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RE: Coast, Southern and Northern Forest District Option "a" Review

Dear Ed:

CAL FIRE has been conducting a monitoring audit on Option "a" plans for approximately 2 ½ years from the date of this letter. During this audit, CAL FIRE conducted a field review of SPI lands in the Southern District in 2017 after your company provided us mapping information and silvicultural breakdowns on lands impacted by the drought. After conducting the field review CAL FIRE had additional questions concerning all of SPI's Option "a" plans (Coast, Southern and Northern Districts). The five additional questions were:

- Accounting of all areas affected by fire or insects where the stand type changed and no harvest occurred
- Current standing inventory
- Current standing inventory at this point as compared to the original Option "a" projections
- How does the impact of the fires and insects affect the yield stream trajectory
- Update on the current plantation status, specifically if they were meeting the growth targets established in the Option "a"

During a meeting with you and other representatives from SPI on January 23, 2019, and a follow up meeting on May 7, 2019, you provided a confidential package of information concerning the five additional questions we asked. In recognition that the company ownership has evolved over the years making some direct comparisons difficult, you did provide adequate responses to smooth out the variabilities between the original Option "a" analysis and the current condition of the larger land ownership.

We have determined that your self-reported numbers are in agreement with the information we have on file in our office. Based on the self-reported figures you provided the Department, we feel that you are currently in compliance with your SPI Coast, Southern and Northern Option "a" documents. It is important to note that we have not conducted any independent field verification of these numbers, nor have we sought to independently verify this information using outside sources such as the CDTFA or our

FPGIS layers, but did conduct a field audit on the impacts of the drought mortality in 2017 as noted above.

If you have any questions, please call me at (530) 224-2481.

Sincerely,



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