



## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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Dr. Keith Gilles, Chairman  
State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection  
P. O. Box 944246  
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Re: "Permanent Post-Fire Recovery Exemption" Rulemaking Proposal

Dear Chairman Gilles,

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) supports the Board's adoption of the rulemaking proposal entitled, "Permanent Post-Fire Recovery Exemption." The Department has participated in the Management Committee's development of this rulemaking proposal and appreciates the Board's consideration of our comments to date.

It is instructive that to date, the Board's emergency adoption of an Exemption to facilitate post-Camp Fire recovery efforts in Butte County has resulted in treatment of approximately 786 acres. This is an indication that the exemption process is useful to those homeowners who have suffered total or partial loss of their residences and other legally permitted structures. The Department, therefore, supports the Board's intent to create a permanent option to assist homeowners with post-fire recovery efforts.

As you know, the Department, Board, and Review Team agencies have been charged with monitoring and reporting on exemption use. If the Board adopts this rulemaking proposal, you may rest assured the Department will include this new exemption type in its ongoing monitoring efforts.

Thank you for providing the Department an opportunity to comment on this rulemaking proposal. A representative from CAL FIRE will be at the hearing should any questions arise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Helge Eng".

HELGE ENG  
Deputy Director  
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