and complaints of a few will not hinder the good choice to approve this application. We have been supporters of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp since moving to Scott Valley and we agree with its mission and purpose. We also have a good understanding of the natural resource issues in this County, and of the Scott Valley Plan. Sadly, recent letters opposing the use permit and rezoning of private property fails to mention the once "prime agricultural and timber lands" are no longer "prime lands" for those historic uses. The entire County has suffered the economic challenges faced by these industries that we once counted on for revenue. We know you will agree the economic base is changing, we see recreation being marketed and tourism as an important revenue source. Kidder Creek Orchard Camp provides that type of revenue for this County and for Scott Valley.

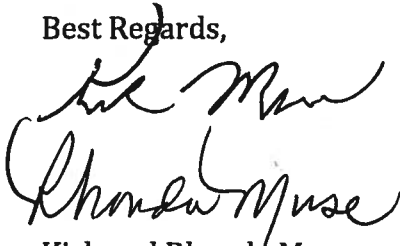
Living along a State Highway we see and hear the traffic that many complain about, and it is true there are some that are more closely effected by Camp traffic than we are. But truthfully, when the traffic isn't moving so much, our local economy does not seem to be thriving as much either. Kidder Creek Orchard Camp's application should be recognized for the thoughtful consideration given to the concerns of its neighbors, including traffic. The Camp continues to provide employment and volunteer opportunities to our community as it has done for over 40 years, not to mention the tourists that stop at our restaurants, hotels, stores, gas stations, etc. The Camp has provided jobs to many local people who are not able to rely on a nice retirement income while pursuing their dream of rural life. Many young families stay here because of the income and support opportunities offered by Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. Recreation has become the focus of revenue for Siskiyou County, we hope you agree a recreational business should thrive here.

While we understand and appreciate the many serious efforts to create plans such as the Scott Valley Plan, the topics of preservation – being agriculture and timber – are economies that are enduring significant financial hardship in our County, should they alone be counted on for future revenue? Consider the previous landowner of parcels requested for rezoning – if prime timber land was there, they would not have sold. It would be unfair and biased if a decision was rendered based on the outcry over applications from a similar business activity. The Kidder Creek Orchard Camp application addresses all environmental concerns and has indicated no negative effect on sensitive or threatened species.

The landscape of Kidder Creek is considerably different than the upper Scott River watershed area and should not be compared. Emergency ingress/egress routes exist for the Camp and all its neighbors, it is a resource in the event of an emergency, not a risk. We urge you to make your decision based on the facts and data provided, not because of an irrelevant comparison being made by others. Complaints such as the cleanliness of our forests have no value in this decision, there are many to blame for the garbage left in our wilderness areas. Several businesses and organizations use these same public lands, and we are sure everyone has the proper permits from the US Forest Service as the Camp does.

Please consider approving this application based on the merits of the Camp's Master Plan and the preparation to address all local and sensitive issues. This Plan includes large greenbelt areas and has been carefully considered with the rules of State and Federal natural resource agencies in mind. It is time to make the right decision in approving this application.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kirk and Rhonda Muse". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Kirk and Rhonda Muse  
Fort Jones

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## COMMENTS

I love how hospitable  
Kidder Creek is and caring  
they are towards its visitors!

## NAME

Brooke Nelson

## ADDRESS

1525 N Heinz Ln  
Edwards, IL 61528

## SIGNATURE

*Brooke Nelson*

## DATE

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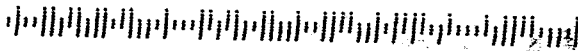
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Dear Siskyou County,

I went to timberline lweek camp last summer. When I was 9 I also went to day camp. I was young so I didn't really catch on but timberline was a great experience. I enjoyed all the friends I made when I was there. I really enjoyed the ropecourse, songs, friends, food, bmx track, white water rafting, campfire, tough boy, horses, archery, paintball, slingshot, waterslide, Pond.

My counselor was Jacob Bayne he was a good friend he taught me about space and we went on a cool hike high on a hill. It was fun.

I Probably wouldn't be able to go to Kidder creek if I did not get a scholarship through them. I love Kidder and hope I can go again.

GO Kidder Creek!!

Sincerely,  
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Dear Sis Kiyou county,  
I went to Kridde creek camp  
when I was 10. I liked the  
zipline. I also liked riding  
horse on the trails. last ly  
I liked swimming in the  
pond.

my counselor  
was relly nice & thes  
3 resons he plad the  
guitar forme. He was  
nice to me. and he  
was funny.

as u can see I like Kiddy  
creek camp for all thes  
resons

Love  
Zoe Ann

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Re: Use plan for Kidder Creek

I'm concerned mostly about the reluctance for change in regard to Kidder Creek. Having grown up on a farm in the Midwest and having witnessed a state take-over of land which affected my brother's purchased 80 acres, as well as another incident where someone misled my father to gain access to landlocked property, I think I understand some of the concerns of Scott Valley residents.

First, let's remember that all change isn't necessarily bad, especially in the long run or bigger picture. Having our own small piece of heaven here in Siskiyou County, our children grew up appreciating nature, animals, and other interactions between them. Unfortunately, not every child in the area or in suburban California has that opportunity, and Kidder Creek has provided that for years as both a secular and a Christian camp. By providing an opportunity through the Siskiyou Office of Education, visits were made by nearly all fourth grade students, opportunities were also provided through Christian churches in the area, then later widening the circle of invitations.

While children were attending the camp, they had a variety of hands on opportunities to interact and to learn about nature: for example, examining the quality of water and what was in it, hiking and discussing soil erosion, short night hikes to learn about stars and constellations, falcon demonstrations, seeing birds that were or are being rehabilitated, and identifying trees, grasses, and bugs. They also learned to work in groups raising and lowering the flag, working in the kitchen, making up a skit about nature, and writing thank you letters of appreciation to the adult leaders at camp. The Christian camps offer opportunities caring for and learning to ride a horse, whitewater rafting, climbing ropes, and rock climbing, as well as whitewater rafting. Additionally, biking, horse packing, and fly fishing camps are provided for adult camps.

These are hands-on learning opportunities in and about nature that many kids, as well as adults, are not afforded in their living situations. As time passes, change is usually inevitable, and we need to educate those who will be the adults charting the future of our land. I feel that this exposure and these opportunities provided to our children and grandchildren will create in them understanding and appreciation for the environment which will make them better stewards of the land.

Ellen Noble

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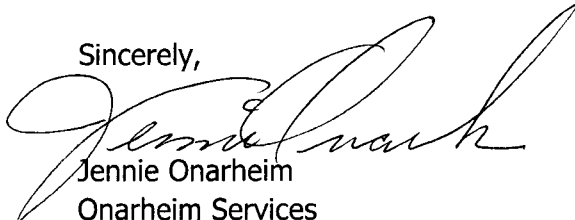
Dear Vurl Trytten,

I am writing to express my support for Kidder Creek Camp in Scott Valley. When I read they were applying to amend their use permit and expand I thought how very fortunate we are to have a camp like this for our young people and families.

I have personally attended the Mother/Daughter ranch camp, been there several times with our church and have been able to use the facilities for our company picnics. On all occasions I found the facility to be clean, beautiful and well maintained with pleasant, helpful staff. But even more important, this is a place for our young people to attend camp. To be challenged in their lives and faith, to have fun and gain confidence in learning new skills, make friends, just be a kid in a safe and loving environment. What a great experience for any child! Kidder Creek offers many advantages for our local children too, including a generous discount for them to attend this great camp.

I am respectfully requesting this permit be granted and these plans to be able to move forward. As a business owner of a drug and alcohol testing facility, I have seen the tragic evidence of drug culture, broken families and alcoholism, which can run rampant in our culture...why not support an organization that strives to improve the lives of children and families with wholesome activities that are available locally.

Sincerely,



Jennie Onarheim  
Onarheim Services

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## COMMENTS

Kidder Crk is an amazing experience for our children. My oldest daughter went when she was young and <sup>NAME</sup> loved the experience. Today my grand children enjoy their week at <sup>ADDRESS</sup> same camp. Keep it going.

Eva J. Oscar

SIGNATURE

DATE

Eva J. Oscar

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## Brett Walker

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**From:** Felice Pace <unofelice@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 18, 2016 5:03 PM  
**To:** EH Permit Tech; Brett Walker; Personnel  
**Subject:** Comment on environmental documents, proposed Zone Change (Z-14-01) and proposed Use Permit (UP-11-15) prepared for the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp  
**Attachments:** Cmt\_KidderCampExpansion incl CEQA\_9-18-16.pdf

Felice Pace

28 Maple Road Klamath, Ca. 95548 707-954-6588 [Unofelice@gmail.com](mailto:Unofelice@gmail.com)

September 18, 2016

Bill Navarre, Interim Director

Brett Walker, Senior Planner

Siskiyou County Community Development Department

Via e-mail to: [ehpermittech@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:ehpermittech@co.siskiyou.ca.us) and [bwalker@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:bwalker@co.siskiyou.ca.us)

cc: Terry Barber [personnel@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:personnel@co.siskiyou.ca.us)

**SUBJECT: Comment on environmental documents, proposed Zone Change (Z-14-01) and proposed Use Permit (UP-11-15) prepared for the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp**

For the record, I am a Siskiyou County landowner who currently resides at Klamath Glen in Del Norte County. I lived in the Scott River Valley full time from 1976 until 2002 and, as noted, I still own a small piece of land there. I also have friends and relatives living in the Scott River Basin and visit there often.

**1. The application is incomplete and should not be processed or further considered until a complete application is received:**

The application identifies “other public agencies whose approval may be required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement).” In reality, and as the county well knows, approvals from CalFire and permits from the NCRWQCB **will be** required. In fact the County's own Department of Environmental Health stated in their input (see is Appendix E) that the Project “**must**” obtain approvals and permits from five distinct agencies including waste disposal approval/permit/WDR from the NCRWQCB and drinking water supply approval from the SWRCB Office of Drinking Water.

Because the proposed development is in an area classified as having a “high” level of “Severe Septic Tank Limitations” it is questionable to unlikely that the necessary permits for waste disposal for this large amount of daily use can be obtained.

Similarly, because the proposed development is in an area where groundwater is interconnected with surface flow (and is therefore a Public Trust resource) it is questionable whether the necessary drinking water system approvals can be obtained. For these reasons, it would be irresponsible and likely illegal for the County to approve this proposed zone change and use permit at least until the project proponent demonstrates that it can get waste and drinking water system approvals for the amount of use proposed.

Furthermore, the likely environmental impacts of the project will depend, to a larger or lesser degree, on what is required by these approvals, if they can be obtained. Since requirements imposed by CalFire, Office of Drinking Water and NCRWQCB to obtain approval and/or required permits are critical elements and have implications for the environmental review, the proposed project can not be adequately assessed for purposes of CEQA or legally approved until approval and/or permits from CalFire and NCRWQCB are secured.

With respect to CalFire, their April 14, 2014 letter, which is part of the record and in the Initial Study's Attachment E, states in part: "The primary purpose of the site inspection was to determine viability of a secondary access to the camp property. I identified the requirements the proposed road would have to meet and relayed them to Mr. Lloyd. ***Once the improvements were made to the road it should serve as an adequate secondary access to the camp property.*** The current main access road is compliant with the Fire Safe Regulations." (emphasis added)

This CalFire quote makes it clear that secondary access is required for CalFire approval (i.e. for adequate ability to evacuate folks and get fire equipment to the site) and that the road "should serve as an adequate secondary access to the camp property (only)....once the improvements" CalFire identified are completed.

There are three problems with considering these CalFire letters as adequate for the County to approve the proposed project:

1. It appears that the project proponent did not and has not informed CalFire that it does not have the easements required to build or use the proposed "secondary access" to the property. Since that "secondary access" is critical to the safety and welfare not only of those who would use the proposed development but also to the proposed development's neighbors, the County should on its own initiative inform CalFire that the project proponent does not have the needed easements for the "secondary access" and ask CalFire to comment on whether the proposed project can be and/or should be approved without the proponent having the needed easements in hand. The absence of proof of those easements is one among several reasons why the County must return the application to the proponent as incomplete.
2. Whether the secondary access road can be built is critical information needed for the environment review of the proposed project. The absence of proof of the necessary easements renders the Initial Study incomplete and inadequate.
3. Even if the needed easements are obtained, Siskiyou County can not legally approve the zone change and use permit unless and until the proponent demonstrates the ability to construct the secondary access road to CalFire specifications within a reasonable time-frame and prior to bringing more users/guests/clients to the camp.

For the reasons stated above, the County should return the application as incomplete. Prior to further consideration of the proposed zone change and use permit the County should require:

- Proof that the necessary easements have been obtained.
- Work and cost estimates for completing the secondary access road.
- Establishment of an escrow fund with sufficient funds to complete construction of the secondary access road to CalFire specifications.

- Approval from the NCWQCB for on site waste disposal system or systems adequate for the maximum number of users proposed.
- Approval from the SWRCB Office of Drinking Water of a drinking water system sufficient for the number of users proposed by the proponent.

If Siskiyou County insists on approving the proposed project, zone change and use permit now, it must condition actual execution of the use permit on verifiable evidence that the conditions listed above have been met.

**2. The Initial Environmental Study wrongly concludes that impacts are either “less than significant” or that they can be adequately mitigated. Both conclusions are unsupported by the evidence which strongly suggests that an EIR must be prepared.**

Deficiencies and unsupported conclusions/determinations contained in the Initial Study include:

- Contrary to what is concluded in the Initial Study the proposed project would “create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area.”
- The Initial Study wrongly concludes that the impacts to Agriculture and Forestry would be “less than significant”. Impact to Agriculture and Forestry would actually be profoundly significant. These impacts include:
  - The Scott Valley Plan's primary purpose is to assure that the rural character of the Scott River Valley would be preserved going forward. Introducing industrial recreation, which is what is being proposed, would significantly damage and degrade the rural character of the Scott River Valley and would compromise the zoning that the Scott Valley Area Plan put in place as necessary to preserve the rural character of the Scott River Valley. Furthermore, the cumulative impacts of this proposed industrial development and the JH Ranch proposed industrial recreation development must be considered, fully analyzed and disclosed. The Initial Study is totally deficient in that regard. It does not consider the cumulative impact of multiple industrial recreation developments on this small rural valley and its quality of life.
  - The proposed development would convert Prime Agricultural Land to a non-agricultural, industrial use. That is significant; an EIR must be prepared.
  - The proposed development would develop “excessive slopes” in an area of “high” erosion rating. That is significant; an EIR must be prepared.
  - The proposed development would put large numbers of people into an area of “high” Wildfire Hazard where existing roads are insufficient to carry evacuation and fire fighting traffic. That is significant; and EIR must be prepared.
  - The project proponent has not obtained easements to develop the evacuation route which Cal Fire believes is critically necessary to their approval of the Project. Siskiyou County should not approve this proposed project until it is clear that the proponent has the ability to develop the needed fire escape route. Approval of this Project without assurance that the needed emergency ingress and egress route can and will be built is grossly irresponsible, negligent and would represent an abuse of discretion because it would put adult and child lives at immediate and ongoing risk.
  - The area has a high incidence of “Severe Septic Tank Limitations” but proposes to use septic tanks to handle the sewage from hundreds of additional users. It is unlikely an area of “high” “Severe Septic Tank Limitations” can accommodate the proposed amount of use and waste generation. For that reason, the Project should not be approved until the NCRWQCB has approved proposed facilities and methods to deal with the waste the proposed Project would generate. Approval by the county before hearing from the expert agency (NCRWQCB) about whether the proposed waste disposal will work and can win approval would be illegal. The

information from NCRWQCB review is critical information needed to properly assess the environmental impacts of the proposed project. Therefore, approval without the information violates CEQA.

- The areas Flood Hazard is also “high”. The Initial Study does not adequately analyze the impacts of this large industrial recreation development in the flood plane. Those impacts are likely to be significant and therefore an EIR must be prepared.

For the reasons stated above the Initial Study is incomplete and inadequate. Because it is incomplete and inadequate it can not serve as the legal basis for concluding that an EIR is not required. In fact, for all the reasons stated above and others, an EIR must be prepared in order to comply with CEQA.

**3. Recreation, including the operations proposed for the South Kidder Creek community, is an industry and the development that is proposed is a significant industrial development in a rural residential area. Because it is industrial development, not residential development, the proposed zoning is not appropriate. Improper zoning of an industrial development as “rural residential” would very likely be illegal. In order to legally zone for the proposed use the county must zone the area for industrial development.**

The proposed zoning includes: Prime Agricultural, 80-acre minimum parcel size

(AG-1-B-80); Rural Residential Agricultural, 5-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-5);

Rural Residential Agricultural, 10-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-10); Rural Residential Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (R-R-B-40). None of these zones is appropriate for an industrial recreation development of the size and scope proposed. If the County wants to legally approve this project it must rezone the property for industrial development which is, in fact, what has been proposed.

**4. The proposed development conflicts with the intent of the Scott Valley Area Plan and therefore should be rejected by Siskiyou County.**

Because it is critically important, I again point out that the proposed development dishonors and violates the purpose and intent of the Scott Valley Area Plan. In order to maintain the “high quality of life” enjoyed in Scott Valley the citizens who developed the plan adopted five goals including:

“All uses of land shall occur in a manner that is compatible with other existing and planned land uses.”

Industrial recreation development, including the proposed JH Industrial Development and the proposed Kidder Creek Industrial Development, are incompatible with “existing land uses” in the Scott River Valley in general and in the South Kidder Creek and French Creek Communities in particular. Because approval of the proposed project would undermine the Scott Valley Area Plan in general and would make it impossible to continue to achieve that Plan's Goal # 5, Siskiyou County's planning professionals, and the Planning Commission if necessary, should reject the proposed development.

## **Conclusion**

I was a new Scott Valley resident when the Scott Valley Area Plan was developed and adopted. I participated in the effort, joining with other citizens in action to protect and preserve the rural character of the Scott River Valley. At that time the big threat was subdivision in the Valley bottoms. The Area Plan dealt with that by directing residential development into the pines and foothills. Now two of the rural residential areas designated by the plan and subsequently developed as rural residential communities are under risk from proposed Industrial Recreation Development. Furthermore, unrestrained Industrial Recreation Development threatens the rural character of the entire Valley and the ecological integrity of the wilderness areas that surround it.

County approval of Industrial Recreation Developments in the areas where the Scott Valley Area Plan directed rural residential development is a breach of trust. The folks who moved to French Creek and South Kidder Creek did so believing that Siskiyou County has zoned these areas for rural residential, not industrial, development. It would be just plain wrong if Siskiyou County now imposes Industrial Recreation Development and its impacts on those citizens.

**Let's keep faith with the people, the Scott Valley Area Plan and those leaders who spent so much time developing that Plan by keeping Scott Valley rural and rejecting all Industrial Recreation Developments!**

Sincerely,

Signed via email

Felice Pace

PS: Please keep me informed about the proposed development and county actions in that regard.

PPS: A pdf copy of this input letter is attached for your use.

Felice Pace  
Klamath, CA 95548  
707-954-6588

"There's a crack in everything; that's how the light gets in."

- Leonard Cohen



**From:** [Debra Schroeder](#)  
**To:** [Christy Cummings Dawson](#)  
**Cc:** [Vurl Trytten](#)  
**Subject:** Need for SisCo to stop approving developments that rely on groundwater  
**Date:** Monday, July 09, 2018 1:39:06 PM

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Please see below.

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**From:** Felice Pace [mailto:[unofelice@gmail.com](mailto:unofelice@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 09, 2018 12:09 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Cc:** Ray Haupt; Matt Parker; Elizabeth Nielsen; Annie Marsh; Melinda Field; Betsy Stapleton  
**Subject:** Fwd: Need for SisCo to stop approving developments that rely on groundwater

Dear Planning Department,

Please add this message and my message below to Ray Haupt to the file on the proposed expansion of the Kidder Creek Camp and consider it a comment on that proposed project. In addition:

- the EIR must assess the impact of proposed groundwater extraction on flows in Kidder Creek, Kidder Creek water rights, groundwater levels, groundwater storage and other "undesirable results" as defined in the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act. Cumulative impacts of the proposed extraction and other proposals for increased groundwater use must be assessed and disclosed.
- In assessing the individual and cumulative impact of proposed groundwater extraction - including impacts to those homeowners and landowners in the area now using

or who have a right to use groundwater for domestic purposes - the EIR must use the best available scientific information, including [DFW's Scott Flow Assessments](#).

Thank you.

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Date: Mon, Jul 9, 2018 at 10:54 AM

Subject: Need for SisCo to stop approving developments that rely on groundwater

To: Matt Parker <[mparker@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:mparker@co.siskiyou.ca.us)>, Ray Haupt <[howp@sisqtel.net](mailto:howp@sisqtel.net)>

Cc: Elizabeth Nielsen\_SisCo ResourceAdvisor <[enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:enielsen@co.siskiyou.ca.us)>, Patricia Vellines\_DWR SGMA contact\_Scott&Shasta <[Patricia.Vellines@water.ca.gov](mailto:Patricia.Vellines@water.ca.gov)>, "Ehorn, Bill@DWR-GSA contacts supervisor" <[Bill.Ehorn@water.ca.gov](mailto:Bill.Ehorn@water.ca.gov)>, Annie Marsh <[annie\\_marshall@hotmail.com](mailto:annie_marshall@hotmail.com)>, Michael Stapleton <[frenchcreek@gmail.com](mailto:frenchcreek@gmail.com)>, Betsy Stapleton <[5104stapleton@gmail.com](mailto:5104stapleton@gmail.com)>, Melinda Field <[truemelinda@gmail.com](mailto:truemelinda@gmail.com)>, Roy O'Connor <[ROconnor@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:ROconnor@waterboards.ca.gov)>

Dear Ray,

I write to you today in your capacity as chair of the SCFCWC District which serves as GSA for the Shasta, Scott and Butte Valley Groundwater Basins and as chair of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors.

The County of Siskiyou is currently considering proposed developments (for example, expansion of the Kidder Creek Camp) that would rely on new extraction of substantial

amounts of groundwater. The SGMA requires that groundwater extraction after 1/1/2015 which results in undesirable results, including to surface flows and surface water right holders, be ended. The Kidder Camp proposed expansion would extract a significant additional amount of groundwater that is connected to surface flows in Kidder Creek and to flows in the Jenner Kidder Creek Ditch. Therefore, that extraction would have to be curtailed via a SGMA compliant groundwater management plan.

The county should not be granting groundwater extraction rights which it will likely later have to curtail. Therefore, a moratorium on all developments within the Scott, Shasta and Butte Valley Groundwater Basins is needed to avoid a future train wreck. If the BOS is not willing to put on a broad moratorium, a moratorium on approving developments that rely on groundwater that is interconnected with surface flows is the minimal that should be enacted.

Please bring this issue to the Board's and SCFCWCD's attention and please let me know by return email if you will support a moratorium on new developments that rely on new extraction of groundwater.

Felice Pace

PS: Those proposing developments deserve to know that any groundwater extraction approved may be later curtailed.

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Siskiyou County Community Development  
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Atten: Brett Walker, AICP  
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**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

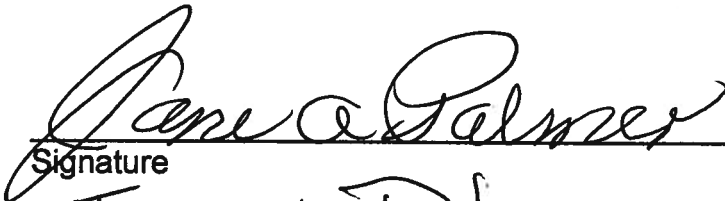
Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

I Am Complete against it  
because of traffic and it is not  
any better than French Creek Camp.

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Signature

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Name (printed)

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# The Concerned Residents of

## Kidder Creek

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Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (KCOC) is now owned by Mt. Hermon of Santa Cruz, CA. In addition to Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, Mt. Hermon operates several Christian camps in Central California.

Kidder Creek Orchard Camp has applied for a Zone Change and Amended Use Permit, which will increase campership from **164 people to 844**. The camp plans to operate year-round.

Some of our concerns and questions about this expansion are:

- A **MAJOR** increase in vehicular traffic – **projected at 1500+ cars per day** on South Kidder Creek Road which currently has a speed limit of 55 miles per hour
- No passable emergency exit road in case of fire
- Noise and air pollution
- Adequate sewage treatment/water quality downstream?
- Consistent with the Scott Valley Area Plan?
- Approval may set precedent for other camp expansions in Scott Valley
- Adequate oversight and enforcement of any mitigations

The Siskiyou County Community Development - Planning Division's 30-day **public comment** period on the KCOC Use Permit Application **ends October 6, 2016**. *Time is of the essence*. If you, too, are concerned about protecting our quality of life and rural atmosphere in Scott Valley, please take a moment to **make your opinion count**.

You may use the enclosed form and envelope to submit your comments  
or you may send an email to:

Brett Walker, AICP-Senior Planner at [bwalker@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:bwalker@co.siskiyou.ca.us)

To view the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration  
from the Planning Department, visit:

<http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/page/planning-division>

If you have any questions contact Dee Jones at 598-4490



# I SUPPORT Kidder Creek



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**COMMENTS** This camp has been a wonderful asset to our community for the past 40 years. The proposed improvements will only enhance those assets. I see no negative, only positive in this amendment application.

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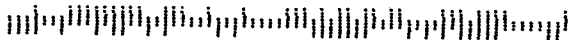
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**Brett Walker**

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**From:** Chai Perlman <cptea@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 26, 2016 6:24 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** Concerned residents of Kidder Creek

Dear Mr. Walker, This s regarding the expansion of Kidder Creek camp. My family lives on So. Kidder Creek Road And I am concerned about the noise and pollution, increase of traffic, and lack of emergency fire escapes if this passes.

