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RE: Status of Botanical Survey within Burned and Cleared Area of the High Valley Oaks Property: 9850 High Valley Road, Clearlake Oaks, CA; APN 006-004-19

Dear Ms. Gardner and Ms. Dodd:

As per your request, I am providing this letter addressing the status of our ongoing botanical survey of the High Valley Oaks property. We are currently conducting a botanical survey of the entire property pursuant to our agreement with you and should have the report completed this summer. However, as you have noted, this completion date is not consistent with your request to the Lake County Community Development Department for an "Early Activation" of the project.

Based on our first survey of the property conducted on April 22 of this year, it is clear that no sensitive plants will be found in the area that was burned in the Mendocino Complex Fire and subsequently cleared. This area currently consists of cleared and graded bare earth. The attached aerial photo base map shows the cleared area as we observed it during our site visit.

Early activation of any project component occurring with this cleared area will not affect the outcome of our botanical survey and is unlikely to result in additional adverse impacts to biological resources.

Sincerely,

Steve Zalusky
Principal Biologist



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