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<p>"Determine future use and management of the River Road." Agree with current situation. The lower river road provides the best river access from the Bucknell Creek Bridge to the Lower Eel River Bridge. The lower river road from the Forest Boundary to the Lower Eel River Bridge is not needed for management of National Forest System lands. Maintaining the Lower River Road for vehicle access appears to be necessary for private landowner and recreation access. The Council should consider a recommendation to determine future use and management of lower river road from the Bucknell Creek Bridge to the Lower Eel River Bridge.</p>	David	Yes	<p>Comment noted. The potential measure has been revised to read: "Determine future use and management of the River Road from the Bucknell Creek Bridge to the lower Eel River Bridge."</p>
<p>State Land ownership pattern is not shown correctly and the Mendocino N.F. Bdy. is not depicted on the "Existing Conditions" map. The "Recommended Concept" map does not show State Lands or the Mendocino N.F. Bdy. Current situation and disposition of the Westshore Lease on PG&E land is not discussed. It was discussed in prior drafts. The lease is within the FERC Boundary.</p>	David	Yes	<p>National Forest boundaries are not shown on any of the planning unit maps due to the already large amount of information and symbols contained on the Existing Condition and Recommended Concept maps. The FERC boundary line and Westshore lease area have been adjusted. Additional state ownership cannot be verified and was therefore not added to the maps, but will be addressed in the development of the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). The bulk of the Westshore lease is not within FERC Project boundary; only the boat docks are within the boundary.</p>
<p>Supporting Analysis for Recommendations. "Work with Lake and Mendocino Counties to implement dust control measures on the County Road" Comment - Agree with dust control measures, but only as a start to improve the county road. The county road is designated a Forest Highway. This designation allows for federal funding opportunities to make major improvements. The Council should recommend working with both counties, Federal Highways Administration, PG&E, Forest Service, and other stakeholders to improve the county road for all-weather travel. An all-weather route could also enhance the recreation setting for users by providing turnouts for scenic views of the inner gorge that are not available from the south side of the river.</p>	David	Yes	<p>This measure has been deleted as the county road is outside the purview of the Stewardship Council.</p>

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<p>Friends of the River recommends that PG&E parcels along the Eel River downstream of Scott Dam available for disposal be transferred to the Forest Service to expand public lands and enhance public management of the river corridor.</p>	<p>Friends of the River</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council is developing an explicit set of criteria that will be used to determine which potential donees are qualified to participate in the disposition process. Qualified conservation easement and fee simple donees will be determined during the development of the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>
<p>Friends of the River recommends that this watershed and planning unit be renamed the Eel River Watershed and Eel River Planning Unit. Calling it the Potter Valley Watershed and Planning Unit when the only connection between the area and Potter Valley is an artificial diversion that has literally sucked the life out of the Eel River is like calling Mono Lake the Los Angeles Reservoir.</p>	<p>Friends of the River</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Comment noted. Potter Valley Watershed and Planning Unit have been changed to Eel River Watershed and Planning Unit.</p>
<p>All the late-successional timber stands should be kept intact. The stands on Trout Creek are especially notable.</p>	<p>John K Moore, Sierra Club</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>As per the Settlement Agreement, PG&E must protect the Watershed Lands with perpetual conservation easements, or some equivalent legal mechanism, to preserve and enhance six Beneficial Public Values (BPVs), of which sustainable forestry is included. Details regarding how forest resources would be managed in the future, including timber management and forest prescriptions, would be developed as part of the potential measure to develop a forest management plan for this planning unit. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.</p>

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Comments on EEL RIVER CANYON LANDS, LAKE PILLSBURY TO VAN ARSDALE DAM: The open space easement should provide for a public right-of-way along this stretch of the Eel River.	John K Moore, Sierra Club	No	Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction. There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.
Expenditures to rehabilitate the River Road cannot be justified, given the dismal history of landslides repeatedly wiping out sections of it.	John K Moore, Sierra Club	No	Comment noted. The Stewardship Council developed a potential measure to determine future use and management of the River Road. As stated in the Existing Conditions: "River Road has been closed due to a landslide and is unlikely to be reopened in the foreseeable future due to the lack of Federally appropriated funds to repair existing problems as well as continued geological instability."
The open space easement should provide for public rights-of-way along the shores of Lake Pillsbury.	John K Moore, Sierra Club	No	Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction. There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.