Thank you. Sincerely, Chai Perlman

## Brett Walker

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**From:** Melinda Field <truemelinda@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 7:49 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** KCOC Proposed Expansion

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Melinda Field Perlman  
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October 4, 2016

Siskiyou County  
Brett Walker, Senior Planner  
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RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Camp (Z-1401) and Use Permit (UP-11-15)

Dear Mr. Walker:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced project.

My name is Melinda Field Perlman and I reside at 1109 South Kidder Creek Road. My late husband Dr. Stephen Perlman and I established our organic apple farm 25 years ago. My thirteen acres is located closest to the road, at the most dangerous, narrow curve, which is where the road is only eighteen feet wide. Because of my close proximity your decisions will heavily impact my lifestyle and family.

Although I am not opposed to the expansion of KCOC, the proposed maximum capacity of 844 persons daily is unacceptable, and brings to the fore a myriad of impacts and potential problems for the adjacent property owners in several neighborhoods and the entire Scott Valley at large. Here are my questions and concerns: 1) Traffic- 1500+ cars daily is unacceptable, that is approximately 40,000 cars per month. Really? On our narrow winding road? How will you monitor and mitigate if traffic is backed up and Kidder Creek Road or the Kidder Loop Road are not accessible due to excess traffic? The speed limit on South Kidder Creek Road is 55 mph. Myself and many neighbors have lost numerous pets. It is my understanding that many KCOC families come from cities thus some have been observed exceeding the speed limit. This speed limit of 55 mph must be reduced to 40 mph. This huge increase in traffic will cause noise, air, and light pollution. The traffic study contracted by the county seems to be badly flawed. Please see Michael Stapleton's letter. How with the county mitigate the fact that Patterson Creek Road is not included in the study. 2) Water- Most of the residents of South Kidder Creek Road live downstream from the camp. There is major concern about sewage systems for 844 people. The proposed site is a questionable site for septic systems. How will the camp monitor and mitigate this fact? The camp will use approximately 38,000 gallons of water per day. What mitigation measures will be employed if the water table or wells are effected? What will the mitigations be in the case that the 7 acre pond

floods? 3) Fire- KCOC sits in a mountainous, heavily treed area. It is guaranteed that with the continuing California drought fire will be an issue in the future. At this point there is no passable, legally deeded road to be used as an emergency fire escape. Even if said road is built, 844 people sharing South Kidder along with a narrow escape route will still be a dangerous situation.

Although I am not against the KCOC expansion, the numbers predict an industrial recreational development that is not sustainable at this capacity. This project needs an environmental impact review. The tax-paying residents deserve to retain their hard-earned peaceful and rural lifestyle. I look forward to continuing to work with KCOC so that we can reach a consensus that is compatible for the residents, the environment, and the camp's expansion.

Sincerely,

Melinda Field Perlman

**Brett Walker**

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**From:** Noah Perlman <info@drnoahperlman.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 1:00 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Project Comments

Greetings:

I write to you with my comments and concerns regarding the KCOC expansion plan. I have been a South Kidder Creek Road resident for 25+ years and the environmental impact of such a plan must seriously consider those people living within close proximity. I am concerned about traffic increase, safety (fire, children), noise pollution, water resources, erosion control, and overall regulation of such a plan. The proposed dramatic increase in traffic on a daily basis along South Kidder Creek Road strikes me as unsafe, unreasonable, and flawed. South Kidder Creek Road is narrow and is not wide enough to support daily high volume two-way traffic. Also, KCOC does not have an alternate fire exit route secured. In the case of a mandatory fire evacuation the capacity of South Kidder Creek Road would easily be overrun and pose even more danger to residents and camp attendees/staff/volunteers. Noise and dust will also come with an increase in traffic. Some of my other questions revolve around how water resources and erosion control will impact the South Kidder Creek Road region as a whole. It seems that the traffic survey performed for South Kidder Creek Road may be flawed. I do understand organizations grow to meet the demand, but I'm wondering how Siskiyou County will go about regulating this plan. I hope the plan is scrutinized well and takes into consider all very important factors.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

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RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

Mount Hermon Kidder Creek Master Site Plan Project proposes a community that will be bigger than the current size of Fort Jones, Etna and Greenvale. Such an increase in population growth would have a considerable impact on Scott Valley Life.

Access In effect, a small town would be installed on a hillside with only one road in and out of the camp. Etna, Fort Jones →

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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and Greenview all have multiple ways in and out of their respective communities that would allow the passage of all kinds of road traffic. The Camp does propose an emergency exit over land for which it does not yet have the necessary easements. This road would need a substantial upgrade to support the evacuation of large numbers of campers. The road is rutted, narrow & goes through treed areas and passes over many culverts that I doubt would take the weight of a convoy of traffic including buses. In the brochure printed in green ink given out at the public meeting the plan states that this "route will continue to be used for emergency ingress and egress only." However in the Revised Project Description for U.P. 11-15 under Roads and Access the plan states "This road is available for use as an ingress/egress route in the event of emergency evacuation, as well as for the private use by the Camp, its staff and guests." (page 17). It seems one source of information provided by the Camp does not coincide with information provided by another <sup>Camp</sup> source! Neither South Kidder Creek Rd or the proposed evacuation route appear to be capable of easily handling the evacuation of Campers and Livestock from the camp while sharing the roads with emergency service vehicles heading to the camp. If campers are dropped off by parents, then no doubt shuttles would have to be employed to evacuate all Campers causing further road congestion.

WATER The Camp proposes the continued use of septic tanks and leach lines. As we are now living in the 21st Century it seems to me that a better waste water system needs to be utilized by our upstream neighbors. Etha and Fort Jones with similar populations have waste water treatment facilities in place.

The project description states that as the Camp is in the Scott Valley Fire Protection District, the Siskiyou County Sheriff Department, Etna Ambulance, Fort Jones Fire Department and Scott Valley Fire Protection District, these services could be used in the event of an emergency. With the Camp's proposed population increase to over 800 people, this would severely impact Scott Valley Communities for miles around. Would the camp make any contribution to expanding these services through paying taxes or making financial donations to provide extra fire trucks, staffing for the Sheriff, Ambulance services etc.

POND Another concern is the 7 acre pond that has been proposed. This pond would contain almost 12,000,000 gallons of water. As the barrier holding back this water is to be less than 6 feet high the pond would not be subject to the rules enforced by the Department of Water Resources - Division of Safety and Dams. What assurances do the people living downstream have that this structure would be safe? In the event of a catastrophic flood, could the pond lining be undermined or the barrier breached and the contents of the pond plus the creek's flood waters come raging down the water course.

In times of a Californian water shortage it seems that



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the Camp is not considering water conservation. The water used by the Campers, evaporation from a 7 acre pond and the possible irrigation of 20 acres of expanded green belt (page 9) would impact the amount of water in the aquifer used by people downstream of the camp.

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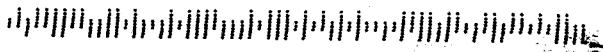
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## Brett Walker

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**From:** Pam Piemme  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 06, 2016 7:55 AM  
**To:** Vurl Trytten; Brett Walker  
**Subject:** FW: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp

Pam Piemme, Permit Tech.  
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**From:** Gary & Lynda Pollard [mailto:[gpollard@sisqtel.net](mailto:gpollard@sisqtel.net)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 6:51 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camp

Gentle-people:

Thanks for your oversight and planning duties for Scott Valley. As residents of our beautiful valley we are very sympathetic to reasonable efforts to protect and preserve this beautiful valley and surroundings. We have lived for 20 years directly across Kidder Creek from Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. We are close enough to occasionally and faintly

hear music from the camp which is much to be desired over the sounds of loud vehicles speeding on North Kidder Ck Rd. headed for the "ole swimming holes" up the creek and littering the roadside with beer cans and trash.

We have high regards for the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp local staff and parent organization, Mt. Herman. We have enjoyed volunteering in various camp activities. We have observed Andy Warken, Tim Lloyd, Carol Friesen and staff meticulously caring for the camp grounds and activities while observing all applicable government and organization rules and guidelines. We are convinced any camp plans for possible future improvements would not adversely effect we neighbors or our valley.

We are personally acquainted with many youth and adults, whose lives have been very positively impacted through the years by the Camp's physical, mental, and spiritual programs. The camp's local reputation observed by us personally while employed here as a pharmacist and pharmacy technician and participant in community activities has been very positive. Any increase in visitors to the valley should be a positive boost to local businesses and tourist generated income so desperately needed by our local economy. We strongly urge your approval of the improvement application presently before you. Thanks again for your consideration.

Please feel free to reply to us with any questions or concerns.  
Sincerely,

Lynda and Gary Pollard

September 24, 2016

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Planning Division  
Attn: Brett Walker AICP  
806 South Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have the following concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Camp expansion.

- The major increase in vehicle traffic which is projected at 1500 plus cars a day on South Kidder Creek Rd. This would adversely affect area residents as well as valley traffic as a whole. Also, property values along French Creek have fallen due to the horrendous traffic caused by the JH Ranch. The same would probably occur on South Kidder Creek Rd.
- Lack of deeded easement for a fire escape route.
- The Scott Valley Area Plan was created because of the unstable nature of county zoning laws in order to prevent this type of development from occurring. It would be larger than the city of Etna. I am concerned that a precedent for similar operations could be set and more land being removed from the tax roles due to the non profit status of these corporations.
- How will Kidder Creek be impacted due to waste water and sewage treatment?

Thank you for taking these issues into consideration.

Sincerely,



Linda J Priem

4338 Red Cedar Ct.  
Etna, CA 96097

## Brett Walker

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**From:** Lori Quillen <lori@sisqtel.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 16, 2016 11:37 AM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change

Dear Mr. Walker:

I received letter from a fellow concerned neighbor regarding the expansion of the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. The form does not let me submit all my concerns, so I am using the email option that was suggested.

My husband live across the creek from the Orchard Camp on N. Kidder Creek Rd. and have for the last 18 years. The camp originally never bothered us. It only lasted for 3 months, was mostly for local kids, and it became the 'sounds of summer' with kids having a good time, and the cause was good as well. Things have changed over the last few years. The sounds of hollering kids has turned into microphones and sound systems blasting Christian music, many time past the 10:00 quiet time that seemed to be in place before. There have also been many, many instances of people trespassing onto the properties of those of us on the other side of the creek. This makes us fear of something bad happening in the form of a law suit if someone were to get hurt or worse, drown when the creek is high - which would be a real concern if this camp turned into a yearlong program.

We also wonder why we never received the letter many of our other neighbors who don't even live as close have received regarding this expansion. We literally bump up against the camp now that they have been quietly buying up many of the properties on the south side.

I would also like to know why the camp receives special consideration of allowing this many people in one area. If we were to try to split our property into one acre parcels and sell them off, we would be denied due to the Scott Valley Plan. The Scott Valley Plan was well thought out, and a big reason we moved here. We felt we would not be overrun with people in this wonderful area, and now that seems to be a real concern here. We also see this as a situation that will greatly depreciate our property values, which have taken such a huge hit through this tough economy already.

Given the drought conditions that have existed here, and seem to be the norm rather than the exception, where will all the water come from to support this many people? And another huge pond being planned?? The creek in front of our properties that used to run 9 months or more out of the year now stop in early July and doesn't start back up until late October/early November depending on the rain. The environmental impact just seems really huge.

We moved here for the peace and quiet, and the beauty of the pristine area. All we need is another JH Ranch type expansion by people from out of the area who stand to make a huge profit and have no real concern for what it means to live in Scott Valley.

Thank you for getting the word out. We have been watching this progress quietly and steadily, but it is obvious what is happening.

Lori Quillen  
5701 Whispering Pines  
Greenview

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**COMMENTS** Kidder Creek does a lot for the kids in our community. We need this camp & I fully support them

**NAME**

Trevor Ragan

**ADDRESS**

444 W. Miner  
Yreka, CA 96097

**SIGNATURE**

Trevor Ragan

**DATE**

9/27/16



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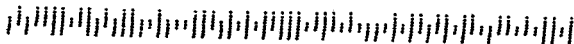
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Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

I decline all and any easement or Right of Way for  
Kidder Creek Orchard Camp to Cross or  
Pass through My Property at 1600 Patterson  
Creek Road Etna, CA - Parcel # (APN 025-370-220)  
as a Emergency Exit as Proposed for Expansion.  
for Personal Reasons Dust, ~~and~~ Litter, Noise, Etc.  
any Questions call (530) 598-9546

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ted J Rhodes  
Signature

TED J Rhodes  
Name (printed)

1600 Patterson Creek Road  
Address

Etna, CA. 96027  
City, State, Zip

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Dear Mr. Trytten,

I am writing on behalf of the Kidder Creek Master Plan.

My grand daughter was a counselor at Kidder Creek for two years. My husband and I were able to visit the facility. We were amazed at the wonderful work that was being done with the children attending.

By expanding the facilities, many more children will be able to have the special experience.

Thank you for considering this expansion.

Sincerely,  
  
Jonette and Dean Richardson

925-485-0908

November 11, 2016

County of Siskiyou Planning Department  
Attention: Vurl Trytten  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

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RE: Kidder Creek Master Plan

Dear County Planning Commission Members,

I wish to offer my recommendation and strongly encourage your approval of the Kidder Creek Orchard Camps master site expansion proposal.

Today, more than ever, kids need healthy experiences like the ones they have at Kidder Creek each summer. Today's youth are looking for answers to tough questions as they mature into adulthood... *Who am I? What do I believe? Do my choices matter? Where do I fit?* Through a week in community at Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, campers have time and space to reflect, play and have adventures with their friends. The essence of a camp experience helps kids answer these very important life questions.

With so many kids seeking a camp experience at Kidder Creek, staff had no other option but to turn some away from their programs due to lack of space and the limitations of their current use permit.

I know firsthand the leadership involved in the operation of Kidder Creek and the Mount Hermon Association, Inc. and can attest to their integrity, intentionality and respectfulness. They want the opportunity to impact and serve the next generation through camping experiences at Kidder Creek. Campers love their experiences at Kidder Creek, returning year-after-year for another week at camp and even returning as young adults to serve on staff.

Granting approval of the master site plan will allow the growth, vision and even greater positive impact on the lives of young people and their families. Thank you for the time you have invested in reviewing the proposed plan.

Sincerely,



Cindy Ritchie  
24 Kelldon Drive  
Felton, CA 95018

9-24-16

Date

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**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

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The Road up To Camp From Hwy 3  
needs To be Rebuilt so That it is 2 Lanes  
All The way up. Right now half of it is  
only 1 Lane. The Speed Limit Should be down  
To 45 because of The House's Along Rd. This  
Should be done before Any more Improvements or  
Building are Constructed if permit is Approved.  
This Road Rebuilding Should be on Them And Not The County.  
Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Signature

Robert Robustelli

Name (printed)

P.O. Box 62 6609 Main St.

Address

Greenview CA 96037

City, State, Zip

Date

Sept 16, 2016

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TOO MANY CARS - SO KIDDER <sup>ROAD</sup> IS NARROW -  
would need to put in NEW -  
REMEMBER SCOTT VALLEY, GEE PLAN!!  
NOT GOOD IDEA!

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joanne Romney  
Signature

JOANNE ROMNEY  
Name (printed)

4736 So. Kidder Loop (MAILING)  
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ETNA, CA 96027  
City, State, Zip

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**Jay and Michelle Rush**  
5620 South Kidder Loop  
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(831) 809-7554 or (530) 467-3722

October 4, 2016

Andy Warken  
Director – Kidder Creek Orchard Camp  
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Ray Haupt, 5<sup>th</sup> District County Supervisor  
[rhaupt@co.siskiyou.ca.us](mailto:rhaupt@co.siskiyou.ca.us)

Dear Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors, Residents and Governing Agencies:

My husband and I are residents of South Kidder Loop and have a few concerns regarding the expansion of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (KCOC).

First of all, I want to say that Kidder Orchard Camp has always been looked upon favorably by us. We personally know kids who look forward to their time at camp every summer and we have never felt any impact from traffic, noise, or anything undesirable, thus far.

Upon reading the various letters and notices regarding the expansion, I do have some questions and suggestions.

Our main concerns (as adjacent neighbors) are: water, sewage, road use/maintenance, and fire escape vs. fire mitigation. Our secondary concerns are revenue to the Community, County, State, etc. as well as the County's ability to enforce the Use Permit requirements and adherence to the Scott Valley Area Plan. Unfortunately for KCOC, the JH Ranch has already abused nearly every aspect of their Use Permit so it is very hard to believe that enforcement of KCOC will be taken seriously if the JH Ranch continues to defy what is expected of them.

October 4, 2016

With a request to increase the attendance numbers by such a large percentage (close to 80%) that would make the KCOC population larger than the City of Etna. If you consider the water usage and sewer mitigation for the City of Etna, and transferred that to this Kidder Creek watershed, it could not possibly work. Our water is one of the wonderful gifts we have in this area. To take the chance of losing that to upstream usage is very undesirable. The sewage from that large increase of people is also a large threat to us that have purchased our properties in this area. I feel the road situation is probably pretty sound from Highway 3 to the second entrance of South Kidder Loop, but beyond that point in the road, I can't see the integrity of the road being able to hold up under such increases in traffic and/or vehicle weight.

The above mentioned concerns would certainly be addressed by a full **Environmental Impact Report**. The various reports and descriptions of what has taken place so far, falls short of full answers. For a project of this magnitude, an Environmental Impact Report seems mandatory. Without an EIR, how can proper enforcement and determination of various issues be decided?

The situation of "Welfare Exemption" status and therefore, lost revenues to the County and State will always be a concern to me, because I feel that all things should be equal to those who share in identical needs. (Water, sewage, roads, as well as, Police, Sheriff, Fire, Ambulance, SRA Fire Tax and other Multi-Agency Services.) We pay our portion, as home owners, and are now being asked to share these services with a substantial increase of users who happen to be non-payers. I'm sure there is some legal reason why the "Welfare Exemption" exists, however, I strongly feel that the current request to change the zoning status should negate the "Welfare Exemption" and the properties in question, would therefore, pay for their fair share **if** zoning changes are granted.

I am currently in the San Diego area assisting my Aunt through a Neurosurgical procedure so will probably be unable to attend any meetings regarding this KCOC proposal. Please consider my concerns in your decision making. I will be available by phone if there are any questions that I can answer or clarify.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

*Michelle Rush*

Michelle Rush  
(831) 809-7554



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**COMMENTS** I was a counselor this past summer and love this camp. I believe it is doing great, big things.

**NAME**

MadKenzie Sabin

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**SIGNATURE**

**DATE**

MadKenzie Sabin

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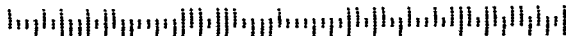
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## COMMENTS

*I have volunteered @ K.C.C. and I have personally seen how this camp helps and troubled youth in many ways.*

## NAME

*Teresa L. Schlumpberger*

## ADDRESS

*1103 Cedar St.  
Yuba, Ca. 96097*

## SIGNATURE

*Teresa L. Schlumpberger*

## DATE

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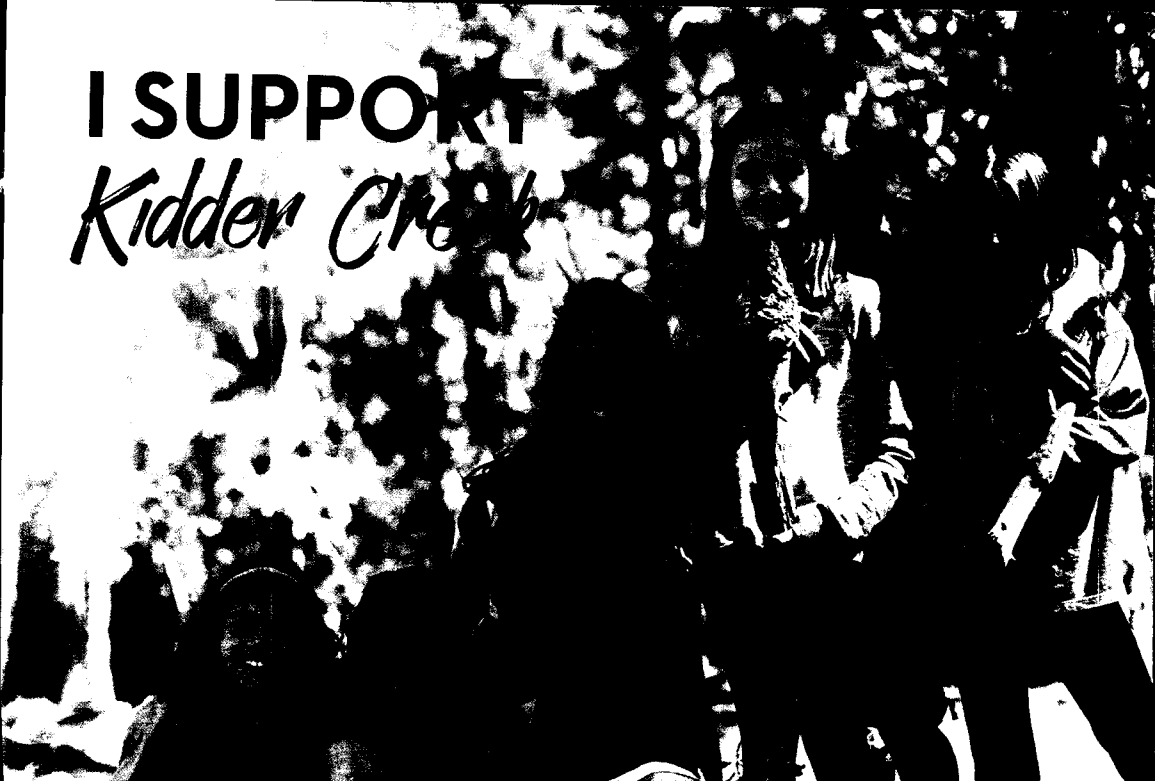
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September 20, 2016

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Dear Vurl Tyten:

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That being said, there is not enough space for all the children who could attend this camp to attend this camp. Because of capacity issues I took 60 children to a beautiful alternative camp called Camp Jack Hazard in the Sonora Pass area and while it was a good camp experience, it was not the **Best** camp experience. What was missing was the commitment to excellence that the Mount Hermon and Family Justice Center Alliance have to camp. The fact that the staff loves the Kidder Creek site as much as we campers love being there shows how much they care.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 209-312-9991.

Sincerely,



Cindy Schneider

Director of Art Restores Kids and Camp Hope Coordinator

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## COMMENTS

*KCOC is an important part of S. Valley & deserves to be allowed to grow -*

## NAME

*Marilyn Seward*

## ADDRESS

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## SIGNATURE

*Marilyn Seward*

## DATE

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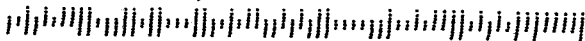
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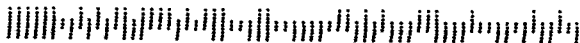
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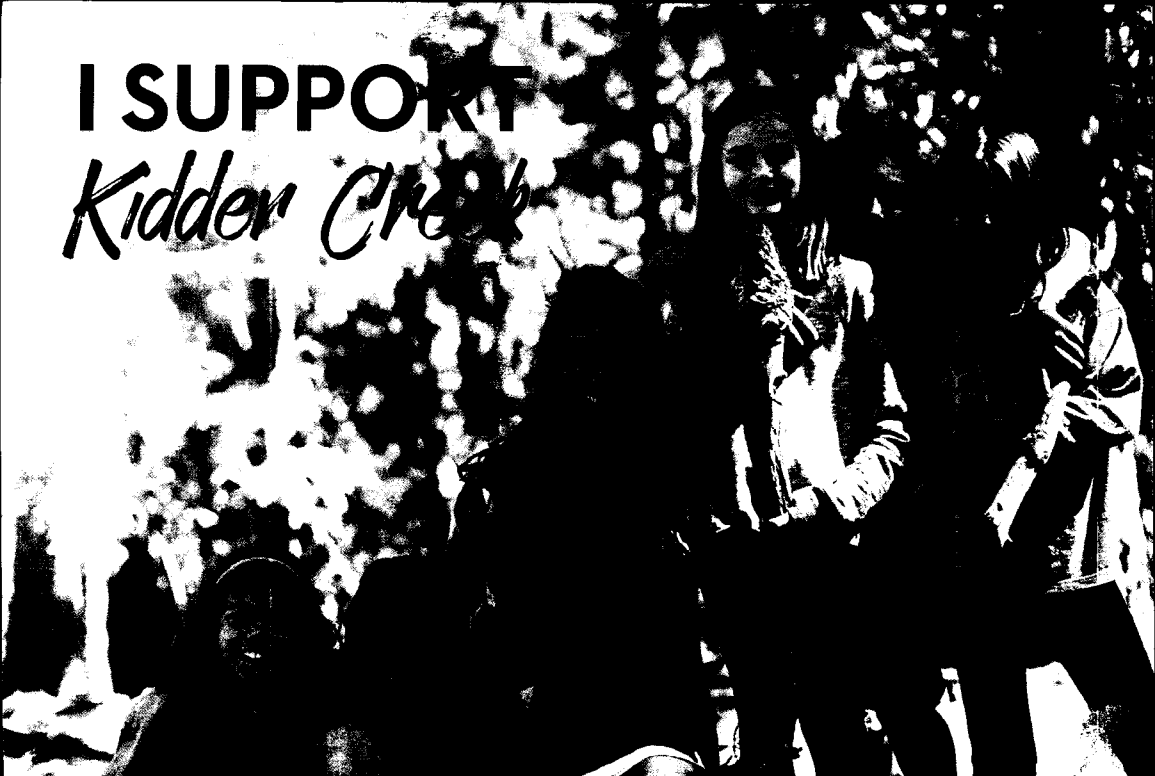
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**I SUPPORT**  
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September 13, 2016

TO: Brett Walker, AICP  
Siskiyou County Community Development  
Planning Division  
806 South Main Street  
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RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Dear Mr. Walker:

**Please be sure that the Planning Commission and the County Supervisors see this letter of NON-SUPPORT for the pending Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zoning Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP-11-15.**

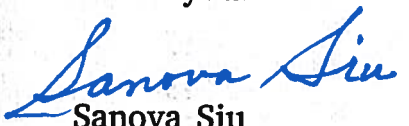
Before moving to Scott Valley, we lived in Santa Cruz for 30 years and saw first hand how a camp like Mt. Hermon can totally change an area.

