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Superintendent
Redwood National Park
Attn: Second Growth
1111 Second Street
Crescent City, CA 95531

Re: Second Growth Thinning EA for Middle Fork Lost Man Creek

Dear Responsible Park Officials:

The Environmental Protection Information Center (EPIC) offers its support for the proposed action in the Redwood National Park's Environmental Assessment for thinning of over-dense second growth forest stands in the Middle Fork Lost Man Creek drainage in Redwood National Park.

EPIC is a regional community-based membership-driven non-profit organization. Our mission, in part is to protect and restore native forests and watersheds in Northwest California. Consistent with this mission, EPIC supports the park's efforts to thin out overstocked stands. EPIC supports Redwood National Park's forest restoration efforts. Thinning second growth stands and reestablishing natural species composition ratios is an appropriate goal for the overstocked, young growth stands that the park inherited from the timber companies.

Restoration forestry is consistent with the goals of the park, and we hope it succeeds in accelerating the return of the treated stands to a more natural and resilient condition.

EPIC appreciates the opportunity to engage with and support Redwood National Park in its restorative efforts. Please do not hesitate to contact me at the number provided below should there be any questions in regard to our comments.

Sincerely,

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