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<p>There should be no new road construction and no additional logging, including repeated entry to already-entered stands, in the inner gorge of the Eel River.</p>	<p>John K Moore, Sierra Club</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>As per the Settlement Agreement, PG&E must protect the Watershed Lands with perpetual conservation easements, or some equivalent legal mechanism, to preserve and enhance six Beneficial Public Values (BPVs), of which sustainable forestry is included. Details regarding how forest resources would be managed in the future, including timber management and forest prescriptions, would be developed as part of the potential measure to develop a forest management plan for this planning unit. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume III). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.</p>
<p>My family has made the Eel River Watershed area its home for over thirty years. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. I am concerned about the LCP and future plans in regard to it. Though we did not attend any meetings, we are interested in protecting the Eel River Watershed from exploitation or development. Several things are unclear after reviewing the plan. It appears that PG&E should have been doing more to protect the native habitat and control exotic species.</p> <p>The LCP appears to honor the current use of recreation all along the river. This is very important to our community, though better management of trash pickup could happen. For the most part, visitors to our river spend an afternoon and leave, taking their trash with them. Recently, barriers have been placed to discourage vehicular use on the gravel beds. This has, in my opinion, created further damage, as determined four-wheel drive visitors simply make a new way in to the area. Monitoring river use might cut down on the vehicular shenanigans, which do include crossing the river. This is especially harmful to the river.</p>	<p>Laura Clark</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council has developed potential measures to further protect and enhance habitat in the lower Eel River Bridge area and develop a wildlife and habitat management plan. Current management has attempted to stop vehicles from entering the riparian and instream areas of the river at the lower Eel River Bridge areas, but this has had limited success. The Stewardship Council recognizes the impact vehicle use has on the gravel bars and therefore suggested further protecting the lower bridge area through evaluation of measures to determine the most effective measures/combination of measures. Additionally, development of the wildlife and habitat management plan would identify additional measures to enhance and protect habitat, but at the current time, more information is needed to identify the most effective methods of protecting and enhancing gravel bar habitat. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume III). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.</p>

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<p>The LCP lists sustainable forestry as a potential use of the Potter Valley Watershed. This area has been extensively logged already. Current logging is bringing out only small trees. Of the highest concern are two stands of old-growth forest- one at Trout Creek and one at the top of "Antennae Hill". The stand at Trout Creek was "saved" years ago by residents when PG&E wanted to cut it down. Those residents felt that they had already won the battle for the life of those trees. The trees need to be left alone, to live.</p>	<p>Laura Clark</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>As per the Settlement Agreement, PG&E must protect the Watershed Lands with perpetual conservation easements, or some equivalent legal mechanism, to preserve and enhance six Beneficial Public Values (BPVs), of which sustainable forestry is included. Details regarding how forest resources would be managed in the future, including timber management and forest prescriptions, would be developed as part of the potential measure to develop a forest management plan for this planning unit. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.</p>
<p>The LCP does not say who will be able to list as a potential donee. What will the requirements of a donee be? Could it be a group of residents concerned with their watershed? Will it be land trusts? Forest Service? Or corporations or business people in it to make a buck? Who determines whether a donee is qualified? The LCP does not state how the parcels will be split for disbursement for future management and donation. Will the parcels be 1 acre? All 7,000? Who determines how it's split?</p>	<p>Laura Clark</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. As per the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, a donee of fee title and/or a conservation easement can be either a public entity or a non-profit organization, which can include Native American Tribes and organizations. The Stewardship Council is developing an explicit set of criteria that will be used to determine which potential donees are qualified to participate in the disposition process. Qualified donees will be determined during the early stages of developing the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process. LCP Volume I section 4.2 provides more information on donee qualifications. The Stewardship Council has not made any pre-determinations regarding clustering of parcels or the splitting of parcels. Those decisions will be made during disposition. The parcels are the legal parcels and vary in size. See Volume I section 2.3.7 for more information on parcel splits.</p>