And here, we have seen for years how the unheeded regulations on the part of JH Ranch have continued to change the rural landscape of our area. I understand the heartfelt affection locals have for the original Kidder Creek Camp; however, this buy-out by Mt. Hermon and THEIR Vision is NOT the vision WE HOLD for our beautiful Valley.

This also seems in direct violation of the Scott Valley Area Plan. Please explain HOW they can get away with turning prime agricultural land (as defined in the Scott Valley Area Plan) into Rural Residential which will most likely be used for commercial purposes.

If the County does not have the resources and people to monitor and enforce what JH Ranch has done all these years, HOW will that be any different for Kidder Creek Camp? And HOW will this not set a precedence for JH to slither right in behind them and further ignore regulations and ordinances. We need answers.

Thank you.



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Ft. Jones, CA. 96032

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### COMMENTS

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*Christine Skinner*

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October 14, 2016

County of Siskiyou Planning Department  
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Dear Planning Department:

I would like to add my voice of support for the proposed improvements and growth of Kidder Creek Camp.

I have been a occasional volunteer for the last 4 years at the camp. I support their ministry of providing children and youth with a week of lots and lots of fun (that they will remember the rest of their lives) and also exposing them to a Christian point of view (both from the examples of their leaders and from the time they are able to spend at camp getting to know a little more of God's word.)

I personally remember my times at camp (not here) as a teenager. It was a great time for me and I didn't get to do half the things that Kidder Creek campers get to do.

I believe the leaders of the camp are aware of any possible problems arising from growth of the camp and have taken every step possible to resolve any problem that could possibly arise.

I think the biggest concern (as far as local residents are concerned) is the problem of extra traffic on S. Kidder Creek Road.

The camp is very sensitive to this problem and has set up a system of slowing the traffic on S. Kidder Creek Road (on "camp" days) and have (and are) taking steps to cut down the number of vehicles by car pooling and busing campers into camp.

I am a local resident (I live on S. Kidder Loop--just off of S. Kidder Creek Rd.). I do not think their (Kidder Creek Camp's) growth will affect me or any of my neighbors in any way. Please allow this camp to grow, improve and in so doing, grant more of our youth (our country's future) to have a positive and life changing (for the better) experience.

Please note that the camp offers special fees for our county's young people--a nice thing for our local children and grandchildren.

Sincerely yours,

Bonnie Smith  
P O Box 175  
Greenvew, CA 96037

5704 S. Kidder Loop,  
Etna, CA 96027



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### COMMENTS

I fully support Kidder Creek!

NAME

Megan Smith

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Megan B. Smith

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## Brett Walker

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**From:** Sergius South <sergiussouth@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 03, 2016 12:40 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** Kidder Orchard/ J H Ranch

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Sir ;

I live in Etna. I enjoy hiking and fishing. For three years in a row, I had the unfortunate timing to visit Meeks Meadow Lake in the Russian Wilderness Area (that is an area designated for minimal use. It receives this designation because it is a very fragile environment, and limits groups to 20 people ) just after J H Ranch had taken over 100 youths there for an overnight camp out. They are able to do this because that particular lake lies just outside the wilderness. So they take groups of 18 at a time through the RWA, and congregate at the lake. I have met the groups hiking out, as I was hiking in. Each time I found the entire valley strewn with candy wrappers, potato chip bags, gum wrappers and containers, plastic packaging, paper, ... . If this isn't bad enough, there is exposed human waste!

For 3 years I had to bury human excrement, pick up two plastic grocery bags of trash, add this to my full pack ( adding a couple of pounds extra, to a pack assembled with thought to each gram of weight ) and carry it out on MY back! No one policed anything!

They pushed the law to its limit, disregarding ANY environmental consequences. They followed the letter of the law, but certainly not the spirit!

Each time, I called them, and had them come and pick their trash up at my place. I received nothing more than a "sorry 'bout that" , "oh sorry, on two occasions, and total silence from the third ! My 6 hours of work plus hauling it out, wasn't worth a complete sentence in apology! If they say they will respect our area, they will not!

This issue should NEVER have been allowed to come this far.

These people care nothing about what we have here.

The very idea of hundreds of hunters at a time is ludicrous!!

How many citizens will it take to clean up after them? They have proved to me that they will not! They have proved it!

I beg you! Do not allow any expansion of either of these organizations. They will destroy it all. ( I won't even start my tirade as to how many rare species of plants and animals and fungi will go extinct!!! I am very interested in micology and am aware that no extensive studies have been done in either wilderness. )

I'll stop.

Thank you for listening. I sincerely hope you hear.

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Brett Walker  
Sr. Planner  
Planning Division  
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806 S. Main Street Yreka,

**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Z-14-01 and UP-11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker

I am writing in regards to the Kidder Orchard Camps proposed expansion. I have multiple concerns about the proposal. Kidder Camp does have a long history of service to the Community, and holds a special and beloved place in many community members heart. The materials Kidder Camp/Mt Hebron sent to community residents asking them to support their expansion proposal play on this sentiment, but this proposal is generated not from the local community, but from the large organization that bought the Kidder Camp of the past. It must be considered for what it is, an expansion proposal from an out of the area organization with a business plan that requires sufficient units of production (camper days) to support the organization's payroll and overheads, without consideration of the impact on the surrounding community.

In addition to many technical problems, the proposal is filled with a lack of specificity and detail. This lack of specificity is the exact reason the County has been unable to enforce JH Ranch's existing use permit, and, if approved in this form, will open the County to another unenforceable, aggressively growth oriented organization's ability to expand without regulation. Some examples of the vague wording are below:

- a. Project description 3.0-2: "Kidder Creek has proposed to accommodate special events (public and private), which may include weddings, birthdays, religious functions, concerts, auctions, picnics, horse clinics, demonstrations, and training events, and similar events. **Estimated** attendance would be 20 – 250 guests, **average 3 – 8** hours per event, and be held **approximately once** per month between the months of April and October. These special events would not occur at the same time as regular camp activities, but **may occur** when campers are off-site. "
- b. Project Description 3.0-2: "It is **anticipated** that the expansion would occur over a twenty year period.
- c. Project Description 3/0-3: "Engineering of the revised pond shape has not been completed at this time. The applicant **intends** to have engineered plans completed should the project be approved. "
- d. There is no detailed site plan or schedule of proposed changes that show

- details of the planned facilities, including their floor plans and footprints.
- e. It is clear that the business plan includes a significant expansion of season of use, which will cause an increase in the total number of user days in a year that far exceeds that of the bed space increase alone. This impact is not addressed or analyzed.
  - f. I do not see even a minimal description of what the “dining prep facility, welcome center and equestrian facility” will consist of.
  - g. There is no description of the off-site activities and the traffic and other impacts generated by them.

Some specific concerns are:

1. CEQA checklist 3.6 Relationship of Project to Other Plans. The project description does not delineate the total increase in square footage of the proposed construction. In evaluating the proposal, it appears as if this increase is very substantial, perhaps on the order of 20,000+ square feet, without inclusion of the undefined welcome center, dining prep facility or equestrian facility. An increase of this size is substantial in the context of the overall amount of commercial building in Scott Valley, and its placement outside of the currently developed commercial areas of Green view, Ft Jones, Etna and Callahan is clearly precluded by the Scott Valley Area Plan.
2. CEQA checklist item 4.2 (a) and (d) Agricultural and Forestry Resources. The conversion of TPZ parcels to Rural Residential with the subsequent issuing of a conditional use permit for a commercial use is an extremely detrimental precedent to set. The County Supervisors have taken strong stands to support the resource based economy of the County, and allowing this conversion of both prime ag-land and TPZ properties to a commercial use in a rural zone will start the inevitable destruction of the ability to farm and produce timber in our community. Allowing this to happen will undermine the rural character of this unincorporated area of the County. The geographic area in this proposal lies within the Scott Valley Area Plan, whose intent is clearly to prevent exactly this sort of development. In addition, these parcels will almost certainly be placed into a non-profit holding company's ownership, which will entirely remove them from the tax roles. This conversion will clearly have significant impacts by the precedent setting nature of allowing this to go forward, and the proposed mitigations do nothing to alleviate this impact. If this parcel is rezoned it will never be in timber production again, any tress growing there will merely be backdrop for the commercial recreational use.
1. CEQA Checklist section 4.4 “Biological resources”. I see no evaluation or discussion of potential impacts to coho even though Kidder Creek and seasonal wetlands are part of the project area.
2. CEQA Checklist 4.9 Hydrology and Water Quality. There is no plan to monitor water quality from the addition of significant amounts of new effluent. This is an area of completely inadequate analysis. The proposal states:

“Less Than Significant Impact. The proposed rezone and improvements and uses associated with the use permit would not impact water quality standards and/or

waste discharge requirements. As the improvements are developed, adequate wastewater disposal systems would be required prior to issuance of a building permit for a specific improvement. If average daily flows exceed 1,500 gallons, the applicant would need to obtain approval of a Waste Discharge Permit from the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board.”

How is the determination made that water quality will not be impacted? How will it be determined when 1,500 gallons/day of effluent is reached? I see no monitoring provisions in place. How does the total effluent produced conform to the basin water quality plan?

I see no discussion on where the water for the proposed new pond is to be obtained. Is it from adjudicated water rights? If so, is a recreational pond a permitted usage? Is it from pumped ground water? If so, is the amount accounted for in the projected ground water pumping figures?

3. CEQA Checklist 4.10 Land Use and Planning. It is inconceivable that a ”no impact” determination was made for this category. Allowing this expansion, with its timberland and prime agricultural land conversion, to take place is in contradiction to the intent of the Scott Valley Area plan and would set the precedent to completely undermine the ability to preserve Scott valley’s rural and agricultural way of life.
4. CEQA Checklist 4.4 Biological Resources. I do not see any survey or evaluation for potential impacts on the listed species of coho salmon in spite of Kidder creek passing through the property and delineated wetlands. Do the wetlands have the seasonal use by salmon? Has the proposed groundwater well and water use been evaluated for potential interconnection to surface water flows?
5. CEQA Checklist 4.10 Land Use and Planning. See discussion of Section 3.6 above.
6. CEQA Checklist 4.12 (c) Noise, and CEQA Checklist 4.16 Traffic. The description below misleading:

c) Less Than Significant Impact. The project would result in an increase in ambient noise levels associated with the addition of camp guests and staff. This is considered less than significant as the project site is adjacent to a large subdivision, and is compatible with that use.

The “large subdivision”, presumably “South Kidder Loop”, is a group of approximately 10 homes on 5-10 acre parcels. The residents on the private loop have placed a 15-mile an hour speed limit on themselves to control traffic noise and dust impacts. Saying that the traffic noise generated from a large-scale commercial operation such as that proposed by this development would be unnoticeable to the residents of this development is completely unfounded. Residents on South Kidder Road already complain about traffic noise and impacts. Kidder Camp has reportedly approach residents in the Patterson Creek subdivision asking for a right-a-way for secondary access. In these discussions, Kidder Camp personnel have reportedly indicated that they intend for staff to use the secondary access

roads in order to reduce traffic impacts on South Kidder Creek Road. This indicates awareness that traffic already presents a problem to residents and other road users.

7. CEQA Checklist 4.15 Recreation. Kidder Camp utilizes Forest Lands for recreation. The Klamath National forest does not have a capacity study to understand the significantly increasing demands on the Forest for Recreational use. Until this study is completed it is not possible to determine if the expansion of use of these public recreational facility by Kidder Camp and other commercial groups will have a negative impact. In addition, there is not a description of activities that is detailed enough to understand what the intended utilization of public and private recreational opportunities are. What are the bike trips, back-country horse and hiking, road travel for off-site recreational activities? The analysis on this item is insufficient to make a determination
8. CEQA Checklist 4.16 Traffic (e). The IS includes this statement:

e) No Impact. The project does not propose any changes that would negatively affect emergency access. In April of 2014, Cal Fire inspected the KCOC property including the viability of a secondary access to the camp property. Cal Fire identified and provided a list of requirements the camp and proposed roads/secondary access would have to meet for fire safe regulations. KCOC will comply with requirements and Fire Safe regulations as is required through the building permit process. A recommended condition of approval will require that the emergency access route(s) meet Cal Fire standards. The secondary access point will not be used for primary ingress and egress from the site, therefore additional traffic due to the project will not affect this access. The current main access road was found to be compliant with the Fire Safe Regulations.

Where in the proposal is the description of the secondary access? Does the Camp currently have access, or is it speculative? How will the secondary access cross Kidder Creek? Camp personnel have reportedly told community members that they intend to use a secondary access to reduce traffic impacts on Kidder Creek Road. If this proposal is accepted how will monitoring and enforcement of the Camp's stated intention to only use the secondary road for emergency access be enforced?

9. CEQA Checklist 4.17 Utilities and Service Systems (a, d, e). This document does not include any analysis of the ability of the soils to absorb a dramatic and significant increase in effluent production. No formal monitoring program identified for the monitoring of waste produced by more people than the town of Etna. The only trigger for a more formal waste management system than that required for a normal household is the production of more than 1,500 gallons of effluent a day, but there is no mechanism to determine when that threshold is reached. There is no discussion on how this increase in effluent, particularly as a cumulative impact with JH Ranch's proposed increases, will affect the Basin Plan Water Quality standards. . In the discussion of water usage there is no estimation or evaluation of consumptive uses beyond personal use- how many square footage

of lawn and other landscaping? Where is the water for the new pond to come from? If surface water- is it a permitted use under an adjudication?

10. CEQA Checklist 4.18 Mandatory Findings of Significance. The proposed cumulative impacts of this project, the proposed JH Ranch expansion and the Scott River Lodge must be taken into account. All of those organizations are currently putting more “guests” than there are residents into the communities in which they are located, and they want to triple their current impacts. They put very large cars on the road (which many County residents can attest cause significant impacts even without the proposed increases), they consume precious water, place thousands of gallons of effluent into the ground adjacent to coho bearing streams and rivers, utilize public roads and emergency services while removing property from the tax roles that support these services, and they disrupt the quiet of our rural life. The cumulative impact of these activities is dramatic and significant, and the proposed mitigations are not capable of reducing the impacts below the level of significance. The community suffers from the impact of the organizations as they exist now and tripling occupancy and expanding to year around use will make our Valley a resort community instead a place where people live, farm, log and raise families.

This document lacks specificity that allows adequate environmental analysis, and, if allowed to proceed as is, provides no framework for enforcement for any conditions of a use permit. The County has been down a long and painful road with a similar permit for JH Ranch and one would hope that we have collectively learned that detailed, enforceable and adequately financed monitoring and enforcement are the only way to ensure future compliance with a use permit. This Initial Study has serious defects. It continues the trend of removing tax-producing lands from the tax roles for the benefit of private (non-profit) organizations, while simultaneously increasing the demand on the public services for emergency, monitoring, enforcement and road maintenance activities. If approved, a use permit developed from this these documents will be unenforceable and lead to decades long problems similar to what has been experienced to what residents and the County has experienced with JH Ranch. I strongly encourage the Planning Department, Planning Commissioners and Board of Supervisors to carefully consider the precedent that approving this proposal would set for the County, and to deny it as incompatible with the existing land use document, the Scott Valley Area Plan, that is to guide future growth in the Valley.

Sincerely Yours,

Betsy Stapleton





# 2015 Yearly Site Summary: French Creek Road

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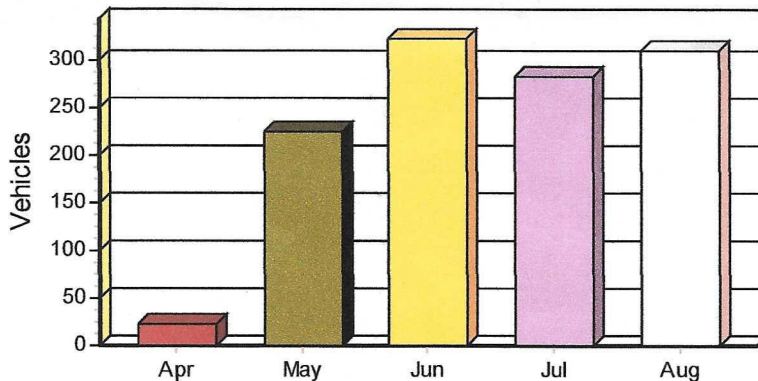
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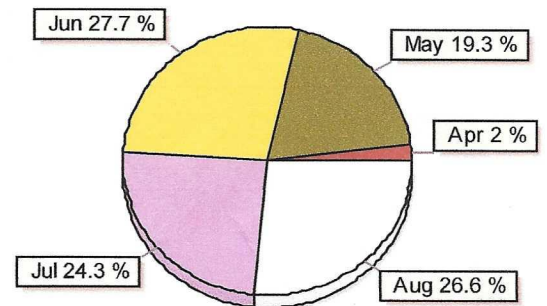
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May	6,988	31.0	225.4	9.4	1,577.9	1,198.8	390.6	23.8%
June	9,717	30.0	323.9	13.5	2,267.3	1,588.2	682.3	33.2%
July	8,808	31.0	284.1	11.8	1,988.9	1,449.3	535.3	30.1%
August	3,736	12.0	311.1	13.0	2,177.4	1,563.6	615.5	12.7%
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>29,304</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>275.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1,929.1</b>	<b>1,391.9</b>	<b>536.9</b>	

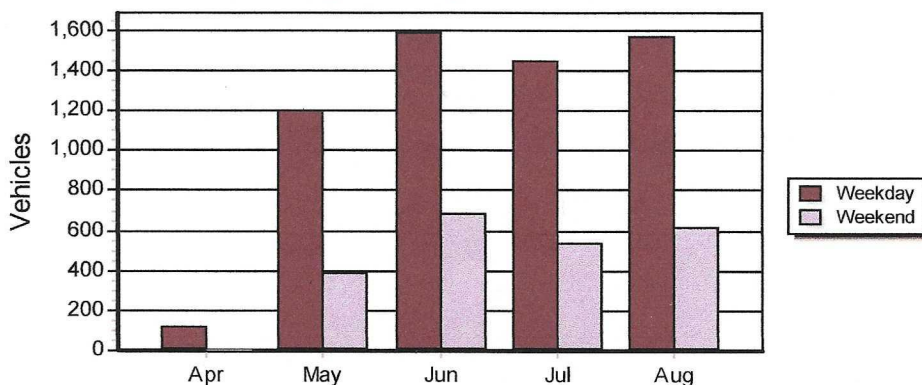
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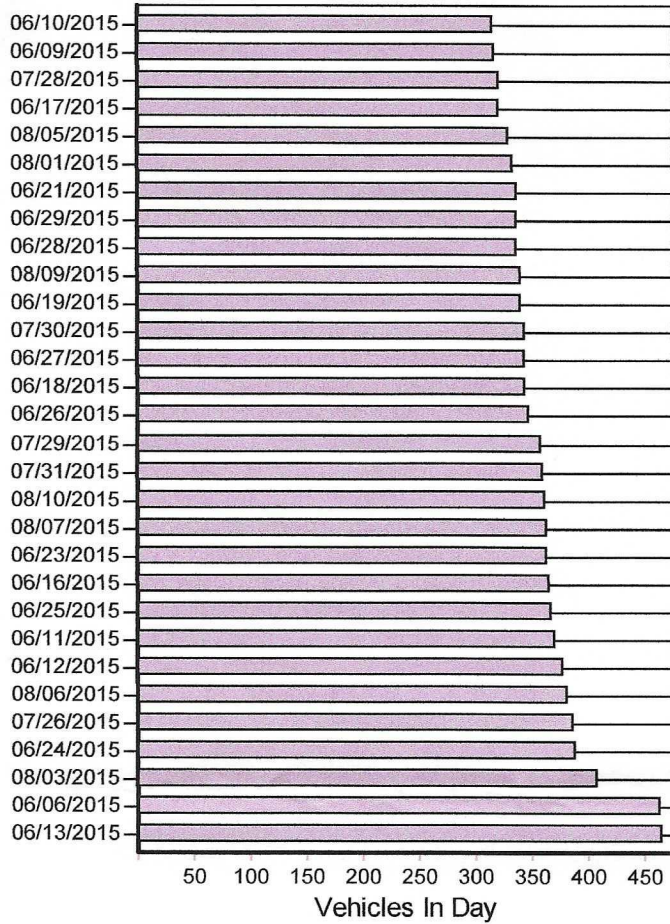
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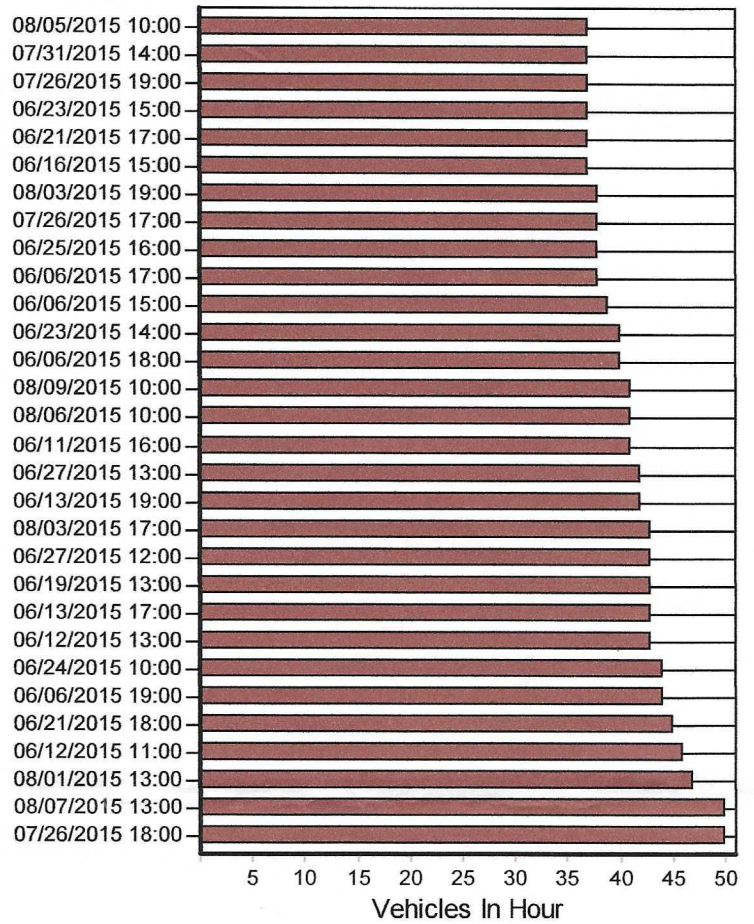
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### Highest Daily Traffic Ranks



### Highest Hourly Traffic Ranks



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806 S. Main Street, Yreka,

September 23, 2016

**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Z-14-01 and UP-11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker,

I have several concerns about the proposed expansion of the Kidder Orchard Camp. I am a retired civil engineer from the California Department of Transportation with 28 years of experience in the field of highway engineering and have owned a small cattle and horse ranch in French Creek in Scott Valley since 2000. Below is a list of my concerns:

1. Conflict with the Scott Valley Area Plan – as you know the Scott Valley Area Plan (SWAP) is a Siskiyou County planning document for managing growth and protecting the natural resources for the Scott Valley Watershed.
  - It was generated because “the citizens of Scott Valley became increasingly concerned about the continued changes in zoning that were being permitted by the County and subsequent developments. The citizens became concerned about their quality of life and their natural resources being depleted”. (SVAP page1 )
  - “A major premise of the planning approach is that if development is only allowed in a manner that will not deplete natural resources critical to the valley’s economy and quality of life, and if the natural physical forces are not disrupted, a rural lifestyle will be maintained, and adequate, less costly growth from the standpoint of providing public services will be accommodated.” (SVAP page1 )
  - For Greenview and Callahan Community Plans: “POLICY 22- Heavy and light industrial and commercial uses shall only be allowed in the areas designated as heavy commercial/industrial, provided adequate sewer and water facilities are available.” (SVAP page 19)
  - “Intensive development is precluded from the mountainous confines and much of the floor of the Scott Valley Watershed, and therefore channeled into existing urban areas which are more suited to accommodate intense growth.” (SVAP page 21)
  - “POLICY 31- Only agricultural, residential, open spaces, and small scale commercial, industrial, recreation uses, and public or quasi-public uses may be permitted.” (SVAP page 21)
  - “POLICY 32 – Residential, small scale commercial, industrial, recreational uses, and public and quasi-public uses may only be permitted when they are clearly compatible with the surrounding and planned uses of the land.” (SVAP page 21)
  - How can the proposed recreational camp of 884 guests and staff which will be larger than all the existing urban centers in Scott Valley be allowed by the Scott Valley Area Plan? I believe that this level of development is considered Industrial Recreation and certainly would not be considered to be small scale. How can this



level of development be "compatible with the surrounding and planned uses of the land" when it nears a rural residential neighborhood which was developed before implementation of the Scott Valley Area Plan? It is appropriate in a locality such as that of the "R Ranch" off Interstate 5 but not in the rural South Kidder Creek neighborhood. With all the staff and guest traffic plus service vehicles, buses, construction vehicles, in addition to waste disposal, water usage, and noise; this level of development is certainly major commercial industrialized recreation. This level of development is clearly not SMALL SCALE, nor is it in the confine of an established urban area and is not allowed by the Scott Valley Area Plan.

