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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Allen Hurd Environmental Review of a Less than 3 acre Conversion Exemption

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Project Location: Crescent City

City

Del Norte

County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The applicant proposes to convert up to 2.4 acres of timber on a 3.2 acre lot located at 5080 Wonder Stump Road, Crescent City, CA. The project's General Plan Land Use designation is Rural Residential – one dwelling unit per three acres (RR 1/3), and the zoning designation is Rural Residential – three-acre minimum (RR-3). This action will result in the removal of 284 Redwood, 3 Douglas Fir, 2 Sitka Spruce, 6 Red Alder, and 21 other hardwood trees. Blair Forestry Consulting indicated there were no over mature or old-growth trees present on the parcel. Age classes of trees range between 60-70 years of age. The size of the trees range from 0" - 6" in diameter at breast height (DBH) to over 36" DBH. The majority of trees fall within the 0" - 24" at the DBH categories. Conifer trees on the property are generally in good health. Some of the Red Alder on the property have started to die, which is consistent with an early - successional species. The County has a right of way which encompasses the first 15-20 feet of frontage along Wonder Stump Road for the potential widening of the County - maintained road. Timber within this frontage is not proposed for removal.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Galea Biological Consulting (GBC) conducted a biological assessment in which no wetlands were found to exist in proximity to where the tree felling occurred. Additionally, GBC indicated no potential habitat area for any sensitive species listed on the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB). GBC also indicated that tree felling occurred in late summer when all nestlings had fledged. Mr. Hurd will refrain from cutting further trees during the nesting season, March 15th - August 15th without a nesting bird survey by a qualified biologist.

Tree removal will not be permitted within the county right-of-way. Due to this county right-of-way easement, the visual impact is considered minor due to this retention of trees of along the frontage of the property. An inadvertent discovery condition will be placed on the Grading Permit. This condition will state that in the event of archaeological or cultural resources being encountered during grading, all work shall be temporarily halted and a qualified, archaeologist, local tribes, and the County shall be immediately notified. Workers shall avoid altering the materials and their context until a qualified professional archaeologist, in collaboration with the local tribes, has evaluated the situation and provided appropriate recommendations. Project personnel shall not collect any resources. Finally, timber operations during the winter period shall be performed in accordance with the California Forest Practice Rules (14 CCR § 1104.1).

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

Within the past two years, the County of Del Norte solicited stakeholder feedback with regard to widening Wonderstump Road and potentially removing trees within the County's right-of-way. The County received a significant amount of feedback from the community during that process. This project is along the same corridor of Wonderstump Road; however, the project does not propose removing any vegetation within the County's right-of-way and vegetation removal is limited to areas on private property that do not fall within the protection zones.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board