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<p>[Condensed from letter] As you know, the Potter Valley Tribe is registered with the Stewardship Council as an Interested Donee. As such, our goal is to obtain an appropriate legal interest in parcels within the Potter Valley Planning Unit. The Tribe is a federally recognized Indian Tribe that is culturally and historically affiliated with the lands within the Potter Valley Watershed and, specifically, lands within the Potter Valley Planning Unit. Our current members retain a strong spiritual and cultural connection to our ancestors and the territory that was their homeland, a portion of which is now included within the Potter Valley Watershed and Planning Unit. The vesting of land rights for the Tribe within the Planning Unit would represent a significant restoration of our connection to these ancestral lands and would create an important historical milestone in the ongoing history of the Tribe and its individual members. Accordingly, we look forward with a sense of optimism to working with the Stewardship Council to establish the Tribe's qualifications and abilities with respect to land management and the meeting of the established goals for the lands within the Potter Valley Planning Unit. As a potential donee, the Tribe desires to obtain a legal interest in the subject lands, through itself or a wholly-owned nonprofit entity of the Tribe, possibly working in concert with a land trust or other qualified conservation entity for certain purposes.</p>	<p>Potter Valley Tribe</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Potter Valley Tribe is included in the Interested Donee Registry and will be notified when the Stewardship Council begins the disposition process for the Eel River Watershed. As per the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, a donee of fee title and/or a conservation easement can be either a public entity or a non-profit organization, which can include Native American Tribes and organizations. The Stewardship Council is developing an explicit set of criteria that will be used to determine which potential donees are qualified to participate in the disposition process. Qualified donees will be determined during the early stages of developing the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>

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<p>[Condensed from letter] The Tribe is interested in the future land management of the Potter Valley Planning Unit, and therefore supports the Council's Planning Unit Objectives as stated in the LCP Draft of June 2007, Vol. II. We are particularly interested in the identification and management of cultural resources and believe that we are uniquely suited to ensure their protection and to support opportunities for public education, as stated in the objectives. At PV-6, the Draft report for the Potter Valley Planning Unit indicates that "only 15% of the area within the FERC boundary has been inventoried for cultural resources, and the lands outside the FERC boundary have not been surveyed." This statement underscores the importance of these lands to the Tribe and demonstrates the need to expeditiously survey and preserve the cultural heritage so abundant in this area. To that end, the Tribe has included funds to begin initial cultural resource studies in its 2007-08 environmental program budget. As a Federally recognized Tribe whose ancestral territory includes the Planning Unit, we have available unique programs for assessment and management of lands that are not available for many other groups. The Potential Measures as set forth in the LCP consist of: conducting surveys of the planning unit to identify cultural resources and enable their protection; to coordinate with Native American entities when conducting cultural resource measures; conducting an ethnographic study of the planning unit to identify traditional use areas; and developing a cultural resources management plan for the planning unit. We believe that these measures are within the existing or obtainable resources of the Tribe, and look forward to assisting in their implementation. Should we succeed in our quest to obtain rights in the subject lands, we would be pleased to assist in coordinating the efforts of all Native American entities who have an interest in these lands.</p>	<p>Potter Valley Tribe</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Potter Valley Tribe is included in the Interested Donee Registry and will be notified when the Stewardship Council begins the disposition process for the Eel River Watershed. As per the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, a donee of fee title and/or a conservation easement can be either a public entity or a non-profit organization, which can include Native American Tribes and organizations. The Stewardship Council is developing an explicit set of criteria that will be used to determine which potential donees are qualified to participate in the disposition process. Qualified donees will be determined during the early stages of developing the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages. Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction. There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>