2. Traffic on South Kidder Creek Road - discrepancies found in the Traffic Impact Study for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp are as follows:

- The average speed on South Kidder Creek Road is not 55 mph as stated. Much of the road is curvilinear in the last mile of its two mile length.
- The Traffic Impact Study uses peak summer weekend traffic volumes as the existing traffic volumes in which to establish a "baseline" whereas the true "baseline" traffic volume including winter traffic levels would be much lower.
- The General Plan Circulation Element (GPCE) requires that the traffic elements of wildlife, pedestrians, and bicycles must be considered and were not accounted for in the Traffic Study. (GPCE page 6)
- The General Plan Circulation Element recommends that rural roads such as South Kidder Creek Road have a Level of Service B or better. (GPCE page 6 & 7)
- The Traffic Impact Study gives no formulas with associated variables in determining Level of Service but rather just tables with the end results which makes evaluation very difficult if not impossible.
- The Traffic Impact Study states that South Kidder Creek Road has a capacity of 2,000 VPH? That seems incorrect. In comparison, on pages 8 and 9 of the General Plan Circulation Element, an example calculation for service volumes for Level of Service A, C, and E for a rural road with 10' lanes gives the following results:

LOS A – 169 VPH or 1,408 ADT

LOS C- 538 VPH or 4, 482 ADT

LOS E- 1261 VPH or 10,513 ADT

How can this South Kidder Creek Road have a capacity of 2,000 for an allowable Level of Service of B or better when compared to these calculations in the General Plan Circulation Element?

- I performed calculations for ADT for South Kidder Creek Road for Level of Service(LOS) "B" and using Chapter 8 of the 1985 Highway Capacity Manual and the GPCE as reference and they are as follows:

$$\text{Service Flow Rate} = X,XXX * (V/C) * F_d * F_w * F_{hv}$$

The variables that I used calculate the upper limit of the Level of Service "B" for South Kidder Creek Road:

$$X,XXX = 2,000 \text{ (per GPCE page 6)} \times 0.92 \text{ (Peak Hour Factor per Table 8-3 HCM)} = 1840$$

$(V/C) = 0.19$ , assumes 60% no passing lanes and level terrain conditions. (Table 8-1 HCM)

$F_d = 0.83$ , assumes a 80/20 directional split. (Table 8-4 HCM)

$F_w = 0.58$ - this was the narrowest lane configuration (10 foot lanes) with 0 foot usable shoulders. (Table 8-5 HCM)

$F_{hv} = 1 / [1 + 0.05(2.2-1) + 0.05(2.5-1) + 0.20(2.0-1)] = 0.74$ , assumes 5% heavy trucks / 5% RV's / 20% buses in the traffic stream (EQ. 8-2 HCM)

$$1,840 * 0.19 * 0.83 * 0.58 * 0.74 = 124 \text{ Vehicles per Hour (VPH)}$$

(Much different than 2,000 VPH stated in the Kidder Creek Traffic Impact Study)

VPH (vehicles per hour) which per the General Plan Circulation Element, page 8, is assumed to be 12 percent of ADT.

$$\text{VPH} / 0.12 = \text{ADT allowed at LOS "B"}$$

$$124 / 0.12 = 1033 \text{ ADT allowed at LOS "B"}$$

In conclusion, 124 Vehicles Per hour (VPH) and 1033 Average Daily Traffic (ADT) are the limits to achieve a Level of Service "B" for South Kidder Creek Road. Traffic disruptions from numerous driveways and two connector roads were not taken into account in the calculations. This is lower than the 2,000 vehicles per hour (capacity) and the projected daily volume of 1,524 vehicles as stated in the Traffic Impact Study.

3. Personal experience living on French Creek - A professional grade traffic counter was installed by on French Creek Road in 2015 (see attached traffic count summary) and shows a maximum ADT of 475 vehicles and a maximum of 50 vehicles per hour as a result of increased from the JH Ranch summer traffic in 2015. At these levels, the residents of French Creek Road

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Michael Stapleton, PE  
5104 French Creek Road,  
Etna, CA 96027

# 2015 Yearly Site Summary: French Creek Road

## Station ID : French Creek Road

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Info Line 2 :

GPS Lat/Lon :

DB File : French Creek Road.DB

Last Connected Device Type : RoadRunner3

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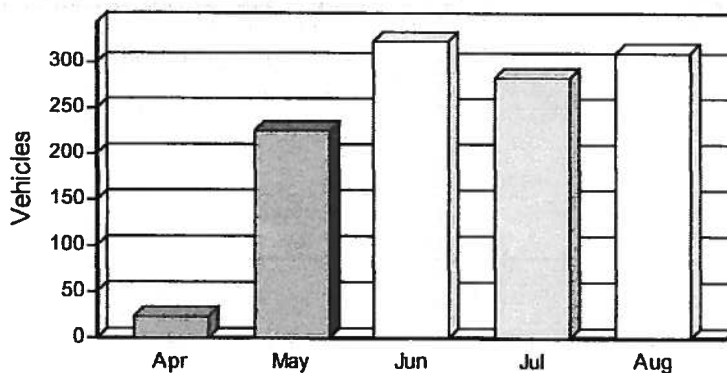
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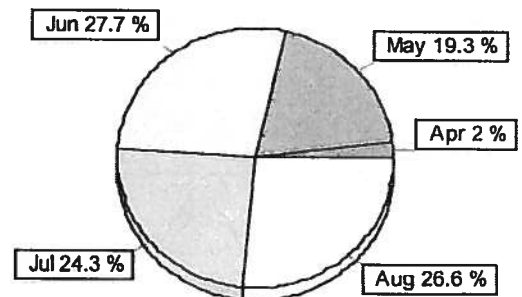
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Month	Total Count	Active Days	Average Day	Average Hour	Average Week	Average Weekdays	Average Weekends	Percent of Year
April	55	2.3	23.7	1.0	165.7	118.4	-	0.2%
May	6,988	31.0	225.4	9.4	1,577.9	1,198.8	390.6	23.8%
June	9,717	30.0	323.9	13.5	2,267.3	1,588.2	682.3	33.2%
July	8,808	31.0	284.1	11.8	1,988.9	1,449.3	535.3	30.1%
August	3,736	12.0	311.1	13.0	2,177.4	1,563.6	615.5	12.7%
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>29,304</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>275.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1,929.1</b>	<b>1,391.9</b>	<b>536.9</b>	

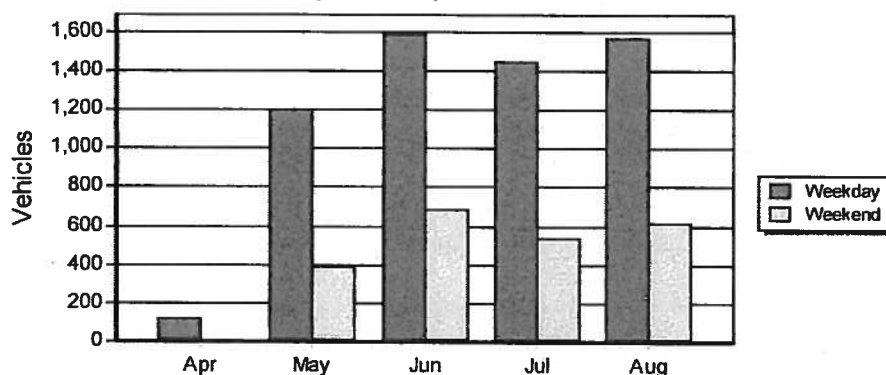
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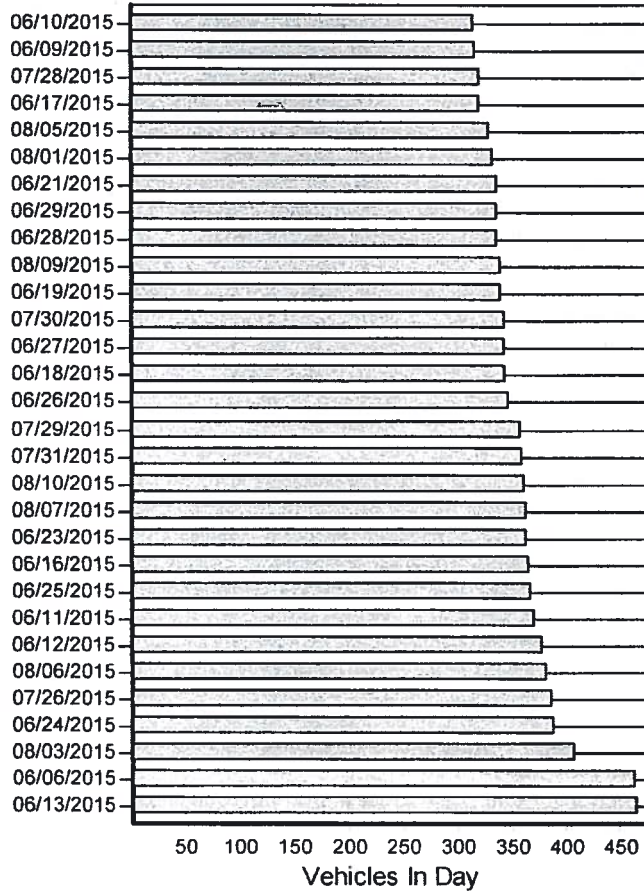
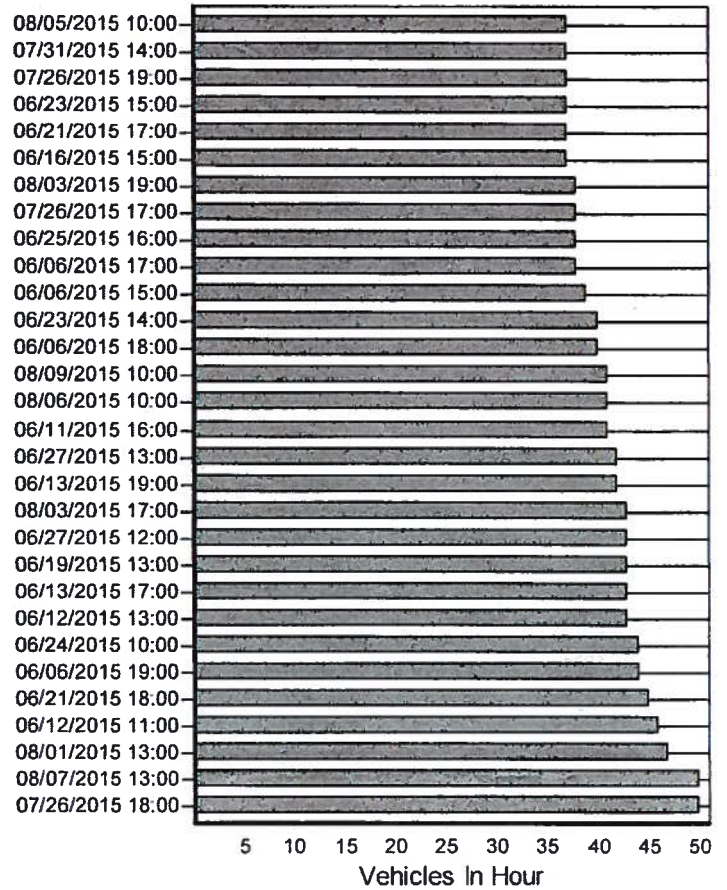
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Average Weekly Traffic





**Highest Daily Traffic Ranks****Highest Hourly Traffic Ranks**

Betsy Stapleton  
5104 French Creek Rd.  
Etna, Ca. 96027

July 9, 2018

Board of Supervisors  
Siskiyou County  
510 North Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

VIA EMAIL TO BOARD CLERK

RE: July 10, 2018 Agenda Item 5A – Contract with ECORP Consulting to Prepare the Environmental Impact Report for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp

Dear Supervisors:

I am opposed to approval of the Contract with ECORP Consulting (ECORP), as it is currently written, to prepare the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (KCOC) for the reasons I will summarize in this letter.

I have several reasons for my opposition to the contract as written, though I strongly concur with the need for further environmental analysis to the existing mitigated negative declaration to fully understand the impact of the proposed project, and for the County to make informed and appropriate environmental and land use decisions. I will comment on those portions of the contract that I find most concerning.

The first is ECORP's proposal to make the project's cumulative impact analysis "limited in scope" without describing those limitations. Scott Valley is experiencing substantive develop pressures on multiple fronts- KCPC, JH, Scott River Lodge, and multiple Agri-tourism ventures (some of which are quite large in scope). These, in total, have the potential to incrementally and substantially change the rural character of Scott Valley, impact air and water quality, and have cumulative impacts on traffic. In addition, many of the development entities are a "non-profit" business structure, and as such, their cumulative impact on County tax revenues and the County's ability to deliver services to the community may well be significant. The intention of Scott Valley's guiding land use planning document, the Scott Valley Area Plan, is to preserve Scott Valley's rural character and economy, and evaluating this project's impact, in total with other prosed development, is essential

ECORP appears to be proposing to limit the cumulative impact analysis based on the CEQA guideline 15355 (b) that states "... the incremental impact of the project when added closely related past, present or reasonably foreseeable future projects". Scott Valley is a community and ecological unit that functions in entirety, and all projects and

actions in this stand-alone portion of the County incrementally and cumulatively affect each other. Traffic, backcountry usage, air-pollution, ground and surface water usage, sewage all have incremental and cumulative impacts.

The incremental and cumulative impact of the Valley's currently proposed developments (not to mention those yet to come) must be evaluated in order to understand their impacts to the Scott Valley Area Plan. This proposal, alone, is to increase occupancy at Kidder Camp from 165 to 844. The project's new occupancy would exceed that of Fort Jones (686) or Etna (714), the other proposed developments also exceed the population of the existing developed areas, and all are proposed outside of the Scott Valley Area Plan's defined development areas. All the proposals alone have the potential to alter the rural character of the Valley, and incrementally and cumulatively convert our agricultural community to a designation resort. These impacts must be considered.

The second area of concern is what appears to be an overall intention in the proposal to limit the publics' and public trust agencies' ability to participate in commenting on the project and environmental analysis. The following portions of the proposed process appear to display this intention:

1. The suggestion that the submitted comments from the original project proposal be accepted as sufficient for a newly rewritten project description. How can the previous comments be considered as adequate for a project for which the public and agencies have not had an opportunity to review the project description? What will the new description contain? This is unknown and the public and trust agencies must have time to evaluate and comment on the new description. Additionally, the original project description was circulated two years ago. What if there are new residents to make comments, or new court rulings or regulations to take under consideration? A newly written project proposal requires an entirely new public scoping process.
2. The option of having the only public meeting be that of a "neighborhood meeting". What does this mean? Will those who live in the Valley, but not in the "neighborhood" (what is the definition of neighborhood?) not be invited to attend? I would posit that the entire Scott valley is the neighborhood, and this needs to be explicitly acknowledged.
3. The "Exhibit A" statement that ECORP will that " ...help ensure that the effort meets with the County's and applicant's needs..." There is no indication that the effort will be designed to meet the public or community needs.
4. The lack of notice to the many parties who did comment on the original project proposal about this contract.

On a positive note, I was pleased to see Task 7, and the explicit intention to develop a mitigation monitoring and enforcement plan. As experience with the multiple unpermitted developments that are currently proceeding in Scott Valley, having clearly spelled out mitigations with funded, enforceable mitigation plans with sufficient embedded penalties to act as a deterrent to violating then is an essential component of land use planning.

I ask the County to require a rewritten contract that ensures that incremental and cumulative impacts are fully evaluated and that a transparent and public process is undertaken.

Thank you for consideration of my comments,

Betsy Stapleton

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## COMMENTS

So wonderful to have this camp, for the children. Very much needed. (3)

## NAME

Carol Staudé

## ADDRESS

Box 247 Fort Jones

## SIGNATURE

Carol Staudé

## DATE

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*Kidder Creek*



To County Planning Commisioners,

Hello! My name is Peter Stephens, and I'm writing to support the planned expansion of Kidder Creek Camp. I think that this would be an incredible benefit to both the camp and its mission and also to the surrounding community.

I worked at Kidder Creek this past summer as a counselor, river guide, and lifeguard. At Kidder Creek I found a staff and program that was completely dedicated to improving the lives of kids that came through for weeklong stays. The staff there was very encouraging of my own progress both in faith and in life. Everyone was sacrificing a lot; their time, their health, and finances to impact these kids lives and hopefully give them one of the most memorable experiences of their childhood. The outdoor challenges that the kids get to experience are incredible; from high ropes courses, whitewater rafting, bmx biking, and all sorts of other high adventure experiences that kids of the internet age often do not get to experience.

I came to this camp knowing very little about it, except that it was God centered and adventure oriented. What I did not expect was a community that would help build me up in my walk with God and encourage me to overcome my fears. I joined the camp knowing that for years I had been unable to trust community and that I was almost incapable of speaking; I was so mute due to a lack of trust in people. But the camp gave me grace and opportunities aplenty to begin to tear down the barriers that had separated me from other people for most of my life. I am being vague, I know, but the impact that this camp had on me cannot be understated, and I know that this was true for many other people as well. I can say this for certain since many of the kids coming through my cabin this summer were from broken homes, and many had breakthroughs in their time at Kidder. I remember one 17 year old guy who acted so tough for most of the week, and verbally assaulted his cabin mates as well as myself. But on the final night of his stay, after a powerful message, he broke down, called for a cabin group hug, and promised to be a better man. There are many more stories like this that happen every single week at Kidder. What happens there can push kids out of pain into a vibrant relationship with God and their community.

Many locals go to and enjoy the camps and facilities at Kidder Creek. With expanded facilities, Kidder Creek would be able to reach out to even more kids and have even more awesome adventures for them to go on. The leadership at Kidder Creek is very concerned with how the camp interacts with the community, and I think this expansion would be a huge blessing to the people of Scott Valley. It would bring more travelers through Scott Valley, helping to improve business and bring a bigger name to the area. But most importantly it would create healthier, more full lives through God's grace. I truly hope that this Kidder Creek expansion will be approved.

Sincerely,

Peter Stephens  
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(408) 859-6914

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County of Siskiyou Planning Department  
Attn: Vurl Trytten  
806 S. Main St.  
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October 5, 2016

Dear Sir;

I am writing today to encourage the planning department to approve the Master Site Plan and Revised Use Permit submitted by Kidder Creek Camps.

For twelve years my wife and I have volunteered our efforts at the camp because we have seen the positive influence on the children and young adults who have enjoyed a summer camping experience there, including several of our grandchildren.

Scott Valley and Siskiyou County have so much to offer in the way of natural beauty and to expose more campers to this outdoor environment is truly a good thing. I am impressed with the supportive efforts of many folks in the valley in helping the camp succeed. Kidder Creek is an awesome asset for the county.

I am impressed with the way the camp staff have managed the land they possess. Their future is solid and with the approval of the county planners both camp and county benefit.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John W. Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John W. Stewart  
1717 Crosby Lane  
Redding, CA 96003



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## COMMENTS

Kidder Creek has provided the opportunity for countless children to find encouragement in a safe, clean environment. Has been great for our own family!

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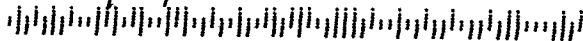
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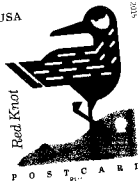
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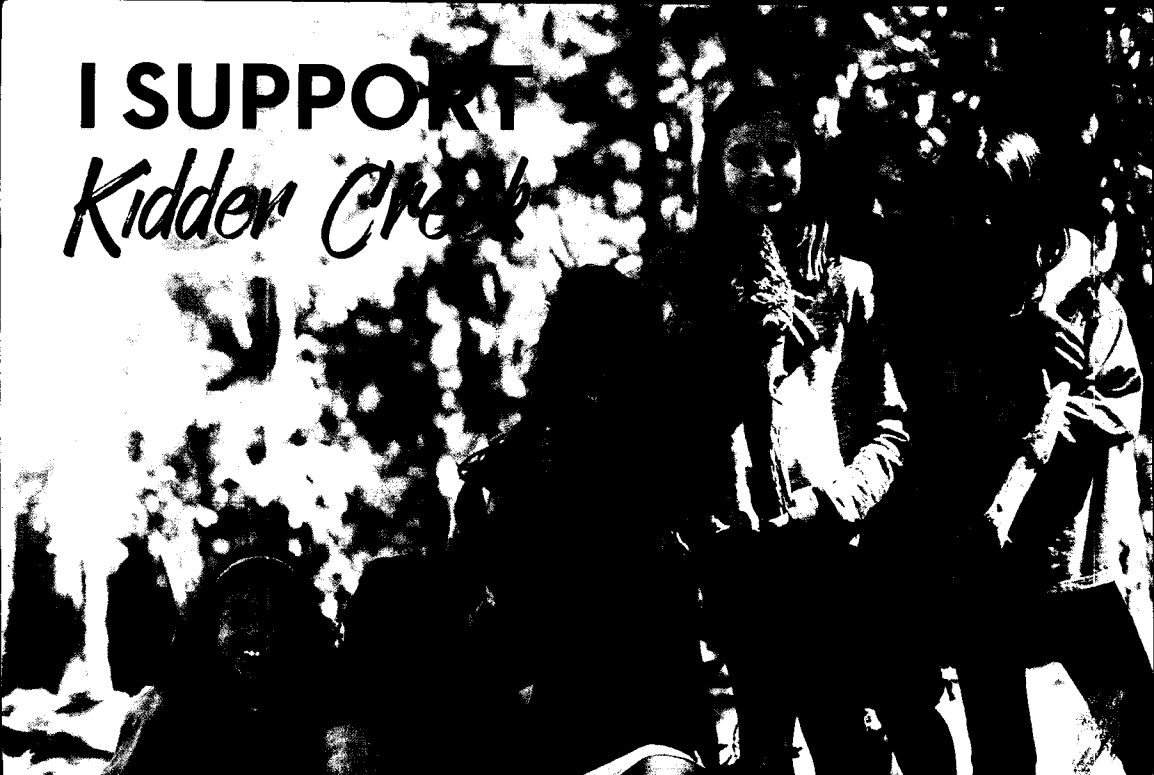
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## COMMENTS

*I have seen tremendous results on children from this camp*

## NAME

*LINA TALLERICO*

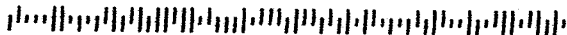
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## *Kidder Creek*



Re: Zone Change  
Z-14-01  
Use Permit UP 11-15



Kaletta Tasem  
P.O. Box 520  
Fort Jones, CA 96032-0520

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Dear Mr. Walker:

I am one of the owners of land that Kidder Creek Camp wants easement over for emergency use. I firmly believe that should they get their amended use permit and zone change that my property will become another route in and out of the camp should S. Kidder Creek Rd become too busy. I don't see how the county or the landowners of the properties could even enforce emergency use only.

My husband bought our property on Patterson Creek Rd around 40 years ago. The family has even camped on the property and one of our sons plans on building on our land just west of the road. I ask why after all these years should my family's rights be shoved aside to the resort of an out of county entity in the interest of profit.

The purpose of the original easement granted to Fruit Gowers was for utilities and occasional use by logging trucks. It was never intended to be additional access for a resort that would supposedly accommodate 800+ people, including winter use.

Kidder Creek Camp envisions a beautiful year around resort—not just a Christian camp for summer. The related traffic would be hard put to use just the current S. Kidder Creek Road. Just the number of clients, not to mention vendors would over burden the area. The supposed emergency easement would be needed for overflow. And what/who would enforce improper use of the easement?

What about the water and sewer plans? Do they really not damage the land and water quality. Who will oversee? And what about a heavy snow load. The likes that hit Quartz Valley about 5-6 years ago.

Please carefully consider the people of the area that this facility impacts. The way of life we have had for decades and even brought into recently; the quality of day to day living that will be impacted as the resort grows. And what about the Scott Valley Area Plan? Are we going to be forced in to another JH Ranch situation?

Please consider the people who live in Scott Valley and the area of the Kidder Creek Camp. Are you going to protect local interests or those of an "Outside" entity with plenty of funds yet is able to remain non-profit.

Sincerely,

Kaletta Lasem

P.O. Box 520

Fort Jones, CA 96032

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MAP IN BOOK 5

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October 4, 2016  
Siskiyou County Community Development  
Planning Division  
Attention: Brett Walker, AICP  
806 South Main  
Yreka, CA 96097

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Thanks for your time, Murry A. Taylor



## Brett Walker

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**From:** Murry Taylor <murrytay@sisqtel.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 04, 2016 4:32 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14 -- and Use Permit UP 11-15

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important issue, Murry Taylor

Please feel free to contact me anytime regarding this

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## Brett Walker

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**From:** Rose <roseword@dcn.org>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 18, 2016 5:46 AM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Orchard Expansion Plans

Dear Brett Walker:

Most Siskiyou County citizens want economic prosperity in their county, but not at the cost of quality life or threat to public safety of its citizens. Most people living on Kidder Creek Road moved to this area for the quality of life that it affords and they do not want either their quality of life, nor their public safety to be compromised.

Below are just some of the concerns and negative impacts that the expansion of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp will have on the residence who live on Kidder Creek:

- 1) A major increase of vehicular traffic (up to 1500 + cars per day.
- 2) No passable emergency exit road in case of fire
- 3) Much more noise and air pollution
- 4) No adequate sewage treatment/water quality for the expansion of up to 844 people per day, compared to the 164 people per day.
- 5) Not consistent with Scott Valley area planning
- 6) May encourage other camp expansions
- 7) Adequate oversight and enforcement of any mitigations

I'm encouraging your planning department to do its job and represent the legitimate concerns of these Siskiyou County citizens by denying this over 500% increase expansion project.

Sincerely,  
Rose Taylor/Siskiyou County Resident

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## COMMENTS

KIDDER CREEK IS AN INCREDIBLE PLACE THAT HAS CHANGED MY LIFE!