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<p>"Sacramento pikeminnow were introduced (likely as bait) into the Eel River in 1979 and...</p> <p>Is there good evidence that they were introduced at that time? At least 1 fishery expert I talked to thinks they may have been introduced naturally (carried by birds or humans) long before that, and are thriving because of the changes in flow since the dams were installed. Suggested language "Sacramento pikeminnow, believed to be introduced into the Eel River as bait, have prospered, negatively affecting salmonids through predation and habitat displacement."</p>	Potter Valley Tribe	No	<p>Comment noted. It is unknown what the specific evidence was to support the statement, however, the FERC Order Amending the Potter Valley License in 2004 stated that the non-native Sacramento pikeminnow first appeared in the Eel River system about 1979. PG&E has stated that the introduction mostly likely occurred from angler bait.</p>
<p>"Motorboating, windsurfing, kayaking, waterskiing, sailing, and sail boarding are popular boating activities on the lake." Windsurfing and sail boarding are the same. Suggested language "Motorboating, windsurfing, kayaking, waterskiing, and sailing are popular boating activities on the lake."</p>	Potter Valley Tribe	Yes	<p>The words "sail boarding" have been removed from the sentence.</p>

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<p>"Both historic and prehistoric resources are present within the Potter Valley Planning Unit, which is located within the ethnographic territory of the Onkolumomno'm Yuki." The former John Day Flat and Louisiana Pacific mill, now the site of the Van Arsdale Reservoir and Snow Mountain Tree Farm, was evidently shared by the Potter Valley Pomo (NWIC 2003), Huchnom (Stewart 1943) and Yuki Tribes. The Potter Valley Pomo's nearest permanent village sites were 3 miles south, over a ridge, and near where the Eel River diversion enters the Russian River watershed. Several sources show Pomo villages located on the Eel River in the area of Vans Arsdale Reservoir (NWIC 2003), (Barrett 1908), or mention Potter Valley Pomo hunting in the Eel River to Lake Pillsbury area (Stewart 1943), or using trails going northeast to trade with other Pomo tribes. Merriam (1967) listed several Pomo Tribes (using distinct dialects) associated with the Eel River area. It is highly likely that the following Pomo Tribes regularly visited/hunted/fished the main stem Eel River area: Redwood Valley Rancheria (Eel River below Van Arsdale, out of planning area); Potter Valley Tribe (Van Arsdale to Lake Pillsbury & points northeast); Upper Lake Habematolel Rancheria (Vans Arsdale to Lake Pillsbury & points northeast), and Robinson Rancheria (Van Arsdale to Lake Pillsbury & points northeast). Suggested language "Both historic and prehistoric resources are present within the Potter Valley Planning Unit. The territory within and around the PV Planning Unit was evidently shared by Pomo, Huchnom, and Yuki Tribes. The lower region of the planning unit, named John Day Flat by European settlers, and now the site of the Van Arsdale Reservoir, was used by the nearby Potter Valley Tribe. There are at least 2 recorded village sites believed to be Pomo located on the flat. Other Northern Pomo Tribes that visited or resided in the area include the Redwood Valley, Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake, and Robinson Rancherias."</p>	<p>Potter Valley Tribe</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Suggested language has been added to the Existing Conditions Historic Resources section.</p>

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<p>"The Yuki now thrive as a Federally recognized sovereign nation of confederated tribes at the Round Valley Indian Reservation, about 30 miles downstream of Cape Horn Dam." The Round Valley Indian Reservation is located 30 miles by air NW of Van Arsdale Reservoir. Travel to the area would be much farther, on trails through rugged mountainous terrain. By water it is 38 miles downstream on the mainstem Eel River, then 30 miles upstream on the middle fork Eel River. The Potter Valley Tribe's original land (purchased in 1898) and the old Rancheria (purchased in 1920) are located 5.5 miles south of Van Arsdale Reservoir. Suggested language "The following Federally recognized Tribes are near the planning unit (distances by air): Redwood Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California (7.5 miles southwest), Potter Valley Rancheria of Pomo Indians of California (5.5 miles south), Upper Lake Band of Pomo Indians of Upper Lake Rancheria of California (Habematolel Pomo of Upper Lake) (9.5 mi southeast), Robinson Rancheria (16.9 miles southeast), Round Valley Indian Tribes of the Round Valley Reservation (30.0 miles northwest).</p>	<p>Potter Valley Tribe</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Suggested language has been added to the Existing Conditions Historic Resources section.</p>
<p>"The Mendocino National Forest Land and Resource Management Plan does not allow grazing in the Lake Pillsbury or Ericson Ridge (north of the Eel River, west of the lake) Management Areas." Grazing was once allowed in some of the areas, which may have contributed to erosion and habitat degradation. Suggested language "The Mendocino Forest Land and Resource Management Plan presently does not allow grazing in the Lake Pillsbury or Ericson Ridge (north of the Eel River, west of the lake) Management Areas."</p>	<p>Potter Valley Tribe</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The word "presently" has been added to the sentence.</p>