## NAME

ABIGAIL TRAVIS

## ADDRESS

114 DALE AVE. FT. JONES, CA

## SIGNATURE



## DATE

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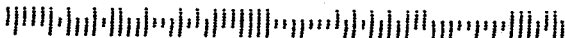
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# I SUPPORT

## *Kidden Creek*





## *Scott Valley Berean Church*

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svbc@sisqtel.net

November 18, 2016

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To the County of Siskiyou Planning Department,

I am writing this letter in support of the proposed Master Plan for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. I have been a long time supporter of KCOC as I grew up in Scott Valley. I worked at the camp and my children have attended and worked at the camp. KCOC has provided positive experiences for me and my family. I am the pastor at Scott Valley Berean Church. I have served in this capacity since 2002. I am supportive of the message and mission of KCOC. I have been working with a young boy in Fort Jones for the last two years. His father is in prison. KCOC offered him a free week at camp last summer. This week at camp was instrumental in helping this boy make positive choices in his life. There are many negative forces fighting against our way of life in Scott Valley. Since my parents moved to Scott Valley in 1959 I have witnessed threatening issues on every side. Adverse environmental regulations are threatening the agriculture and timber industries. Marijuana cultivation is having a negative impact on young people. School populations are declining due to the lack of employment. Many store fronts are boarded up due to diminishing dollars in Siskiyou County. In this economic climate some are unwisely pushing a "no-growth" agenda in Scott Valley and Siskiyou County. KCOC is being mis-characterized, in my opinion, as contributing to traffic jams, destroying water resources and downgrading the quality of life in Scott Valley. I believe KCOC contributes to the quality of life in Scott Valley. The camp positively impacts young people in the valley. Parents who transport kids to and from camp spend money here. The camp employs people here in Scott Valley and spends money here in Scott Valley.

No doubt some are generalizing KCOC with JH Ranch. This is unfair and inaccurate. I have personally asked the founder of JH Ranch to be more considerate of the neighbors, the community and Siskiyou County authorities. Those requests have largely fallen on deaf ears. I agree with the message of JH Ranch but not the way in which it has been carried out. I believe KCOC has carried out their message and mission in a way that has been respectful of the community and county authorities. I believe KCOC has a positive impact in our community. I strongly encourage the approval of their Master Plan.

Sincerely,

Pastor Drew Travis  
Scott Valley Berean Church  
(530) 467-3715



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Emily Travis  
PO Box 869  
Fort Jones, CA 96032

Dear Siskiyou County Planning Commissioners,

My name is Emily Travis and my family moved me to Siskiyou County 13 years ago when I was 8 years old. I went to elementary school and high school in the Scott Valley and spent many summers at Kidder Creek Camp. As you know Kidder Creek Camp hires a few full time positions and many seasonal positions to run their summer-time programs that impact many kids throughout Siskiyou County, California and beyond. Kidder Creek personally had a huge impact on my life as a child spiritually and by teaching me to have a deep love and respect for the outdoors. We traveled to Carter Meadows my first summer at camp where we slept under the stars and ate dinner from a campfire while learning about God, nature and the constellations around us.

It is my understanding that Kidder Creek is making changes to positively impact their programs and I am writing this letter to show my support of their cause as a community member.

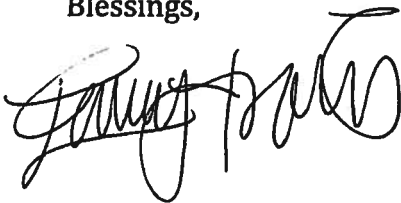
Being an active community member I know that there is often tension towards change and potential for traffic and impact on the environment. Being extra sensitive to these issues I can understand the legitimate concerns but I also know that the employees of Kidder Creek Camp also being community members hold the

same standard for being good stewards of the environment and local business and families because these things directly impact them.

I now live in Fort Jones and work in Yreka and Scott Valley for Fire Rescue and Emergency Services. Every day I see the impact of drugs, alcohol, and poverty in Siskiyou County, which becomes a viscous cycle among community members and families. I believe in any program that brings young kids into nature, away from their typical environment and begins patterns of positive recreation in their lives. I strongly believe that planting good seeds in the hearts of children and making a positive impact on them at a young age will help prevent many cases of addiction and crime in Siskiyou County.

Thank you for your time and the work you do in our community that I know we all deeply treasure. I hope that you can consider my input on the matters regarding Kidder Creek Camp.

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Emily Travis', with a stylized, cursive script.

Emily Travis



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North Hollywood, CA 91602

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To Whom It May Concern—

We have observed KCCC from the beginning. We have appreciated the vision of the Jones' for a place where children & teens can learn to appreciate God, His creation, & others, seeking to learn to live better lives. Several of our kids (& now grandkids) have attended the camp & ~~later~~ later worked there in various capacities—also learning more about the benefits of doing hard work well. We now laud the Warkers, Lloyds & Ottos as they continue this honorable tradition.

Sincerely

Wb & Liz Travis

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## Kidder Creek Questionnaire

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victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

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peoples' lives, and we would love for you to share your  
thoughts by answering the questions below.

1. How has Kidder Creek impacted your relationship with  
Christ?

Kidder Creek has impacted my relationship  
with Christ by bringing me closer to Jesus through  
the time of worship there and the amazing activities  
they have to offer. The time spent in dedication to  
God was impactful and insightful and I'll remember my  
time spent there for my whole life.

2. How do you think Kidder Creek has positively impacted  
the surrounding communities?

Kidder Creek has positively impacted  
the surrounding community by bringing believers  
and non believers closer together. They are very  
hospitable and generous in some of the ways  
they offer their facilities.

Name Jake Turner

Town Yreka

County of Siskiyou Planning Department  
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October 1, 2016

Dear Sir:

This letter is to express our strong support for Kidder Creek Camp for their contribution to our community in the past, and for their plans for future expansion of their programs and facilities for the purpose of being able to reach more young people with the Good News about God's love and His plan for their lives. As residents of Scott Valley for 40 years, it has been a joy to us to watch their camp outreach grow to influence the lives of more and more children. We have been blessed by the opportunities we have had to participate personally as volunteers with Kidder Creek Camp for various camp programs throughout the years, and also to see our own children attend camps and benefit from this special time. We're looking forward to our grandchildren also enjoying, and learning from their camping experience in the very near future.

In these days with so many negative influences on our youth community, it is a great joy to know that Kidder Creek Camp is working hard in so many ways to invest in the lives of our young people, giving them experiences which enrich their self-esteem, their motivation for positive goals, and the knowledge that they are cared about and loved. As you are aware, all these are factors which help prevent children from being at risk for elements which can negatively affect our community, such as drug and alcohol addiction, truancy, and violence.

We would like to encourage you to share and support the vision that we have for our community. We want Scott Valley to be a place where good things happen, and lives can be changed for a positive influence upon our valley, our county, and our world. We ask for your support for the Kidder Creek Master Site Plan Project.

Thank you very sincerely for your time and consideration of this.



Linda Uwekoolani

Stan and Linda Uwekoolani  
430 Woodland St.  
Etna, CA 96027

# I SUPPORT Kidder Creek



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**COMMENTS** We especially look forward to our grandchildren making many happy memories at Kidder C. Camp!

**NAME** Stan & Linda Uwekoolan

**ADDRESS** 430 Woodland St.  
Etna, CA 96027

**SIGNATURE**

Linda Uwekoolan

**DATE**

9/26/16

Stan Uwekoolan

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Dear Planning Commissioners  
I LOVE Kidder creek my mom and  
I had a great time at mother  
Daughter camp The staff was  
great and we made lots of  
new friends.

Thank you for your work,

Gina Valladares



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Dear Planning Commissioners,

My name is Jessica Valladares. I live in Scott Valley and have grown up going to Kidder Creek Camp. At first as a camper and then later as staff. I now send my daughters there so they can experience the joy and love of Christ lived out through the staff, just like I did. I learned so much from the time I spent at camp. A great work ethic, how to be a good citizen and great family values that have served me well as I raise my young family. These are things that are so needed in our community and that is one of the reasons that this camp is such a valuable resource for our community. They hire local young people from Siskiyou

county who are joined by youth from all over, who all just want to give kids and families a great experience. These kids are learning and growing into our future. What a blessing that we have a place like Kidder, growing them up well.

We would ask you to please consider allowing them to do more of this great work. I know our family would like to enjoy more time at Kidder creek for more of the year.

Thank you, for all your work on this project!

Jessica Valladares

*Jessica Valladares*

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Dear Planning Commissioners,

I Loved Day Camps and  
riding ponies at Fall Fest!

MARY

Mary Valladares  
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Dear Planning Comissioners,

I Love Kidder Creek Camp!

And I Loved day camp so much  
this year. The first week of day  
camp was so exciting and fun.

The second week I had my cousin  
come, her name is Lyndi. Next year

I hope I can go to Mother Draughter.

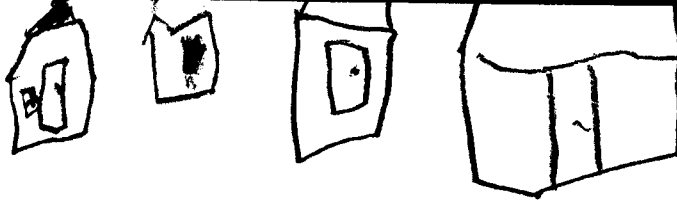
Camp. Thank you for your work!

Sincerely,

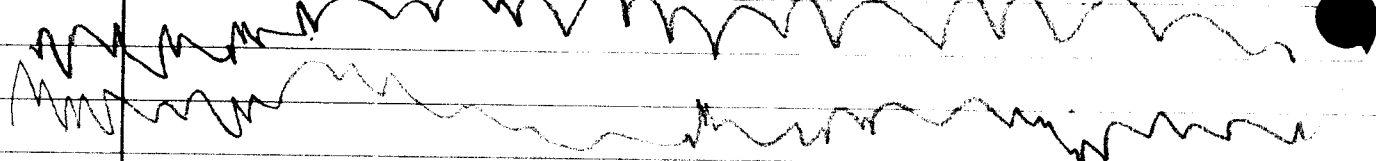
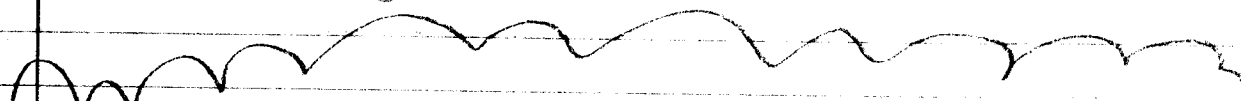
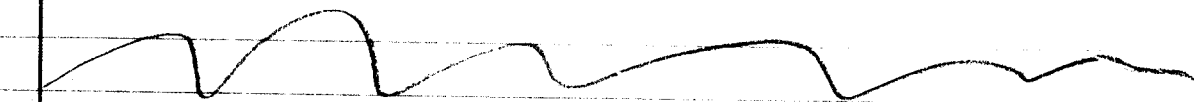
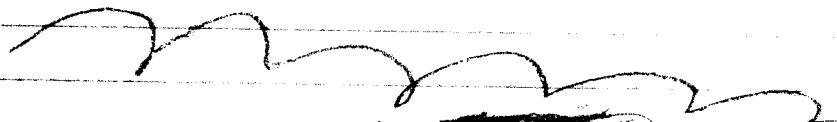
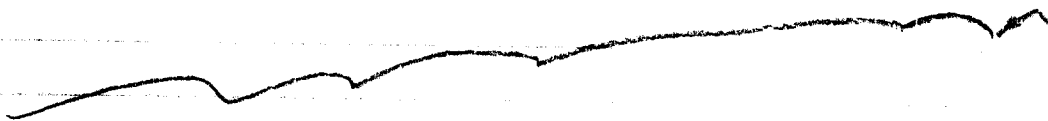
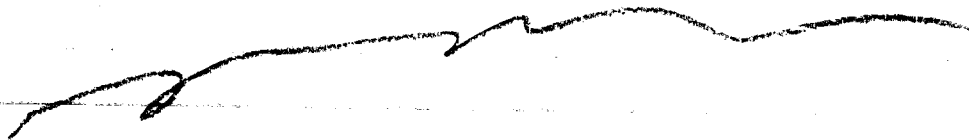
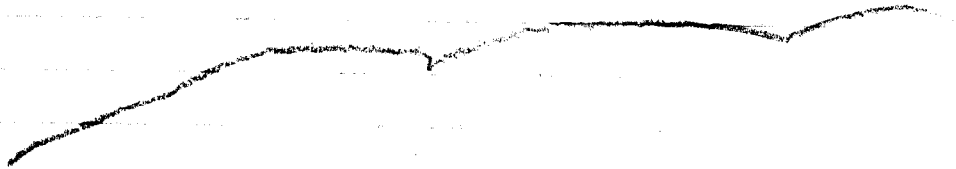
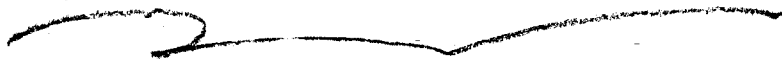
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Sara Lee Valladares  
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## Brett Walker

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**From:** Dolly Verrue <dolly.verrue@live.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 6:43 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Subject:** Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Request

Please place consideration of this request on hold until:

- Details of plans have been fully defined by Mt. Hermon of Santa Cruz and vetted;
- The impact to the County as a result of the loss of tax dollars due to the 'non-profit status' of this organization have been assessed and funding found to replace it without burdening the taxpayers of Siskiyou County;
- The impact of greatly increased traffic on Kidder Creek has been analyzed to ensure the safety of current residents is not jeopardized. This assessment should include widening of road to ensure it will support emergency two-way traffic, placement of appropriate warning signs at blind corners, re-assessment of safe speeds, and plans to staff law enforcement to enforce traffic laws.
- A complete EIR is performed to determine the impact on sewage/water quality downstream and reviewed by the public for input;
- A safe emergency exit is identified that will handle the expected and planned occupation of all campers without jeopardizing the neighboring residents that also use those roads. This road needs to be in the same condition as Kidder Creek Road to ensure emergency evacuation will not be put at risk; and,
- Adequate enforcement and mitigation of any mitigations cited and agreed to IF this moves forward.

Thank you,  
*Dolly Verrue*  
Dolly Verrue  
1615 Patterson Creek Road  
Etna, CA 96027

COMMENTS REGARDING KIDDER ORCHARD CREEK CAMP  
PROPOSED ZONE CHANGE 2-14-0 and USE PERMIT UP 11-15

SCOTT VALLEY AREA PLAN

As a long time resident of Scott Valley I believe the proposal violates the intent, goals, and guidelines set forth in the Scott Valley Area Plan. The approval of the planned permit will violate the trust of the residents who overwhelmingly voted for the SVAP, and establish a dangerous precedent opening the floodgates to future development and exploitation.

Although not specifically worded in the SVAP, the intent as expressed by some of the original developers of the Plan was to treat both JH Ranch and KCOC (and a few other businesses) as pre-existing non-conforming uses that could continue to operate, but not expand. I believe this is confirmed in statements to you by Murray Taylor and Dan Deppen, both individuals having served on the committee that developed the SVAP.

Additionally, the stated goals of the SVAP were to direct and limit intense development, large population, and industrial growth to the existing spheres of influence of the towns Ft Jones, Greenvew, Callahan, and Etna. While all large scale industrial and commercial uses were not defined it can be inferred from the document itself by looking at the existing populations of Ft Jones (527) and Etna (720) in 1980 to see that the KCOC proposal of 844 exceeds the definition of large scale. Furthermore when looking at the large scale industries that were exempt--timber products, agricultural production, and mining--there is no mention of large scale industrial recreation being exempt from the SVAP. When one considers the impact of traffic, the consumption of water, production of waste material, impact on wildlife, and increased population density, there is no doubt that such an expansion qualifies as large scale, and is prohibited by the SVAP.

The first of five major goals in the SVAP is to protect prime agricultural land and it states: "prime agricultural land must be protected from non-compatible or intense development." The map accompanying the SVAP shows that much of KCOC is located in prime agricultural land. This is one more reason that the planned expansion is prohibited by the SVAP.

The second major goal is to protect critical deer wintering range. Although Kidder Creek is not identified on the map as deer wintering range, it provides a critical and essential migration corridor for many species of birds and mammals both during the spring and fall. It is one of the few migratory corridors from the Marble Mountains to Scott Valley. I believe that the wildlife survey attached to the planned proposal was totally inadequate in time and area surveyed.

If this planned development is approved it will seriously weaken the SVAP and set a precedent for further development and exploitation of the resources and rural lifestyle that the SVAP was created to protect. Additionally it will set in motion a process where other tax exempt organizations can buy land and remove a significant source of revenue to the county.

TRAFFIC IMPACT

South Kidder Creek Road is a lightly traveled dead-end road that has a significant amount of pedestrian usage. Even the USFS uses the road to test fitness of firefighters by carrying a weighted vest in a time trial. Because of the light amount of traffic many people use the road for exercise walking, and numerous residents of the adjacent subdivision make a daily loop walk encompassing South Kidder Loop and a portion of South Kidder Creek Rd.

The west section of South Kidder Loop Road has a very dangerous intersection with South Kidder Creek Rd where a rock wall and vegetation growth obliterate visibility of oncoming traffic unless pulling out into the flow of oncoming traffic. There are several other blind intersections of private driveways entering the road that are potential hazards with projected increased traffic. And finally there are many homes along South Kidder Creek Road whose owners would be subjected to unimaginable misery due to the huge projected traffic increase.

#### WILDFIRES

Cal Fire requires a secondary access road that meets minimum standards. It is unclear from the proposal whether KCOC actually has a deeded easement to such a road, and whether it has been brought up to the required standards. The proposal is to use an existing road that goes up over the divide and descends into Patterson Creek Road. Regardless of what position Cal Fire takes about the suitability of the road, I have to seriously question the wisdom of trying to escape an engulfing fire by ascending a divide or ridge. Most wildfires start by lightning strikes on a ridge or hill and then descend. To attempt escaping by ascending is like the proverbial leap from the frying pan to the fire. Also it is common knowledge that a fire will usually run uphill faster than downhill.

Because of the prolonged state-wide drought wildfires now behave very differently than in the past, and spread with explosive rapidity. One need only look at how quickly the Weed fire engulfed that town a couple of years ago, or the more recent fire at the north end of Yreka, or some of the catastrophic fires in the southern part of the state this year. KCOC is in a firetrap surrounded by fuel at the end of a dead-end road with no quick escape because part of the road is narrow, very curved, and with much fuel right to road's edge. The only feasible escape route would be a bridge over Kidder Creek. Even if Cal Fire approves the secondary road, the planning department and the supervisors have the ultimate responsibility for the protection of residents and visitors to our county.

#### EFFLUENT WASTE

The planned expansion proposes that, with the exception of the dining room, all human wastes of 844 people will be handled by a series of septic systems. No doubt the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board will express strong disapproval of such a plan. Imagine if the town of Etna made such a proposal.

#### TOTALITY OF IMPACT

This plan should not be looked at in isolation, but be considered in light of the cumulative effect of three similar operations (JH, Scott River Lodge, and KCOC) dumping over a thousand people a day all year long on our roads, rivers, streams, mountains, and valley--under proposed permits. This tax-free, commercial exploitation will expand exponentially if the KCOC permit is approved.

Thank you for giving consideration to my comments. I urge you to reject this proposal, and help safeguard this precious, unique place called Scott Valley.

Signed-- A. J. "Bob" Wagner, POB 518, Etna, CA



Brett Walker Sr.  
Planner Planning Division  
Siskiyou County Community Development Dept.  
806 S. Main Street Yreka,

RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Z-14-01 and UP-11-15

Dear Mr. Walker

I am a property owner on South Kidder Loop located off Kidder Creek Road, my only way in and out of my property. I am opposed to the expansion and I have the following concerns regarding application of the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp/Mt Hermon.

Rural nature vs. a large urban area: I live in the rural area of Scott Valley to enjoy the rural lifestyle that is characterized by lack of traffic, noise and crowds. It is a place where I have the ability to walk on the roads and observe wildlife in a native environment. Please maintain the rural nature of the area where I live.

Traffic Issues: It may not seem important to some but there are 2-3 groups of quail that make their home on Kidder Creek Road. They wander and meander just as the people, dogs and horses do. Increasing traffic on the country road is a problem. Two years ago I was driving home going a slow speed vs. the posted 55 miles per hour. I look in my rear view mirror and there is a bus that is barreling down on me. It gets so close all I can see is the buses bumper. How a traffic study can suggest that the road can accommodate 1,000 plus cars an hour makes me wonder about the validity of the study. Please do a better review of the study especially at the pinch point where the road becomes more narrow and curving.

When driving and I come to the intersection of South Kidder Loop into Kidder Creek Rd. I encounter a blind corner. I must creep into the road very slowly before I can see if a vehicle is coming from the west. I have noted that those that live on Kidder Creek Rd drive that stretch more slowly than those that are going in and out to the KCOC. It is not safe. Please check out the road.

Please maintain the Scott Valley Area Plan.

Thanks for your consideration.

Freda Walker  
Box 468  
Etna CA

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## Kidder Creek Questionnaire

I Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Kidder Creek has been an influential part in numerous  
peoples' lives, and we would love for you to share your  
thoughts by answering the questions below.

1. How has Kidder Creek impacted your relationship with  
Christ?

Kidder Creek has been a ~~very~~ very  
supportive source of a christian presence  
in our community. They make my self  
and the individuals that attend strengthen  
our relationships with Christ. My relationship  
with Christ is all the better because  
of the great people who take their time  
to enrich mine.

2. How do you think Kidder Creek has positively impacted  
the surrounding communities?

Kidder provides many opportunities for  
the surrounding community. From giving  
people ~~in~~ around Etna a discount for their  
camps to allowing groups to come and use  
their facilities for a very cheap price

Name

James Ward

Town

Yieka  
138 S. Lange Way

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## COMMENTS

*Our kids have benefited from being campers, counselors, & staff at Kidder. They benefit our community by teaching foundational truth to kids.*

## NAME

*Jann E. Ward*

## ADDRESS

*138 S. Lange Way  
Yreka, CA 96097*

## SIGNATURE

*Jann E Ward*

DATE



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Christ?

It has shown me to stand out.

It was fun for my family when  
we camped out there.

2. How do you think Kidder Creek has positively impacted  
the surrounding communities?

It's impacted them to come to Kidder  
creek.

Name Thomas Ward

Town Yreka

Dear Planning Commissioners,  
I support Kidder Creek expanding.  
I live right next to the camp it is wonderful  
to go up and see all the smiling faces. When  
I went to camp I had the time of my  
life. Over seven days we all became like  
family. We had ~~smores~~, played cards, great counselors,  
great food and slept under the stars. Kids need  
camp! It's sad when it closes every fall.  
I would love to see people here more often.  
Kidder Creek is just a property without the  
kids.

Sincerely  
Sily  
Horton

## Vurl Trytten

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**From:** Pam Piemme  
**Sent:** Friday, September 30, 2016 7:36 AM  
**To:** Vurl Trytten  
**Subject:** FW: kidder creek camp - support letter  
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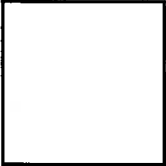
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Siskiyou County Community Development Department

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**From:** emily Warken (via Google Docs) [<mailto:emilywarken@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 29, 2016 7:56 PM  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** kidder creek camp - support letter

[emily Warken](#) has attached the following document:



**kidder support letter**



Please see the attached letter of support for Kidder Creek Camp application for their new use permit.

Thanks.

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Emily Warken  
P.O. Box 111  
Greenview, Ca  
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Dear County Planning Commissioners,

Our Family moved here in June of 2014 and fell in love with beautiful Scott Valley. We moved here for my husband Andy to direct Mount Hermon Kidder Creek. It's been a joy to see the positive place it holds in so many people's lives!

Our Kidder story started in a ladies restroom. I understand this sounds strange, so stay with me. We were at a camping conference when I ran into a friend who told me, 'If a job ever opens at Kidder Creek, you and Andy would be the perfect fit.' This didn't resonate with me too much at that point. We were happy at a camp in Wisconsin and Northern California felt far away literally and figuratively. As good stories go, more transpired! We took a big trip out west as a family. After that trip we decided the great west had our hearts! We wanted to pursue lives out this way! So we started looking for camping positions in the west where we could be close to the things we love like, rafting, skiing, hiking and biking. Low and behold a director position at Kidder Creek opened up. It felt meant to be and uncanny as another coworker in Wisconsin also told us we would be just right in the Kidder environment. So we applied, and waited, and thought we didn't get it many times. Then in April we were asked to come out, and interview in person. It's hard to put into words what we felt when we drove onto Kidder. I can imagine many feel the same when they see the horses with the backdrop of mountains, apple trees and blue skies. Love at first sight! By the end of the weekend we had accepted the position and put an offer on the house right next door! We were immediately welcomed into the Scott Valley fold as friends, neighbors and family! It's a beautiful community and I believe Kidder adds so much to its beauty!

Kidder is more than just a kid's camp (although in my opinion that would be quite enough). We feed whole families on Saturdays, and watch as brothers, sisters, grandparents and whole families get to come and be campers for just a couple hours. When these families come to pick up their campers I imagine they stop in at Mean Gene's for gas and snacks. I imagine a bleary eyed dad stopping in at Gifted Horse or Three Little Birds for coffee after making the long trip. I can also picture a mom catching sight of the Feed store and just having to stop in to buy one of their beautiful plants to take home! I look forward to watching my children as well as their friends grow up as campers here, and then become counselors who pour into the next generation! Kidder is teaching so many people volunteerism, leadership and what it looks like when a community comes together for a common cause, think Fall Fest! Personally, in a world of broken homes, drug abuse, and fear, I could think of a lot better things to fight than Kidder. I know personally of 2 children in these situations who were fully funded to come to camp from the valley! Kidder is here to restore homes, train up the next generation and provide a safe haven to all who enter that lovely tree-lined road.

Thank you for considering the next generation and how Kidder Creek will add so much to their lives! - Emily Warken



Judee Warner  
7031 River Ranch Road  
Montague, CA 96064

County of Siskiyou Planning Department  
Attention Vurl Trytten  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

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Tuesday, September 27, 2016

Dear Mr. Trytten

This comes to you on behalf of Kidder Creek campers and their parents and grandparents. In the 1990's my younger daughter worked a summer in the Ranch Camp section even though she was not a horse person. She was willing to work where she was needed to meet and get to know campers week after week for the entire summer. Campers came from Siskiyou County and from all up and down the west coast. Some even came from out of the U.S.

A few years later my older daughter married the then camp director, Pete Morrill. We had been aware of his unique leadership at Kidder Creek as well as his exemplary character and we welcomed him into our family with open arms.

Since then we have observed all of their children as they attended and benefited from the camp experience each summer. When they grew old enough they volunteered in numerous capacities at the camp.

As grandma I have volunteered at the camp as well. I even attended a Mother/Daughter/Granddaughter Ranch Camp weekend! Each summer they organize a Day Camp for local pre-campers. I helped with crafts for Camp Hope attendees who came from Southern California, Washington and Idaho. These young people are at-risk children from broken families and troubled lives. At Kidder Creek they have a week to experience outdoor activities that they never even imagined existed. And they were safe, physically and emotionally. The church we attend also uses the facilities for our annual family camp.

The improvements that are before you include a new pond that will be able to be used in more ways than swimming. Maybe even a canoe or two? The cabins are 'elderly' and thin. They need to be upgraded. At this time the dining facility is also in need of help. Each of these enhancements will benefit children especially and by extension, their families and yours.

AND this past Saturday Kidder Creek hosted an Apple Festival afternoon and evening for any and all who wanted to participate in games for all ages and entertainment. It was a delightful day, beautiful with clear skies and thoroughly enjoyable.

As you can see, Kidder Creek is a benefit to our entire area and has been for years. Thank you for granting the permit needed to accomplish the above items. #UP 11-15

Thanks for listening,

  
Judee Warner

Date Oct. 3, 2016

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Siskiyou County Community Development  
Planning Division  
Atten: Brett Walker, AICP  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

- ① A MAJOR INCREASE IN VEHICULAR TRAFFIC WILL CAUSE A LOT OF ACCIDENTS FOR SURE!
  - ② ONE ROAD (SMALL IN WIDTH) WITH NO OTHER ROAD TO ESCAPE AN ACCIDENT!
  - ③ A LOT OF NOISE AND HEAVY THICK DUST TO CAUSE ACCIDENTS!
  - ④ DOWN STREAM WATER QUALITY WILL BE FULL OF SEWAGE!
  - ⑤ I AM CONCERNED ABOUT PROTECTING THE HOMES IN THIS SITE AREA, THAT WILL BE <sup>IN</sup> THE MESS CAUSED BY THIS MASSIVE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE GOING TO THE KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP. I AM SURE THAT THE PEOPLE OF THIS VALLEY WILL BE VERY MAD SO WATCH OUT!!
- Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

David R. Waters

Signature

DAVID ROBERT WATERS

Name (printed)

FORT JONES, MAIL OFFICE, MAIN STREET HIGHWAY 3

Address

FORT JONES CALIFORNIA 96032

City, State, Zip

September 8, 2016

County of Siskiyou Planning Dept.  
806 S. Main Street  
Yreka, CA. 96097  
Attn: Vurl Trytten

RECEIVED SEP 12 2016

RE: Kidder Creek Master Site Plan Project

Dear Ms. Trytten,

I am writing this letter as I received an email from someone at Kidder Creek Camp asking for support of the Amendment to their Use Permit coming before the Planning Commission on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Obviously they have no idea that I had written my research information on my Blog site two years ago regarding the expansion of JH Ranch. See the site here: <https://grandmausedtosay.wordpress.com/>

At the time I wrote those Postings, I suspected that with the big corporation buyout of Kidder Creek Ranch we would begin to see zip lines and huge amounts of traffic following in the footsteps of JH's unfettered way of doing business.

I was told in no uncertain terms by a few local Christians that Kidder Creek was a 'sacred cow' here as it began as a homegrown church camp and many people's children and grandchildren had attended. My response was: 'Let's see how you feel in a few years when 'home grown' has turned into yet another BIG business paying no property taxes, yet reaping the benefits of all the services that we the hard-working, property tax paying citizens provide for them.

At that time it appeared that Kidder Creek's plan went on hold, presumably waiting to see what the result would be of the County's actions on JH's 23 yr. history of abuse.

Well, here we are a few years later and still nothing has been done about JH except many letters going back and forth, while JH continues trying to wear down the residents of French Creek and Miner Creek, hoping we the people will just give up. Ain't going to happen.

And the same with Kidder Creek. Just because there are fewer residents on the road to Kidder Creek does not mean there will not be a loud outcry for stopping this insane takeover of OUR rights as tax-paying property owners.

1,600 cars year round going up and down Kidder Creek? Dust, hazard from speeding cars and trucks as French Creek residents have experienced for years and nothing done about it.

And even worse with Kidder Creek, there is NO alternate route out in case of fire.

I imagine ALL the same issues that the Friends of French Creek have raised in regard to JH's abuse of County ordinances also apply to the expanding Kidder Creek project.

So, NO I cannot in good conscience support ANY expansion of Kidder Creek.

And it is high time that the County does its job in looking out for the concerns and needs and safety of the tax-paying citizens of this County by putting an end once and for all for this kind of 'big money talks' abuse.

These people come here to rural areas for so called 'Wilderness Experiences' and then most of the activities they set up could be handled in a Walmart parking lot in their OWN hometowns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Che'usa Sienna Wend". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Che'usa" and last name "Sienna Wend" clearly legible.

Che'usa Sienna Wend  
PO Box 254  
Etna, Ca. 96027

cc: Ray Haupt, Supervisor  
Tax paying Residents of Kidder Creek Rd.  
Friends of French Creek

**September 11, 2016,**

Brett Walker, Sr. Planner, Planning Division  
Siskiyou County Community Development Dept.  
806 S. Main Street  
Yreka, CA. 96097

**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Z-14-01 and UP 11-15**

Last week I received an email from Kidder Creek Camp asking for support of the Amendment to their Use Permit and request for Zoning change coming before the Planning Commission on October 19, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Just because there are fewer residents on the road to Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, does not mean there will not be a loud outcry for stopping this insane tramping on the rights of tax-paying property owners.

They are talking over 1500 cars **per day** going up and down Kidder Creek. Dust, fumes, hazard from speeding cars and trucks, just as French Creek residents have experienced for years and nothing done about it.

And even worse with Kidder Creek, there is **NO alternate route out in case of fire.**

I imagine MANY of the same issues that the Friends of French Creek have raised in regard to JH's disregard of County ordinances could easily apply to the expanding Kidder Creek project.

The email letter I received from Kidder Creek Camp was about '*supporting our growth and work that is happening in the lives of young people and the positive influence the growth will have on the community, (and in another sentence) the positive impact this growth can have on businesses in our community*'.

We have been down that old '*Red Herring*' route before and are not falling for it this time around . . .

A **red herring** is something that misleads or distracts from a relevant or important issue. It may be either a logical fallacy or a literary device that leads readers or audiences towards a false conclusion.

In their letter there was **not one mention of the impact** of increased traffic, water usage, sewage disposal, noise, lighting, fire/emergency exit, OR the lost revenue to the County on property taxes.

There were however **six** references to '*young people or kids*', which of course leads right to the '*sacred cow*' psychological hook so prevalent here in Scott Valley.

**OK, that said, let's address the 3,000 pound gorilla in the room:**

*This has NOTHING to do with 'the good works' they do at Kidder Creek Camp. No one is saying they aren't 'doing good'.*

*We all, in our own way 'do good works'.*

*It's about the NUMBERS of people and vehicles and IS IT a LEGAL EXPANSION based on the existing Ordinances and Restrictions that have been adopted by Siskiyou County and State Agencies?*

**Is this Project in compliance with our laws and restrictions?**

So, as requested in the email, I wrote a letter to the Planning Commission., attn: Vurl Tryttem dated Sept. 7, 2016. However, mine was NOT in support of the Project .

We need fair, honest, reliable information and representation by the County and State Agencies. We need responsibility and accountability by all parties.

We all know that the County is at all time lows in personnel due to financial restraints. How would ANY monitoring occur so we no longer have the 'business-as-usual-BIG-money-talks' abuse?

These are questions I need answered.

**1): The first thing I always want to know is: HOW MUCH DO THEY PAY IN PROPERTY TAXES?**

From the KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP ZONE CHANGE (Z-14-01) AND USE PERMIT (UP-11-15) DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION I found the Parcel numbers:

APN	Ownership
024-440-140	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-440-150	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-440-310	Andrew & Emily Warken
024-440-320	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-440-330	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-450-390	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-450-400	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-450-590	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
025-370-040	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
025-370-380	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.

### **Kidder Creek Parcels included in Project: Property Taxes**

<b>Parcel No.</b>	<b>Assessed Values Land/Structure</b>	<b>EXEMPT?</b>
024-440-140-000	\$ 642,912	Welfare Exemption
024-440-150-000	157,455	Welfare Exemption
024-440-320-000	7,343	Welfare Exemption
024-440-330-000	89,858	Welfare Exemption
024-450-390-000	111,396	Welfare Exemption
024-450-400-000	606,054	Welfare Exemption
024-450-590-000	111,396	Welfare Exemption
025-370-040-000	37,265	Welfare Exemption
025-370-380-000	10,370	Welfare Exemption

**Total Assessed Value 'WELFARE EXEMPTION': \$1,774,049.00 on 553.44 acres. (That's 1 million seven hundred seventy-four thousand forty nine dollars.)**

**According to the Siskiyou County Tax Collector: WITHOUT the 'Welfare Exemptions' (which REMOVED the net Assessed Value from the tax rolls), Kidder Creek Orchard Camp's total Secured Property Taxes due for those 9 parcels WOULD HAVE BEEN \$17,740.49 (based on 1% on those Assessed Values which were exempted).**

Note: The 10<sup>th</sup> parcel included in their Project is Parcel No. 024-440-310-000 which was deeded from Kidder Creek Orchard Camp to the Warkens on 9-30-2014 for Sales Price of \$259,000. Assessed Value \$255,949. (Homeowner Exemption applies). The Parcel IS part of the Project, but not sure how this ties into the Project as property taxes would be due on it by the Warkens.

**'WELFARE EXEMPTION'** you ask??

I had never heard that term until I began researching JH's Property taxes in 2014. They received a whopping Welfare Exemption of **\$9,284,371.00 on 15 high-value parcels. (That's 9 million two hundred eighty-four thousand three hundred seventy one dollars), saving them \$92,843.71 in property tax payments.**

**Kidder Creek Orchard Camp and JH Ranch together remove \$110,584.20 in property tax revenue from the coffers of Siskiyou County.**

### What is the Welfare Exemption?

The California Legislature has the authority to exempt property (1) used exclusively for religious, hospital, or charitable purposes, and (2) owned or held in trust by nonprofit organizations operating for those purposes. This exemption is known as the **Welfare Exemption** and was first adopted by voters as a constitutional amendment on November 7, 1944. When the Legislature enacted section 214 of the Revenue and Taxation Code to implement the Constitutional provision, a fourth purpose—scientific—was added to the three mentioned in the Constitution.

Which reminds me:

**Does the Camp pay ‘the Bed Tax’ to the County for ‘guests’?? JH Ranch doesn’t.**

**And what about the Fire Tax that people on the west side of Highway 3 are subject to? When I tried to find out if JH had to pay it the Board of Equalization said that was confidential information and wouldn’t tell me. I presume they don’t.**

**MORE tax revenue lost to our floundering County.**

I have spent some time digging into the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change (Z-14-02) and Use Permit (UP-11-15) Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. I had specific questions in mind so went directly to those areas of concern.

### **2): This on Section 2.0-1 was of particular concern:**

#### **6. General Plan designation:**

Soils: Erosion Hazard (High); Wildfire Hazard (High);  
Soils: Severe Septic Tank Limitations (High); Slope;  
Flood Hazard; Surface Hydrology; Wildfire Hazard;  
Woodland Productivity (Moderate Suitability)

#### **Scott Valley Area Plan designations:**

Prime Agricultural Land (portion); Excessive Slope (portion)

We hear so much about the Scott Valley Plan, and this shows that a portion of the Prime Agricultural Land IS designated by the Scott Valley Plan.

### **CONCERNS:**

**DOES** this violate the Scott Valley Plan?

**WHO** will monitor soil erosion?

**WHO** will monitor wildfire hazards?

**WHO** will monitor any disturbance of slopes that could result in flood hazards?

**WHO** will monitor the Septic Tank Limitations listed ‘severe’?



And: **Section 3.06:**

#### SCOTT VALLEY AREA PLAN

The project site is within the Scott Valley Area Plan (SVP) boundary. The SVP includes goals and policies pertaining to land use within the Scott River Watershed. The Scott River Watershed encompasses approximately 330,000 acres of land. The SVP was adopted by the by Board of Supervisors on November 13, 1980. The proposed project will be analyzed for conformance with the SVP.

Monitoring takes money, and we already know the County is on a slim budget. **Will State Agencies actually step up and take the lead role in these?**

**3): This on Section 2.0-3 also brings up questions:**

#### **11. Environmental factors potentially affected:**

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture and Forestry Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality                        |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology and Soils                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards and Hazardous Materials    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology and Water Quality        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Planning           | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing          | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic          | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Service Systems      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

**WHY were Population/Housing; Transportation/Traffic; Agriculture and Forestry Resources; and Utilities and Service Systems not checked?**

Kidder Creek Camp's Declaration is proposing rezoning 170 acres from Timberland Production District to Rural Residential Agriculture. Residential usually indicates 'homes'.

It is my understanding that you CAN convert Timberland Production designated land to Rural Residential Agriculture zoning **IF** you pay the difference in taxes that would have been paid were it Rural Residential Agriculture land all along.

The problem is, the Camp will be using this as Commercial development. So: (1) is that legal and (2) since they will undoubtedly immediately transfer it to their non-

profit corporation, does that make whatever back taxes due, exempt, since they have the 'Welfare Exemption' in their favor?

~ **WHAT guarantee** do we have they will not build homes on that rezoned land?

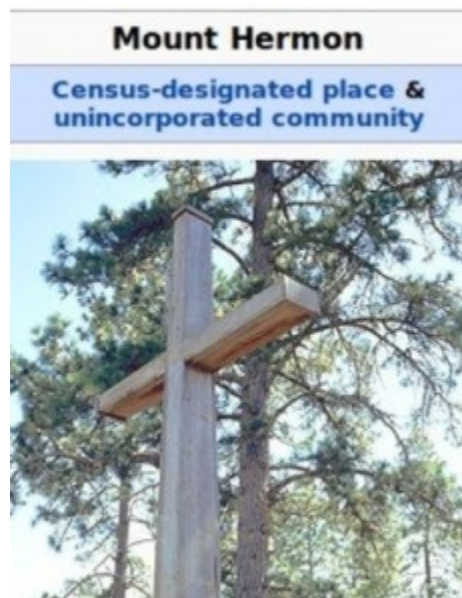
~ **Transportation and Traffic is HUGE in this proposal.**

~ **WHAT** is included (in this case, not included) as Service Systems? **Septic** and **Waste** should be covered somewhere as an Environmental Factor which would affect the area, especially as the Report says that Kidder Creek traverses the northwesterly portion of the site a distance of approx. 2,200 feet.

**4): This on Section 3.0-4 also brings up concerns:**

Improvements at the site include two staff residences, a welcome center, a pond, recreation areas and trail systems, water well and water storage tank, an equestrian area, four "camp" areas, archery course, ropes course, rifle range, adventure course, paintball course, RV areas, sawmill and storage area, multi-use area with multiple structures, 9 septic systems, and a number of access roads. The **Existing Master Site Plan** map, which shows all existing improvements, is

**That's a LOT of improving! Sounds like a mini-city is in the making. If you go to the 'Parent company', Mt. Hermon's website you can see that this is no longer a 'homegrown church camp'.**



I had no idea what a 'Census-designated place' meant so looked it up:

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## Census-designated place

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From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

A **census-designated place (CDP)**<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> is a concentration of population defined by the United States Census Bureau for statistical purposes only. CDPs have been used in each decennial census since 1980 as the counterparts of incorporated places,<sup>[4]</sup> such as cities, towns, and villages for the purposes of gathering and correlating statistical data. CDPs are populated areas that generally include one officially designated but currently unincorporated small community, for which the CDP is named, plus surrounding inhabited countryside of varying dimensions and, occasionally, other, smaller unincorporated communities as well. CDPs include small rural communities, colonias located along the U.S. border with Mexico, and unincorporated resort and retirement communities and their environs.<sup>[5]</sup>

The boundaries of a CDP have no legal status.<sup>[1]</sup> Thus, they may not always correspond with the local understanding of the area or community with the same name. However, criteria established for the 2010 Census require that a CDP name "be one that is recognized and used in daily communication by the residents of the community" (not "a name developed solely for planning or other purposes") and recommend that a CDP's boundaries be mapped based on the geographic extent associated with inhabitants' regular use of the named place.<sup>[5]</sup>

In 1841, California's first water-powered sawmill was built at the junction of Bean Creek and Zayante Creek by Peter Lassen, Isaac Graham, J. Majors, and F. Hoeger.

Mount Hermon, known as "Tuxedo Junction" prior to 1906, was a stop on the South Coast Pacific Railroad from Alameda to Santa Cruz.<sup>[3]</sup> Hotel Tuxedo was on the property; the hotel was purchased and renamed the Zayante Inn on April 14, 1906, by a group which later became the Mount Hermon Association, Inc. Five ladies of the group were entrusted with the selection of a new name for the area, and they choose that of the peak in the Holy Land.<sup>[4]</sup> The land was to be used as a Christian retreat center, whose dedication day, known as "The Great Day", was July 22, 1906; the event was held at the Zayante Inn with 1400 people in attendance. Speaking at the dedication was Dr. Reuben A. Torrey, President of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois.

The Zayante Inn and surrounding cottages were destroyed by fire on April 18, 1921. At the site, the Mount Hermon Christian Conference Center, with three separate facilities, operates on much of the original property. There are also several hundred privately owned homes, the Mount Hermon post office, and a bookstore.

**The troubling last sentence:** *'also several hundred privately owned homes . . . ' sets off bells and whistles for me.*

**Is THAT what 'The Plan' is REALLY about for our Valley? Another 'Census-designated place' here in Scott Valley?**

And perhaps **WHY** people on N. Kidder Creek Road have been approached to sell their property to the Camp, **OR** is it that the Camp realizes that without a 'secondary fire safe access road', they cannot move forward on their Plan?

With enough money, anything is possible.



A bridge across Kidder Creek connecting the Camp's property or S. Kidder Creek Road with N. Kidder Creek Road would certainly solve their 'Escape Route' problem. However, I wouldn't think it would endear them to all the people on N. Kidder Creek Road when those tax-paying property owners begin to see the amount of traffic that comes with that decision.

**There is also another 'issue' IF they begin buying houses on Kidder Creek Loop and/or N. Kidder Creek Road:** There are regulations on single family houses that can be used for 'employees of up to 6 people'. That needs to be very closely studied and monitored (that \$\$\$ word again!), as a great number of the Camp's workers are volunteers. I believe that volunteers for non-profit religious organizations or people in training for those organizations may be not eligible for using off-site single family dwellings under the regulation.

#### **5): This on Section 3.0-2 also brings up concerns:**

Current and proposed routine camp activities and uses include a horse riding/equestrian area, archery course, rifle range, ropes courses, a paintball course, mountain biking, waterslide and water activities. Off-site activities include hiking, camping, horse-packing, rock climbing, river rafting, swimming, mountain biking and horseback riding on and off national forest lands. In addition to routine camp activities, Kidder Creek has proposed to accommodate special events (public and private), which may include weddings, birthdays, religious functions, concerts, auctions, picnics, horse clinics, demonstrations, and training events, and similar events. Estimated attendance would be 20 – 250 guests, average 3 – 8 hours per event, and be held approximately once per month between the months of April and October. These special events would not occur at the same time as regular camp activities, but may occur when campers are off-site.

The '**Welfare Exemption**' (definition shown earlier in this post) "**exempts property (1) used exclusively for religious, hospital or charitable purposes . . .**"

~ **HOW** can birthday, picnics, horse clinics, demonstrations and training events be classified as 'religious, hospital or charitable'?

~ **WHO** will monitor this?

**I also read that they may rent out the facilities to other organizations for meetings, etc.**

~ **WHO** will monitor this? As I recall, neighbors of JH complained about just such events for noise/lighting and traffic and were told by JH Staff that they have *no control over the people/organizations they rent to*.

**Not an acceptable answer.** The renters should be subject to the **very same restrictions** that the County set up with JH. **This is a big issue.**

**Noise and Lighting are HUGE problems.** From our little house on Fredrick Street, we clearly hear the loudspeaker announcer on Friday night home football games and EVERY WORD of the Pleasure Park announcers during Rodeos.

**What about** the people who live across Kidder Creek on N. Kidder Creek Road? They will certainly see the lights and hear the loudspeakers and music. And one property is owned by the Mt. Shasta Abbey. Their N. Kidder Creek property is used as a Contemplative Buddhist Retreat. Noise will not be acceptable to their 'Retreatants'. Why would the Kidder Creek Camp 'Retreatants' have preference over the needs of the Mt. Shasta Abbey 'Retreatants'???

**6): This on Section 3.0-2 and continues on 3.0-3 also brings up concerns:**

The proposed new 7-acre pond would be designed to be below the jurisdictional threshold of the Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams regulations (Water Code Section

6000 et seq.). Preliminary engineering indicates that the pond would impound approximately 36 acre-feet of water with an average depth of 6 feet. A preliminary design for the pond was submitted with the original application. Subsequently, the applicant purchased additional land, which has been included in a revised application submittal and is now part of this project, resulting in a proposed reconfiguration of the pond shape. The original pond was a kidney-shaped design; the modified pond is round-shaped design. Engineering of the revised pond shape has not been completed at this time. The applicant intends to have engineered plans completed should the project be approved.

**WHY is the 7 acre pond 'designed to be *BELOW* the jurisdictional threshold of the Dept. of Water Resources?.** Are those thresholds more strict than the County's?

**This needs to be addressed.** Which leads me to another question about WATER:

~ **WHERE** will the water come from to fill the pond? Does the Camp have water rights or some Agreement with someone adjacent who has granted them use of water? **If so, I would like to see that document.**

**AND in Section 4.0-56 (which is headed: *LESS than significant impact*) is a HUGE concern:**

~ **WHERE** will the water come from to fill the wells as we continue year after year in drought conditions, with very little snow pack; Kidder Creek not sustaining water, which would indicate that water levels are very low.

**~ HOW will the camp's water usage of 38,000 gallons of water per day affect the Aquifer that supplies water to other properties along S. Kidder Creek Road and Kidder Creek Loop?**

**Section 4.0-56 (which is headed: *LESS than significant impact*) :**

- b) *Less Than Significant Impact.* A groundwater well serves the project site. With the proposed expansion, the Camp would need to build a new water delivery and storage system, which would also likely require at least one new groundwater well. The existing and expanded system would be permitted, monitored, and inspected by the State Office of Drinking Water. New groundwater wells would require a well permit from the County Environmental Health Division prior to drilling activities. On average, each person at a youth camp consumes approximately 45 gallons of water per day. Currently, based on 310 persons occupying the camp, approximately 14,000 gallons of water per day are utilized. At a build-out of 844 occupants, approximately 38,000 gallons of water per day would be utilized. A recommended condition of approval for the use permit will require an engineer's estimate of water consumption and proof of adequate water supplies prior to increases in occupancy at the site.

**7): TRAFFIC listed as another '*less than significant impact*' is very troublesome.**

#### **Discussion of Impacts:**

Refer to the *Traffic Impact Study for Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (Attachment D)* for a full discussion of traffic and transportation related elements.

- a) *Less Than Significant Impact.*

South Kidder Creek Road currently carries up to 414 vehicles per day during a peak weekend day and up to 67 vehicles per hour during the weekend peak hour. The proposed project is anticipated to generate up to an additional 1,110 vehicle trips per day. The project's trip generation would be considerably lower during the weekdays and off-season periods. With the addition of project traffic, daily traffic volumes at the east end of S. Kidder Creek Road could potentially increase to about 1,524 vehicles per day during a peak summer weekend day and 280 vehicles per hour during the peak summer weekend hour. South Kidder Creek Road has more than sufficient capacity remaining to comfortably accommodate the project traffic without causing any capacity issues. The two-way capacity of S. Kidder Creek Road is estimated to be 2,000 vehicles per hour. The "Plus Project" conditions traffic volumes on S. Kidder Creek Road are anticipated to be at approximately 14% of the roadway's capacity.

Those who purchased property on what used to be a sweet country road should be flabbergasted by the above statement: '*two-way capacity of S. Kidder Creek Road is estimated to be 2,000 vehicles per hour?*'

Do the people who write these statistics have any idea what that would mean?

The combined populations of Ft. Jones, Greenview and Etna would barely reach that figure! That would mean EVERYONE from those cities would have to be on the road at the same time.

I don't think you could fit 2,000 cars bumper to bumper on S. Kidder Creek Road. It would be total gridlock.

If you are turning right from S. Kidder Loop onto S. Kidder Creek Road, you almost have to be out into the road to see what is coming past the rock wall and around the blind curve and trees.

And **imagine** what getting out onto Highway 3 would be like. It's difficult enough now to enter Highway 3 from a side road or driveway. That many vehicles coming toward Highway 3 on S. Kidder Creek Road is not only unimaginable, but insane.

**HOW can that be '*less than significant impact*'?** This section alone should spark MANY questions and certainly will impact everyone who travels Highway 3.

**8): Probably one of the biggest factors that faces us now is FIRE.**

**There is basically one way in and one way out of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp for cars, trucks and buses . This letter on the next page from Cal-Fire is especially troubling.**

**I want to see the *improvement requirements* mentioned in the letter that were relayed to Mr. Lloyd.**

I have friends who have property on Patterson Creek Road who are often unable to access their property because of a troublesome neighbor. Two years ago, another friend told us they thought access could be had by going up through Kidder Creek Camp and taking a 'secondary' road over to Patterson Creek.