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<p>"The Cape Horn Dam and Potter Valley Powerhouse were built in 1908, and Scott Dam was built in 1920-22 when the project was first licensed. Seven prehistoric sites, one historic site, and one prehistoric/historic site have been discovered around Lake Pillsbury. Nine prehistoric sites, one prehistoric/historic site, and one historic site have been discovered around Van Arsdale Reservoir. None of these sites have been evaluated for NRHP listing. Only 15% of the area within the FERC boundary has been inventoried for cultural resources, and the lands outside the FERC boundary have not been surveyed." According to NWIC (2003), at least one of the prehistoric sites is Northern Pomo. The Northern Pomo village of Lilkool is located along the Van Arsdale Reservoir. The source of this is Barrett's 1908 map, which also shows Pomo sites just downstream from the PV Planning Unit (Badwel) and near where Lake Pillsbury is now located (Uwului'me and Hunkal). The Tribe plans to commit funds for cultural resource studies in the area. Suggested language "The Cape Horn Dam and Potter Valley Powerhouse were built in 1908, and Scott Dam was built in 1920-22 when the project was first licensed. Seven prehistoric sites, one historic site, and one prehistoric/historic site have been discovered around Lake Pillsbury. Nine prehistoric sites, one prehistoric/historic site, and one historic site have been discovered around Van Arsdale Reservoir. Several of the sites are considered northern Pomo villages. None of these sites have been evaluated for NRHP listing. Only 15% of the area within the FERC boundary has been inventoried for cultural resources, and the lands outside the FERC boundary have not been surveyed. As the shared ethnographic territory of the northern Pomo people, the ancestors of the current members of the Potter Valley Tribe have an important past and present connection with the area of the planning unit."</p>	<p>Potter Valley Tribe</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Suggested language has been added to the Existing Conditions Historic Resources section.</p>

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Sustainable Forestry. The Potter Valley Tribe, with its ancestral connection to the area, is committed to this aspect of the Planning Unit management. Suggested language "Develop native plant gathering and demonstration areas within the traditional management concept."	Potter Valley Tribe	Yes	Comment noted. The Stewardship Council has developed a potential measure to investigate the potential for a traditional management demonstration area within the planning unit. Text has been altered to include interest by the Potter Valley Tribe and the Round Valley Indian Tribes to state: "Native American entities have suggested that traditional practices could also be used within the Potter Valley Planning Unit. The Stewardship Council recommends investigating the potential for a traditional management demonstration area within the planning unit in coordination with Native American entities."
Agricultural Uses. The Potter Valley Tribe, with its ancestral connection to the area, is committed to this aspect of the Planning Unit management. Suggested language "Review present and future grazing leases for impacts on water, wildlife, land and fishery resources. Consider eventual development of a fish hatchery to enhance natural populations."	Potter Valley Tribe	No	Comment noted. These topics will be addressed during the disposition phase of the Stewardship Council's work.
Preservation of Historic Values. The Potter Valley Tribe, with its ancestral connection to the area, is committed to this aspect of the Planning Unit management. Suggested language "Develop opportunities or sites for educational facilities, in conjunction with local Tribes. Conduct Phase 1 cultural resource study in conjunction with the Potter Valley Tribe."	Potter Valley Tribe	Yes	Text has been added to the discussion of the potential measure to develop a cultural resources management plan in the Supporting Analysis for Recommendations to state that opportunities for cultural educational facilities could also be identified.

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<p>For the last thirty years PG&E has allowed vehicles onto the gravel bars of the Eel River. This has caused enormous damage to the riparian habitat. Large amounts of trash get left behind for the volunteers of the Eel River clean up to deal with. Therefore, I feel that no vehicles should be allowed below the normal high water mark.</p>	<p>Warren "Beb" Ware</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Stewardship Council has developed potential measures to further protect and enhance habitat in the lower Eel River Bridge area, and to develop a wildlife and habitat management plan. Current management has attempted to stop vehicles from entering the riparian and instream areas of the river at the lower Eel River Bridge areas, but has met with limited success. The Stewardship Council recognizes the impact vehicle use has on the gravel bars and therefore suggested further protecting the lower bridge area through evaluation of measures to determine the most effective measures/combination of measures. Additionally, development of the wildlife and habitat management plan would identify additional measures to enhance and protect habitat, but at the current time, more information is needed to identify the most effective methods of protecting and enhancing gravel bar habitat. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.</p>
<p>The above ideas can only be enforced by providing funding for daily patrols during the summer. These patrols should be enforcing no camping laws, illegal dumping, squatters, and marijuana growing. Patrols should be on foot and by vehicle. Intervals between patrols during winter months can be increased.</p>	<p>Warren "Beb" Ware</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Stewardship Council has recommended a potential measure to develop a recreation management plan for lands outside the FERC boundary. It is suggested that this plan should coordinate law enforcement and seek to increase patrol of the area to reduce illegal and unauthorized uses.</p>
<p>The Eel River has always been heavily used for summer recreation; this creates a huge trash problem. For the past fifteen years the volunteers of the Eel River clean-up have dealt with this mess. The management plan should include funding for trash receptacles and a yearly cleanup of all watershed lands.</p>	<p>Warren "Beb" Ware</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Stewardship Council has recommended a potential measure to develop a recreation management plan for lands outside of the FERC boundary. A suggested component of this plan would be an operations and maintenance program. Such a program would identify appropriate frequency of trash collection and type and location of trash facilities.</p>

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<p>The rare and beautiful late successional and old-growth forested areas in Mendocino County, ie Trout Creek and Antenna Hill, should be protected in a no cut zone for perpetuity. The Trout Creek area was saved from PG&E's timber harvest plan in the late 1980s by a group called The Friends of Trout Creek. We invested hundreds of hours and thousands of dollars to save the trees and habitat. Please be certain not to undo what we have accomplished!</p>	<p>Warren "Beb" Ware</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Stewardship Council has recommended a potential measure to develop a forest management plan and a wildlife and habitat management plan. Appropriate management strategies for late successional forested areas within the planning unit would be identified during the development of the two management plans. Conservation easements, and overall objectives for management plans, will be developed as part of the disposition process and will be included in the Disposition Packages (Volumes IIIs). Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.</p>
<p>There are many illegal 4X4 trails that have been pushed through the woods to access the river. These trails cause extensive erosion and should be blocked off to avoid further damage.</p>	<p>Warren "Beb" Ware</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Stewardship Council has developed a potential measure to coordinate off-highway vehicle (OHV) use with Mendocino National Forest OHV route designation efforts. As the Supporting Analysis for Recommendations states: "After routes within the planning unit have been identified and designated in conjunction with Mendocino National Forest efforts, non-designated OHV routes in unacceptable locations can be evaluated for closure and/or restoration." Additionally, management of unauthorized OHV use would be addressed in the dispersed recreation use management component of the potential measure to develop a recreation management plan for lands outside of the FERC boundary.</p>
<p>This planning unit should be split between two managing entities, the US Forest Service and a consortium of land trusts. The Forest Service should manage the watershed lands east of the Mendocino National Forest boundary line. These lands would include all of Lake Pillsbury and the Benmore Creek drainage. The Forest Service is adept at managing the many campgrounds and at sustainable yield harvesting. The Mendocino County side containing the virgin old-growth could best be managed by a land trust. This land is in the western area of the planning unit. A land trust could better protect the remarkable old-growth and be free from political upheaval unlike the Forest Service.</p>	<p>Warren "Beb" Ware</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council is developing an explicit set of criteria that will be used to determine which potential donees are qualified to participate in the disposition process. Qualified donees will be determined during the early stages of developing the Disposition Packages (Volume IIIs). There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on this topic as well as other topics related to the disposition and future management and stewardship of the lands. The Stewardship Council will provide public notice and encourage participation in meetings, workshops, and other appropriate methods of participation in the planning process.</p>