So off we went in their 4-wheel drive truck. I'm not sure we even got a mile or two past the camp before it got really scary. The truck rocked and rolled and I was holding on for dear life. Finally I said, 'NO FURTHER!'

We were barely able to find a place to turn around. We had no idea how far the road would go or even where it would let us out. There is no way a regular car, let alone a bus full of kids or truck and horse trailer could use that so-called road to 'escape' a fire or other disaster.





## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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Siskiyou County Department of Public  
Health and Community Development  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097-3321

April 14, 2014

Attn: Richard Tinsman, Senior Planner

Subject: Kidder Creek Camp Use Permit (UP-11-15)

On April 14, 2014 a project review site inspection was done on the Kidder Creek Camp property in Scott Valley. This was to address issues that may be required in the use permit process. Accompanying me was Tim Lloyd from Kidder Creek Camp.


The primary purpose of the site inspection was to determine viability of a secondary access to the camp property. I identified the requirements the proposed road would have to meet and relayed them to Mr. Lloyd. Once the improvements were made to the road it should serve as an adequate secondary access to the camp property. The current main access road is compliant with the Fire Safe Regulations.

I also reviewed a proposed map of the camp expansion. The access requirements appeared to have been met in the development of the map. Other requirements of the Fire Safe Regulations did not appear to have significant impact to the project as did the road access so the road access was the primary purpose of the inspection.

If you have any questions, please call Monty Messenger at 530-842-3516.

Sincerely,

Ron Bravo  
Acting Unit Chief  
CAL FIRE, Siskiyou Unit

By:   
Monty Messenger  
Fire Prevention Bureau Chief  
CAL FIRE, Siskiyou Unit



**Page 7 of 15 of the Traffic Analysis** done by Traffic Works states this:

***Project Access***

The project site is accessed via S. Kidder Creek Road and is approximately 2.1 miles west of State Highway 3. All of the new and existing project trips are assumed to use S. Kidder Creek Road. Secondary access, which will be utilized for emergencies only, is via Patterson Creek Road. Patterson Creek Road is located approximately 1.8 miles south of S. Kidder Creek Road at its intersection with Highway 3. Near the western end of Patterson Creek Road, access to the site is via a private dirt road extending from the south side of KCOC.

**That last sentence is especially troubling.**

**'Private dirt road'...** as in **'who owns it', 'who has permission to use it', 'and IF permission were given, what guarantee** do we have that it wouldn't turn into a major thoroughfare for Camp volunteers and workers, delivery people, etc. just to keep the numbers down off S. Kidder Creek Road?

And again, IF the Camp can find a way to connect to N. Kidder Creek Road for secondary access, it's all over but the shouting for the people of S. Kidder Creek Road, Kidder Creek Loop and N. Kidder Creek Road.

**I also find it troubling that this Project is even being considered to be approved ahead of finishing off the JH Ranch decision. Wouldn't this set a precedent that JH could then use for pushing through their approval?**

The timing is interesting also, as Greg Plucker left the County in August and he was the one who was REALLY familiar with both of these projects.

**Something this important for the future of our Valley should not be rubber stamped or labeled '*less than significant impact*' without deeper examination.**

As someone who ponders, muses and contemplates, the thought of being subjected to continual noise, traffic, fuel odors and lights feels to me like an invasion of privacy.

Am I required to give up my right to the '*Sanctuary*' we have established here on our little property so that thousands of people each year have the right to come '*as guests*' to a neighboring property, only to disturb that sense of Sanctuary?

I await the answers to these questions, along with requested copies of documents.

**Sincerely,**

**Che'usa Sienna Wend PO Box 254 Etna, CA. 96027 (530) 467-5815**

September 16, 2016 Update:

<https://grandmausedtosay.wordpress.com/kidder-creek/>

Yesterday my Opinion Letter was printed in the Siskiyou Daily News.

**GUEST OPINION**

9/15/2016

## Here we go again

In case you haven't heard, the once small homegrown (as people like to call it) Kidder Creek Orchard Camp (KCOC) up South Kidder Creek Road between Etna and Greenview is now owned by Mt. Hermon of Santa Cruz, California. In addition to Kidder Creek Orchard Camp, Mt. Hermon operates several Christian camps in Central California. (mounthermon.org)

Kidder Creek Orchard Camp has applied for a zone change and Amended Use Permit, requesting an increase in maximum daily occupancy from 164 to 844 persons. The camp plans to operate year-round.

The letter circulated to many in Scott Valley by the camp's media staff talks about their vision and work they do with young people but no details of the proposal.

The camp is pushing for an Oct. 19 Planning Commission meeting; however, their proposal is filled with a lack of specificity and detail. This lack of specificity is the exact reason the county has been unable to enforce JH Ranch's existing Use Permit; and if this proposal is approved it will open the county to another unenforceable, aggressively growth oriented organization's ability to expand without regulation and certainly without adequate oversight.

Residents of the Kidder Creek area and beyond have many concerns and specific questions which need to be answered.

Here are a few: A major increase in vehicle traffic which is projected at 1,500-plus cars a day on South Kidder Creek Road. No

passable emergency exit road in case of fire or other disaster. Noise and lighting issues for area residents and wildlife. Adequate sewage treatment, water sources and downstream effects not properly addressed. A portion within the geographic area of the Scott Valley Plan would convert prime agricultural land and timber parcels to Rural Residential zoning, which could then be used for commercial purposes in a rural zone. Of the 10 parcels included in their plan, nine have the infamous 'welfare exemption' accorded them, thereby removing one million seven hundred seventy-four thousand forty nine dollars of net assessed value from the county's property tax rolls. In other words, the county loses \$17,740.49 in secured property taxes which would normally be due for those nine parcels. (You and I would have to pay it, but as a nonprofit they are 'exempt'.)

The 30 day period for public comment just began on Sept. 7 and will end Oct. 6. I'm sure you also have many questions after reading this short introduction. More information and a Public Comment Form to submit to the Siskiyou County Planning Division attn: Brett Walker can be found on my Blog site: [www.GrandmaUsed-ToSay.wordpress.com](http://www.GrandmaUsed-ToSay.wordpress.com) then click on KCOC Research and Questions. All this came like a thief in the night, so we can't dilly dally around hoping someone else will figure it out for us. We, the public, must do our part.

Oct. 6 is the deadline.  
**Che'usa Wend**  
**Etna**

A phone message was here to greet me later in the day. So I returned the call to a woman who was very critical of my questions and concerns for the expansion of Kidder Creek Orchard Camps.

Eb was only hearing my side of the conversation that went on for quite awhile, but concluded after I finished that he was NOT going to send the letter he had been writing the past few days in to the Editor for publication as he knew he would not be able to endure such a grilling.

My first reaction after hanging up was: *‘I don’t need this in my life. I don’t live on the road, so WHY am I subjecting myself to this?’*

Eb agreed.

Then I could hear a whisper in my ear, remembering . . .

**Grandma** *used to say . . .*  
*“JUST because*  
*someone might not like hearing it,*  
*doesn’t mean it shouldn’t be said . . .”*

I decided to sleep on it all and see what the morning brought . . .

**Grandma** *also used to say . . .*  
*“The sun*  
*will come up in the morning*  
*just the same . . .”*

One of the many things the woman questioned was the figure I told her for the amount of traffic on French Creek Road last year and my concern of the traffic count projected in the KCOC expansion proposal Section 4.0-28: *‘The traffic study (Traffic Works, 2016) estimates that there will be an increased Average Daily Trips (ADT) from 414 to 1,772 near the east end of S. Kidder Creek Road. Approximately 1,110 of those trips are associated with the camp expansion.’*

Here is the 2015 Yearly Site Summary for French Creek Road from data collected with an actual traffic counter placed on the road . . .

# 2015 Yearly Site Summary: French Creek Road

## Station ID : French Creek Road

Info Line 1 : Post Mile 0.6

Info Line 2 :

GPS Lat/Lon :

DB File : French Creek Road.DB

Last Connected Device Type : RoadRunner3

Version Number : 1.12

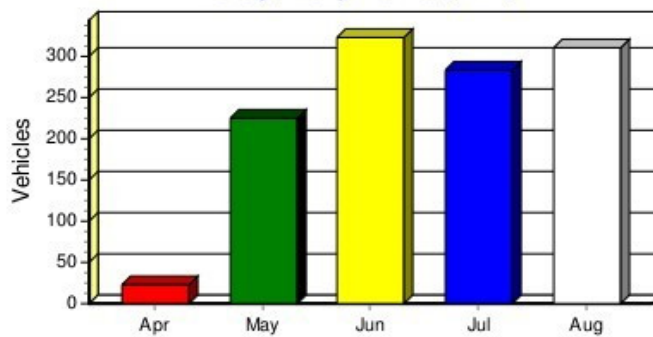
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Number of Lanes : 2

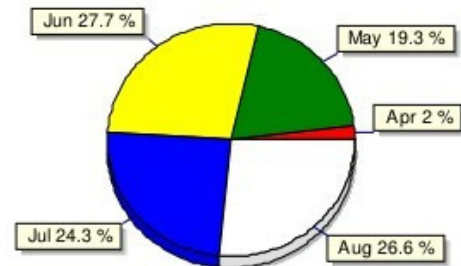
Posted Speed Limit : 40.0 mph

Month	Total Count	Active Days	Average Day	Average Hour	Average Week	Average Week days	Average Weekends	Percent of Year
April	55	2.3	23.7	1.0	165.7	118.4	-	0.2%
May	6,988	31.0	225.4	9.4	1,577.9	1,198.8	390.6	23.8%
June	9,717	30.0	323.9	13.5	2,267.3	1,588.2	682.3	33.2%
July	8,808	31.0	284.1	11.8	1,988.9	1,449.3	535.3	30.1%
August	3,736	12.0	311.1	13.0	2,177.4	1,563.6	615.5	12.7%
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>29,304</b>	<b>106.3</b>	<b>275.6</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>1,929.1</b>	<b>1,391.9</b>	<b>536.9</b>	

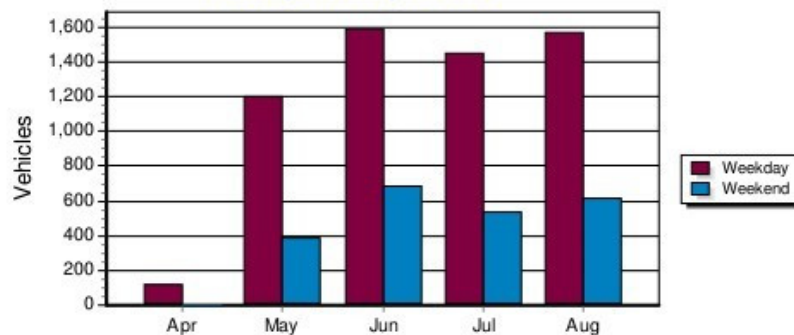
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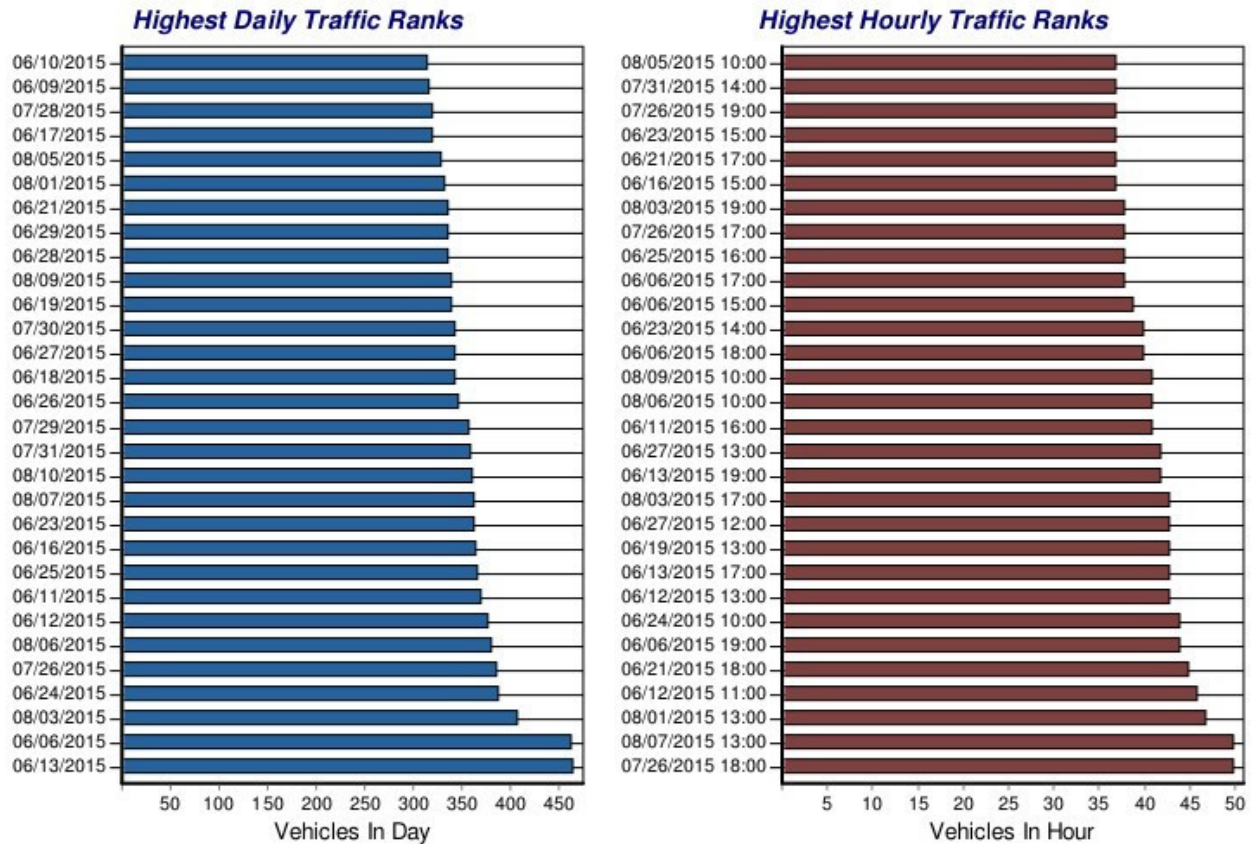


**Proportion By Month**



**Average Weekly Traffic**





It is very interesting to me that the **minute** you mention any facts and figures for JH Ranch's continual non-compliance of their (still in place) 1993 Planned Development, people who *favor* the Kidder Creek Orchard Camps/Mt. Hermon expansion, immediately say 'you cannot compare the two, they are nothing alike'.

OK, I don't consider myself a slow learner . . . so when I hear a phrase over and over and over again, I figure there could perhaps be something to it. The problem is, you only hear that from the '*favor KCOC expansion people*', which makes me wonder: *Is it fact or fiction?*

For that I had to go back to the beginning.

In 2014, The Friends of French put together a brief '*History of Occupancy Issues related to JH Ranch*' which also tells the beginnings of the Ranch.

You can read the entire document here: [history-of-occupancy-issues-with-jh-ranch](#)



This tells the story in a nutshell:

1970

Use permit for Proctors JH Ranch was issued to JD Proctor, the owner and builder of the lodge, to include 14 unit trailer park and limited occupancy to 136 persons including staff. In addition there were 4 housekeeping cabins and a bar and restaurant open to the public.

As always, when I want to know '*what was it like back in . . . ??* ', I ask Eb as he was born here almost 92.8 years ago (as he likes to say), and has never left his valley.

He told me that Proctors was a really fun place for the people here in the valley to go for a nice dinner, and that people were really disappointed when it sold and wasn't open to them anymore.

1979

Present owners purchased the resort, shortened the name to JH Ranch, and changed the focus from a dude ranch with bar and restaurant open to public to a summer camp attracting youth from out of state. Gradually they began to increase occupancy numbers beyond their use permit.

Asking Eb about Kidder Creek Camp, he said it used to be a really nice '*working farm*' with sheep and great apple orchard which was owned by his sister-in-law and husband.

Earlier in the week I had contacted the Planning Department and asked for copies of KCOC previous approvals as I figured that was the best way to track its history. You can read the entire document here: [kcoc-previous-approvals](#)

Briefly, here is the history, **beginning January 5, 1977** when the Kidder Creek Orchards Camp of the Berean Fundamental Church (Etna) applied for a Use Permit to establish a base camp for Youth backpackers (36 children, 8 counselors and 2 staff members):

NEGATIVE DECLARATION - KIDDER CREEK ORCHARDS  
CAMP OF THE BEREAN FUNDAMENTAL CHURCH for a  
Use Permit to establish a base camp for Youth  
backpackers - Sec. 2 and 36, Twp 42 & 43, R. 10W.

APPROVED

STAFF REPORT: The Planning Department reports that this Use Permit is for a base camp for youth backpackers; non-denominational and primitive in nature for 36 children, 8 counselors and 2 staff members. Water will be from springs and streams. Sewage by septic tank

AGENCY INPUT: The Planning Department and the Technical Committee recommended approval.

PUBLIC INPUT: Mr. Norm Malmberg and Mr. Bob Jones and a group of representatives of the Berean Church were present at the meeting.

MOTION: It was moved by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissioner Martin to approve the Negative Declaration with the following findings:

1. Any grading will be minimal, result in a stable final slope, will not contribute to erosion and will not unduly stress other portions of the hill.
2. The proposed project will not adversely affect water quality of either ground or surface waters.
3. The proposed project will not adversely affect the health of any persons adjacent or remote.

**December 13, 1979** Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc. applied to place a sign at Highway 3 and S. Kidder Creek Road.

NEGATIVE DECLARATION - USE PERMIT  
KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMPS, INC.

APPROVED

STAFF REPORT: This application is to place a small directional sign on the east side of Highway 3, directly opposite south Kidder Creek Road. T43N, R9W, Section 29, MDB&M. Zoned A2B-40. The Planning Department recommended approval.

**July 20, 1984** the Kidder Creek Orchard Camps applied for a Use Permit to operate a private recreation facility for youths to include: Log Cabin Camp, Ranch Camp, Youth Camp, Whitewater Rafting, Backpacking and Soccer Camp.

Additional use is annual auction for funding purposes on the property.

<b>Project Title</b> Use Permit 85-37		
Kidder Creek Orchard Camps		
<b>State Clearinghouse Number</b> (If submitted to Clearinghouse)	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
Submitted: 7/20/84	Robert W. Sellman Planning Director	(916) 842-3531 Extension 242
<b>Project Location</b> T42N, R10W, Sec. 36 & 2. Located at the end of South Kidder Creek Rd. and Highway 3, south of the Greenview Townsite.		
<b>Project Description</b> To operate a private recreation facility for youths to include: Log Cabin Camp, Ranch Camp, Youth Camp, Whitewater Rafting, Backpacking and Soccer Camp. Additional use is annual auction for funding purposes on this property.		

**Revised January 1985**, you can refer to the pdf document I linked above for the Mitigation Measures approved by the Planning Commission. This was one mentioned, however, **I did not see any mention of existing occupancy levels or request for increase from the 1977 levels of 36 children, 8 counselors and 2 staff members, presumed to be per day.**

5. Activities shall be confined to camping with the exception of an allowable annual auction. Appropriate dust control shall be applied before the auction.

**In 1996** the Kidder Creek Orchard Camps applied for a Use Permit to expand the total number of campers from approx. 1,802 combined campers and students per year to a maximum of 3,340 annually at the end of ten years with a maximum occupancy of 165.

**NOTE: As you see below, the proposed primary season was April through November, but when winterized could be used year-round.**

**We need these Permits to not be so vague and open-ended.**

SCH Number: 1996103658

Document Type: NOD - Notice of Determination

Project Lead Agency: Siskiyou County

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**Project Description**

THE APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A USE PERMIT TO EXPAND KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMPS, AN EXISTING PRIVATE RECREATIONAL FACILITY. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CAMPERs UTILIZING THE CAMP IS PROPOSED TO INCREASED FROM APPRX. 1,802 COMBINED CAMPERs AND STUDENTS PER YEAR TO A MAXIMUM OF 3,340 ANNUALLY AT THE END OF TEN YEARS WITH A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 165.



**Project Description:** The applicants are requesting approval of a Use Permit for a phased expansion of an existing private recreational facility comprising 333 acres zoned AG-1-B-80 (Prime Agricultural, 80 acres minimum parcel size), AG-2-B-40 (Non-Prime Agricultural, 40 acre minimum parcel size), R-R-B-40 (Rural Residential, 40 acres minimum parcel size) and R-R-B-5 (Rural Residential, 5 acre minimum parcel size). The facility is operated under an existing Use Permit (UP-84-37) as an organized camp with seasonal programs for outdoor education for schools and Christian camping for youth and adults. The existing Use Permit allows for uses which include:

- Log Cabin Camp: 13 cabins, restrooms, kitchen/dining hall and a cook's cabin
- Ranch Camp: 4 cabins, director's cabin, cook's cabin, kitchen/dining hall, restrooms, tack shed, and a hay shed
- Wilderness Camp: off-site white water rafting and backpacking
- Youth Camp, Soccer Camp, and an annual auction
- Other improvements include two residences, an office, the honey house, shops, barns, corrals, an athletic field, and a swimming pond

These combined uses currently total approximately 1,802 combined campers and students per year with a maximum occupancy of 150.

The proposed additional facilities and uses for the current Use Permit (UP-95-12) would be developed over a 10-year period and would include all of the uses currently permitted under the existing Use Permit as well as the expansion of the facilities and the total number of campers permitted per year. The proposed improvements for the Log Cabin Camp include one additional 40' x 24', two-story staff cabin, a remodel of the existing bathhouse and the supply of electrical power to the Log Cabin Camp facilities. The total number of overnight campers per season will be 700 and the total number of outdoor educational students per season will be 1300. The improvements to the Ranch Camp include a remodel/expansion of the existing kitchen/dining room facility, the winterization of all Ranch Camp facilities and one additional 20' x 16' cabin. The total number of overnight campers utilizing the Ranch Camp facility will be 220. The improvements to the Wilderness Camp facility will involve no structural improvements and the total number of off-site overnight campers per season will be 120. There will be additional improvements to the overall camp facility which will include the construction and improvement of 10 RV spaces (water and septic included) for use by staff, volunteer workers and campers. The project proponents have also created additional parking which could serve as a helicopter landing area for emergency evacuations. The total number of campers utilizing these facilities will increase including overnight campers, youth and adults and educational programs including D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness and Resistance Education) which will total 1,000 per season.

The proposed primary season for camp use will be April through November; however, the Ranch Camp, when winterized, could be used on a year-round basis. The total number of campers utilizing Kidder Creek Orchard Camp is proposed to total 3,340 individuals per year at the end of ten years with a maximum occupancy of 165.

**NOTE: As you see above, the proposed primary season was April through November, but when winterized could be used year-round. I repeat: We need these Permits to not be so vague and open-ended.**

**On page 11 of 227 pages of the September 2016 Negative Declaration it shows this: 165 guests (310 including staff and volunteers). THAT is the first mention I have seen of staff/volunteer figures, which almost doubles the amount of people)**

Existing Occupancy Approvals

Maximum Daily Occupancy:	165 guests (310 including staff and volunteers)
Maximum Annual Occupancy:	3,340
Average Daily Traffic:	131
On-Site Parking:	215

**Description of project:**

The project is a proposed rezone and use permit application to expand an existing organized camp. The rezone would reclassify approximately 170 acres of land from TPZ to R-R-B-40. The use permit would expand the camp area from 333 acres to 580 acres and increase the total camp guest occupancy from 165 (total bed occupancy of 310) to a peak summertime occupancy of 844. The 844 occupancy includes camp guests, staff, and volunteers. It is anticipated that the expansion would occur over a twenty year period. The organized camp is a conditionally permitted use pursuant to Siskiyou County Code (SCC) Section 10-6.1502(c)(4).

**Whereas the 1996 Use Permit was approved for a total 3,340 individuals per year with maximum occupancy of 165, this 2016 Use Permit increases from the 165 maximum occupancy to a peak summertime daily occupancy of 844, however I don't see any limit on the 'total number of campers per year'.**

**At 844 maximum daily occupancy, it would take not quite 4 days to reach the previous 3,340 approved 1996 yearly total.**

**It also states that the expansion would occur over a 20 year period. From 1984 to 1996 they increased from 1,802 to 3,340. Do we know the actual figures between 1996 and 2016?**

**WHO has been monitoring this, giving us accurate daily, monthly, yearly figures? In the 20 year period this newest Use Permit seems to cover, we have no idea what the increase would be.**

**What these figures show us** is that the original Proctors JH Ranch began in 1970 with 136 persons (presumed to be per day) including staff.

I am not sure we have any figures for the first 14 years under JH Ranch ownership (1979-1993).

In 1993 the County received multiple complaints that JH Ranch was no longer in compliance with their Use Permit (and as we are well aware, that continues to this day).

We also learned that Kidder Creek Orchard Camps began in 1977 with 36 children, 8 counselors and 2 staff (presumed to be per day) and by 1996 was allowed an increase to 3,340 individuals for the season (to run from April through November, but could go year round) .

**We are not sure at what point KCOC reached that 3,340 figure. Surely between 1996 and 2016 they increased in volume. And do we know their occupancy figures for the 2016 season?**

**As stated above, this 2016 Use Permit increases from the 165 maximum occupancy to a peak summertime daily occupancy of 844; HOWEVER I DON'T SEE ANY LIMIT ON THE 'TOTAL NUMBER OF CAMPERS PER YEAR'.**

**We need these Permits to not be so vague and open-ended.**

**We DO know this: BOTH began small and local and expanded the most when a large Non-Profit Corporation stepped in and took them over.**

**Unfortunately for the County, most of the property owned by both Non-Profits are taken off the tax roles due to receiving the 'Welfare Exemption'.**

Che'usa

## Brett Walker

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**From:** Che'usa <bricolage@sisqtel.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 17, 2016 11:39 PM  
**To:** Brett Walker  
**Cc:** Terry Barber; Randy Chafin; Bill Navarre  
**Subject:** 30 day Public Comment - KCOC Z14-01 and UP 11-15  
**Attachments:** 9-16-16.doc

Brett,

Each time I go through the Sept. 2016 KCOC Plan, I find more that concerns me, especially since it appears KCOC is pushing very hard to rush this through on an October 19, 2016 Planning Commission meeting.

Some people have told me we should **not** compare Kidder Creek Orchard Camps with JH Ranch. Since I was a part of the Friends of French Creek a few years ago and cut my teeth on all we learned traveling through that continuing proposal, I see many comparisons.

I think for many it is an emotional thing and a lot depends on their religious beliefs and which church they attend.

It is dividing the Valley. Stepping aside from deep rooted, sometimes ingrained beliefs, for even a few minutes to seriously consider what was established in the Scott Valley Area Plan in 1980 for the EXACT PURPOSE of protecting this Valley from large corporations whose bottom line is what drives them and who pay little or no property taxes which benefit our county, would hopefully help people remember WHY they choose to live here . . . **because of** the 'rural lifestyle' that is fast becoming a rarity in this country.

Attached you will find a kind of timeline I wrote and have sent to many who do not or cannot take the time to do this research.

It's up to them however to make up their own minds.

There are questions I have asked along the way, but it all fits together when the JH and KCOC Permit histories are looked at.

Pretty soon you will have a whole file from me!

Sincerely,

Che'usa Wend

Etna

467-5815



**Copies delivered to Supervisors 9/20/16**

**Che'usa Wend of Etna (530) 467-5815      Sept. 20, 2016 Meeting**

**I presented JH Ranch 'Exempt' figures to Board in 2014.**

**2013 Total 'Welfare Exemption' on Assessed Values of : \$9,284,371.00 on 15 high-value parcels (approx. 387 acres).**

**(That's 9 million two hundred eighty-four thousand three hundred seventy one dollars.)**

According to the Siskiyou County Tax Collector (in direct conversation at the tax office on Tuesday, April 1, 2014): **Without the 'Welfare Exemptions'** (which removed the net Assessed Value from the tax rolls), **JH Ranch Mountain Resort's total Secured Property Taxes for those 15 high-value parcels WOULD HAVE BEEN \$92,843.71** (based on 1% on those Assessed Values which were exempted), **making their total secured property taxes for all 46 parcels \$110,333.28. However, with the \$92,843.71 exempted amount, the total secured property taxes they paid was only \$17,489.57.**

**(See all figures on <https://GrandmaUsedToSay.wordpress.com/property-taxes/>)**

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**Sept. 2016:**

**From the KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMP ZONE CHANGE (Z-14-01) AND USE PERMIT (UP-11-15) DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION I found the Parcel numbers:**

APN	Ownership
024-440-140	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-440-150	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-440-310	Andrew & Emily Warken
024-440-320	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-440-330	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-450-390	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-450-400	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
024-450-590	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
025-370-040	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.
025-370-380	Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc.

## **Kidder Creek Parcels included in Project: Property Taxes**

<b>Parcel No.</b>	<b>Assessed Values Land/Structure</b>	<b>EXEMPT?</b>
024-440-140-000	\$ 642,912	Welfare Exempt
024-440-150-000	157,455	Welfare Exempt
024-440-320-000	7,343	Welfare Exempt
024-440-330-000	89,858	Welfare Exempt
024-450-390-000	111,396	Welfare Exempt
024-450-400-000	606,054	Welfare Exempt
024-450-590-000	111,396	Welfare Exempt
025-370-040-000	37,265	Welfare Exempt
025-370-380-000	10,370	Welfare Exempt

**Total Assessed Value 'WELFARE EXEMPTION': \$1,774,049.00 on 553.44 acres. (2016)**

**(That's 1 million seven hundred seventy-four thousand forty nine dollars.)**

**According to the Siskiyou County Tax Collector: WITHOUT the 'Welfare Exemptions' (which REMOVED the net Assessed Value from the tax rolls), Kidder Creek Orchard Camp's total Secured Property Taxes due for those 9 parcels WOULD HAVE BEEN \$17,740.49 (based on 1% on those Assessed Values which were exempted).**

Note: The 10<sup>th</sup> parcel included in their Project is Parcel No. 024-440-310-000 which was deeded from Kidder Creek Orchard Camp to the Warkens on 9-30-2014 for Sales Price of \$259,000. Assessed Value \$255,949. (Homeowner Exemption applies). The Parcel IS part of the Project, but not sure how this ties into the Project as property taxes would be due on it by the Warkens. (He is the Camp Director)

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Mount Hermon's Kidder Creek borders the Marble Mountain Wilderness and the Klamath National Forest, and sits in the shadows of majestic Mount Shasta in Northern California. These outdoor arenas offer us opportunities for Whitewater rafting, Rock Climbing, Mountain Biking, Backpacking, High Ropes Course and an unforgettable Peak Ascent. Kidder Creek offers services to the public without discrimination and with a special use permit from the Klamath National Forest.



## **MOUNT HERMON'S VISION**

Make a difference in lives for Jesus Christ!

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF HOW MOUNT HERMON GOT STARTED AND WHY IT EXISTS**

Founded in 1905, Mount Hermon was the first Christian camp west of the Mississippi. We've always been both evangelical and interdenominational, consistently proclaiming Jesus as Lord and Savior, teaching the authoritative Word of God and serving churches and Christian ministries both here and worldwide. Mount Hermon's origins trace to the American evangelist Dwight L. Moody, whose conference center founded in the east influenced our original program and facilities.

Now over 100 years later, Mount Hermon is still a place of retreat from daily stress and rigors, a place for discovering and renewing one's relationship with Jesus Christ. Our "high" view of the Bible as God's authoritative Word permeates our programs, encouraging an environment where the truths of Scripture can be taught, understood and applied in daily living.



Over our history, Bible teachers participating here have included many of the most highly respected preachers and teachers in the world. By God's goodness and faithfulness, Mount Hermon has grown to be one of the largest—and acclaimed as one the finest—Christian camp and conference facilities in the world.

Since its inception in 1976, Kidder Creek has time and again given young people a dramatic experience in the outdoors. Our well-trained, relational staff lead youth to be challenged by the life-transforming message of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### ACTIVITIES OFFERED AT KIDDER CREEK

- Traditional trail rides
- Instructional training on horseback
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### DURATION OF TRIPS OFFERED

They offer 3-7 day trips.

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Trips cost in the range of \$100-\$500.

Published in Siskiyou Daily News: **July 29, 2014 9:49AM** By Amanda Hinds Doyle

## Kidder Creek Camp set to expand

ETNA – After nearly 38 years, Kidder Creek Camp in Scott Valley, an outdoor spiritual recreation camp, is looking to expand. Since it's inception in 1976, the camp has been providing exciting outdoor adventures to kids in the surrounding areas.

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In its beginning years, 99 percent of attendees were Siskiyou County residents. In an average year, the camp caters to approximately 850 people, with another 400 different groups utilizing various aspects of the camp, said Warken.

*✓ daily not yearly*

The expansion would include a few new cabins and campsites along with the addition of winterized cabins and cafeteria. These additions would elongate Kidder Creek's availability for interested parties.

**\*** Warken said the goal is to expand the influence of the camp, and "get more people up here to experience this great place." Even with the targeted draw from Redding and Medford, Warken said the camp will not lose the Siskiyou County aspect. "It's about community," said Warken.

Warken said that Siskiyou County residents will always receive a 25 percent discount.

While awaiting the hopeful expansion, the camp is looking to its Fall Festival, October 11, 2014. The family event will feature apple picking, hayrides, crafts, dancing and food.

*My Notes*

**Che'usa Wend of Etna    Sept. 20, 2016 BOS Meeting - Yreka**

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VIA email from: Che'usa Wend – Etna

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Mr. Underwood,

Attached is a brief summary of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp's Use Permit history.

In researching information during this 30-day Public Comment Period (ending Oct. 6, 2016), there are **two areas that seem to present open-ended debate, and which I feel must be answered before any further movement forward on this project can or should occur.**

**1) Scott Valley Area Plan:**

- ~ **Who interprets what constitutes a Violation of the Scott Valley Area Plan? ~ Who determines that a violation has occurred?**
- ~ **Who enforces said violation(s)?**

**2) Easements**

- ~ May have been originally granted to Fruit Grower's by property owners Jerde and Tasem, (*copies of which you should be able to obtain from Brett Walker, Sr. Planner of Siskiyou County*).
- ~ Property subsequently sold to Timbervest and recently to Kidder Creek Orchard Camp.
- ~ It is my understanding that KCOC contends they DO have ingress and egress rights over the Jerde and Tasem properties by 'successors in interest' clause.
- ~ Dispute as to the validity of the easement giving KCOC the right to enter the Jerde and Tasem properties as the **actual placement of the easement may not be in alignment with the secondary road in question**, thereby making entry onto the Jerde and Tasem properties as possible trespassing.
- ~ **Who determines the actual placement of said easement(s) and the rights of each?**

**Summary of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp's Use Permit history**

**Beginning January 5, 1977** the Kidder Creek Orchards Camp of the Berean Fundamental Church (Etna) applied for a Use Permit to establish a base camp for Youth backpackers (**36 children, 8 counselors and 2 staff members, presumed to be per day**):

<u>NEGATIVE DECLARATION - KIDDER CREEK ORCHARDS</u>		APPROVED
CAMP OF THE BEREAN FUNDAMENTAL CHURCH for a		
Use Permit to establish a base camp for Youth		
backpackers - Sec. 2 and 36, Twp 42 & 43, R. 10W.		
STAFF REPORT:	The Planning Department reports that this Use Permit is for a base camp for youth backpackers, non-denominational and primitive in nature for 36 children, 8 counselors and 2 staff members. Water will be from springs and streams. Sewage by septic tank	
AGENCY INPUT:	The Planning Department and the Technical Committee recommended approval.	
PUBLIC INPUT:	Mr. Norm Malmberg and Mr. Bob Jones and a group of representatives of the Berean Church were present at the meeting.	
MOTION:	It was moved by Commissioner Lange, seconded by Commissionr. Martin to approve the Negative Declaration with the following findings:	
	1. Any grading will be minimal, result in a stable final slope, will not contribute to erosion and will not unduly stress other portions of the hill.	
	2. The proposed project will not adversely affect water quality of either ground or surface waters.	
	3. The proposed project will not adversely affect the health of any persons adjacent or remote.	

**December 13, 1979** Kidder Creek Orchard Camps, Inc. applied to place a sign at Highway 3 and S. Kidder Creek Road.



NEGATIVE DECLARATION - USE PERMIT  
KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMPS, INC.

APPROVED

STAFF REPORT: This application is to place a small directional sign on the east side of Highway 3, directly opposite south Kidder Creek Road. T43N, R9W, Section 29, MDB&M. Zoned A2B-40. The Planning Department recommended approval.

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Additional use is annual auction for funding purposes on the property.

<b>Project Title</b> Use Permit 85-37		
Kidder Creek Orchard Camps		
<b>State Clearinghouse Number</b> (if submitted to Clearinghouse)	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
Submitted: 7/20/84	Robert W. Sellman Planning Director	(916) 842-3531 Extension 242
<b>Project Location</b> T42N, R10W, Sec. 36 & 2. Located at the end of South Kidder Creek Rd. and Highway 3, south of the Greenview Townsite.		
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**Revised January 1985**, of the Mitigation Measures approved by the Planning Commission, this was one mentioned:

5. Activities shall be confined to camping with the exception of an allowable annual auction. Appropriate dust control shall be applied before the auction.

However, I did not see any mention of existing occupancy levels or request for increase from the 1977 levels of 36 children, 8 counselors and 2 staff members, presumed to be per day. \*

**1996** the Kidder Creek Orchard Camps applied for a Use Permit to expand the total number of campers from approx. 1,802 combined campers and students per year (\* see above as *I'm not sure where that number came from. I could have missed it in all the paperwork*) to a maximum of 3,340 annually at the end of ten years with a maximum occupancy of 165.

The proposed primary season was April through November, but when winterized could be used year-round. Very vague.

SCH Number: 1996103658

Document Type: NOD - Notice of Determination

Project Lead Agency: Siskiyou County

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**Project Description**

THE APPLICANTS ARE REQUESTING APPROVAL OF A USE PERMIT TO EXPAND KIDDER CREEK ORCHARD CAMPS, AN EXISTING PRIVATE RECREATIONAL FACILITY. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CAMPERS UTILIZING THE CAMP IS PROPOSED TO INCREASED FROM APPRX. 1,802 COMBINED CAMPERS AND STUDENTS PER YEAR TO A MAXIMUM OF 3,340 ANNUALLY AT THE END OF TEN YEARS WITH A MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY OF 165.

On page 11 of 227 pages of the **September 2016** Negative Declaration it shows: 165 guests (310 including staff and volunteers). THAT is the first mention I have seen of staff/volunteer figures, which almost doubles the amount of people)

Existing Occupancy Approvals

Maximum Daily Occupancy:	165 guests (310 including staff and volunteers)
Maximum Annual Occupancy:	3,340
Average Daily Traffic:	131
On-Site Parking:	215

Whereas the **1996 Use Permit** was approved for a total 3,340 individuals per year with maximum occupancy of 165, this **2016 Use Permit increases from the 165 maximum occupancy to a peak summertime daily occupancy of 844**, however I don't see any limit on the 'total number of campers per year'.

At 844 maximum daily occupancy, it would take not quite 4 days to reach the previous 3,340 approved 1996 yearly total.



## Brett Walker

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**Sent:** Friday, October 07, 2016 10:48 AM  
**To:** Vurl Trytten; Brett Walker  
**Subject:** FW: support of Kidder Creek

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From: Debbie Wetzig [mailto:[jdwetzig@gmail.com](mailto:jdwetzig@gmail.com)]  
Sent: Friday, October 07, 2016 10:45 AM  
To: Planning  
Subject: support of Kidder Creek

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Kidder Creek is our go-to camp for all ages - our kids went there and then worked there as college kids.

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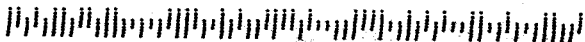
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# I SUPPORT

## *Kidder Creek*



11-12-16

Dear Planning Department Members,  
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My husband and I first heard about Kidder Creek three or so years ago, and then this past May met Andy Warken and his family at a week-end conference at Mt Hermon in the Santa Cruz Mtns.

He was very encouraging (persuasive) in his invitation to attend the Apple Festival

at Kidder Creek at the end of September.

This we did (long day from San Jose to your part of California.)

The weather was great & we thoroughly enjoyed our day meeting and interacting with many young families. Kids were everywhere enjoying their great grounds and provided activities.

The locals love Kidder Creek & so appreciate having such a wonderful camp in their valley addressing the physical,

spiritual and emotional needs of their children.

We met several of the young adults who were or have been councilors at the camps (personable, engaging young people who love kids).

We need places like Kidder Creek in today's world - well administrated, well cared for growth oriented.

Gary and I can offer our encouragement as you consider how you can help them continue to grow and impact the lives of families and children in California, Oregon & WA.

Gary and Barbara Wheeler



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Words from an old timer

I was born and raised in Scott Valley 92.8 years ago. It would take your breath away to hear the changes I have seen.

Growing up very poor here in this valley, we learned to use what was available, be thankful for what we did have and treasure what Gifts the Earth has for us to use. I saw none of that pilosophy in JH Ranch's proposal two years ago and I see none of that philosophy in the Kidder Creek Camp expansion 'vision' and plan. Actually, all I read is what they plan to build and change and nothing about conserving, protecting and giving back.

I understand that people think 'progress' is a good thing; however, much of what has been passed off to us as 'progress' is just a sorry excuse for big corporations coming to a rural area where they hoodwink people and next thing you know the whole landscape of our area changes. Money and high-paid lawyers have had their way around here for far too long. JH vs. the County has been a perfect example of that.

My two sons never went to Kidder Creek Camp as they were too busy working alongside Elinor and me learning life skills. They

is.

My pioneer ancestors came here in 1863 by wagon train. I retraced a part of their trail about 10 years ago. And when you see that some wagon tracks are still visible in parts of Wyoming, Oregon and other wagon trail states, it gives one a whole new sense of how long it can take (if ever) to heal the land from the ways of humans.

I implore the County Planning Department to STOP this nonsense once and for all by advising the Planning Commission and the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors that the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Plan for expansion would be detrimental to all aspects of rural life here in Scott Valley and would continue to do irreparable damage to our precious land and water.

Approving this plan for Kidder Creek is just one more way in turning my long treasured valley into a resort entertainment and recreation playground.

For those of you who want Kidder Creek Camp expansion, let them build a camp at the end of your road or in a field next to your house and see how that works for you.

Wake up Scott Valley!  
**Eb Whipple**  
Mayor of Cheeseville for 42 years, now retired



have grown up to be honest and productive men who have deep respect for the natural world.

This Kidder Creek Camp proposed expansion is nothing more than yet another big corporation taking our land, paying no property taxes, using up our resources, clogging our roads, and overtaking forest lands for 'wilderness experiences' which are nothing more than thrill-seeking entertainment.

Outdoorleaders.com advertises for Kidder Creek Camp as using special use permit from the Klamath National Forest for High-country horse pack experiences, including couples, for deer and pheasant hunting and fly fishing Kidder Creek with full guide service. Every local hunter and fisherman should be livid at reading that.

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September 14, 2016

TO: Attn: Brett Walker, Planning Division  
Siskiyou County Community Development  
Planning Division  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

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**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit  
UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

I was born and raised in Scott Valley 92.8 years ago. It would take your breath away to hear the changes I have seen.

My pioneer ancestors came here in 1863 by wagon train. I retraced a part of their trail about 10 years ago. And when you see that some wagon tracks are still visible in parts of Wyoming, it gives one a whole new sense of how long it can take (if ever) to heal the land from the ways of humans.

Growing up very poor here in this valley, we learned to use what was available, be thankful for what we did have and treasure what Gifts the Earth has for us to use. I see none of that philosophy in the Kidder Creek Camp expansion 'vision' and plan. Actually, all I read is what they plan to build and change and nothing about conserving, protecting and giving back.

I understand that people think 'progress' is a good thing; however, for much of what has been passed off to us as 'progress' it is just a sorry excuse for big corporations coming to a rural area where they hoodwink people and next thing you know the whole landscape of our area changes. Money and high-paid lawyers have had their way around here for far too long. JH is a perfect example of that.

My two sons never went to Kidder Creek Camp as they were too busy working alongside me and learning life skills. They have grown up to be honest and productive men who have deep respect for the natural world.

This Kidder Creek Camp proposed expansion is nothing more than yet another big corporation taking our land, paying no property taxes, using up our resources, clogging our roads, and overtaking

forest lands for 'wilderness experiences' which are nothing more than thrill-seeking entertainment.

When you see how the lands have been trampled and litter strewn after these groups leave, it is difficult to believe they are actually being guided or taught about the preciousness of natural lands, wildlife and how fragile our ecosystem is.

I didn't see anything in their plan about the effect of the huge amounts of sewage, water consumption and use, drainage changes that WILL happen with all that building and human and vehicle traffic.

I saw and experienced first hand how improper drainage can affect a neighboring property when the subdivision of Partridge Pines went in across Highway 3 from my property on the old Cheeseville Road (now Scott Valley Road). Every rain brought storm runoff onto my property and no amount of asking or yelling or fighting the County did one thing to correct it or stop it. Enforcements which need to happen on these big corporations never seem to. They do however, plague the tax-paying hard workers here.

Approving this plan for Kidder Creek is just one more way in turning MY treasured Valley into a resort entertainment and recreation playground.

I implore you to STOP this nonsense once and for all by advising the Planning Commission and the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors that the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Plan for expansion would be detrimental to all aspects of rural life here in Scott Valley and would continue to do irreparable damage to our precious land and water.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Elbert S. Whipple".

Elbert S. Whipple  
304 Fredrick Street  
Etna, CA. 96027

(Mayor of Cheeseville for 42 years, now retired.)

September 29, 2016

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Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. I lived in Scott Valley from 1986 to 1998 and am very familiar with South Kidder Creek Road. For much of its length this is a narrow road, and I don't think it could safely accommodate the very large projected increase of vehicular traffic under the proposed changes.

In addition I am concerned that this increase in vehicular traffic would negatively impinge on the residents who live along the road and currently enjoy a quiet, rural setting.

Other concerns include the increased noise, light, and air pollution from the camp itself as well as the vehicular traffic. And there is also the issue of an adequate emergency exit road in case of a fire.

Please take these issues seriously into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Donna Wildearth  
2904 Williams St.  
Eureka, CA 95501

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Neil & Donna Wiley  
1224 South Kidder Creek Road  
P. O. Box 38  
Greenview, CA 96037  
(530) 467-3959

6 October 2016

Bill Navarre, Interim Director  
Community Development Department  
County of Siskiyou  
806 South Main Street  
Yreka, CA 96097

Via fax (530-841-4076) and U. S. Mail

Re: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp  
Zone Change (Z-14-1) and Use Permit (UP-11-15)

Dear Mr. Navarre:

We are submitting the below comments regarding the above-referenced applications for rezoning and modifications to an existing use permit.

We reside at 1224 South Kidder Creek Road, which is located on the south side of South Kidder Creek Road approximately one mile east of Kidder Creek Orchard Camp. Primary access to our property is from South Kidder Creek Road. A shared driveway on the south side of South Kidder Creek Road, approximately one mile west of Highway 3, serves three residences, 1216, 1224 and 1325. When traveling westbound on South Kidder Creek Road access to these three residences requires a left turn off of South Kidder Creek Road onto the shared driveway at a point where South Kidder Creek Road makes a long, fairly sharp right turn.

During approximately eight months of the year while there is foliage on the trees and shrubs located on the north side of South Kidder Creek Road it is very difficult to see if there is any oncoming eastbound traffic prior to making a left turn onto the shared driveway. In our opinion as the road is currently configured the existing left turn is only marginally safe during this period. During the winter months when there is little foliage the view of oncoming traffic is relatively clear.

It is our understanding the use permit application filed by Kidder Creek Orchard Camp requests an increase in allowable total occupancy of over 400%, presumably increasing traffic on South Kidder Creek Road by a comparable amount. It seems reasonable to assume that most of the increased usage would be during the summer months when there is foliage on the north side of South Kidder Creek Road in the vicinity of our shared driveway, and when a left is already only marginally safe. In our opinion, without modification to the existing roadway or removal of the



trees and shrubs on the north side, the proposed increased traffic would be a serious safety issue to anyone turning left onto our shared driveway, as well as to those traveling eastbound from Kidder Creek Orchard Camp.

We have no personal objection to the proposed zoning and requested use permit change provided a condition of approval is either 1) realignment of the existing road such that westbound traffic can see oncoming eastbound traffic for a reasonable distance during all seasons of the year or 2) removal of the trees and shrubs on the north side of the road in the vicinity of the shared driveway.

Sincerely,



Neil W. Wiley



Donna M. Wiley

P. S. We have no knowledge of the notification requirements to local landowners and residents when considering zoning changes and use permits. However, as a practical matter your notification in this case has been defective. The only reason we are aware of the matter is a chance encounter with Mike Alexander a few days ago. We have owned this property for over ten years. Every year Siskiyou County mails a property tax bill to our P. O. Box in Greenview. Why wasn't written notification of this matter mailed to our P. O. Box so that we had timely notice?

Copy to: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp  
Mark and Sherry Crawford (owners of 1216 South Kidder Creek Road)  
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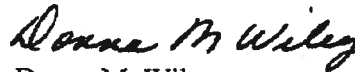
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Date

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**RE: Kidder Creek Orchard Camp Zone Change Z-14-01 and Use Permit UP 11-15**

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have concerns and questions about the Kidder Creek Orchard Camp expansion. They are as follows:

As with the JH Guest Ranch proposal, this proposal does not meet the guidelines set forth in the SV Plan-no

large scale development outside the towns within the valley, for a great many good reasons: 1.tremendous increase

in traffic on roads not designed for such. 2. Increase in noise and disturbance to rural neighbors. 3. No alternate

escape route in case of fire (CalFire has already said no to JH). 4. Potential for stream and groundwater contamination

from inadequate sewage disposal. 5. As discussed in the SVP, development will maintain the character and rural

nature as decided by the voters. The Planning Commission and BOS need to decide if they will uphold the SV

Plan and do it soon, as more corporate recreation is bound to come to our special valley.

Please take these issues into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Marc R Williams*

Signature

*Marc Williams*

Name (printed)

*PO Box 481*

Address

*Etna CA 96027*

City, State, Zip

*I realize This is a tough issue but The County needs to be decisive and resolute in this issue ( Thank you — Please remember, you work for the citizens of Siskiyou County*

# I Support Kidder Creek Camp

This is a declaration of support for Kidder Creek Camps planned development and application for an amendment to their use permit, #UP 11-15. I believe that the planned improvements including their new recreational pond, horsemanship facilities, 3 season cabins and dining facility will benefit local kids, families and community in many ways.

## COMMENTS

It's been a delight to have had the opportunity to attend & to now send our son. Other summer camps are, so far away & extremely expensive.  
NAME Jason & Kari Williams

## ADDRESS

401 Herzog Blvd.  
Yreka, CA 96097

## SIGNATURE

Kari Williams

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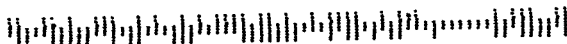
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[kiddercreek.org/masterplan](http://kiddercreek.org/masterplan)

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## Kidder Creek Questionnaire

I Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the  
victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Kidder Creek has been an influential part in numerous  
peoples' lives, and we would love for you to share your  
thoughts by answering the questions below.

1. How has Kidder Creek impacted your relationship with  
Christ?

It has made my life  
a way better, because  
of what I learn.

2. How do you think Kidder Creek has positively  
impacted the surrounding communities?

I cant say, but it  
has impacted my friends  
very much.

Name

Tyler Williams Town  
Tekon