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Philbrook Reservoir Planning Unit			
<p>My family owns property less than 1 mile east of Philbrook Reservoir, with Philbrook Creek and tributaries running directly through our property. Having briefly read through the Stewardship Council's, and the Forest Service's proposals for land management, land conservation, fire/fuel management, and allocation of public use lands I have become more interested in being involved in this process. My family has 4 generations of experience and wisdom in regards to the Philbrook valley and I feel that we could be of assistance in aiding your council in making wise decisions for the area. Our property, oddly shaped, is located adjacent and bordering to the east of what was "Jones Resort" property. Our property of 148 acres is in a unique part of the Philbrook valley that consists of a large population of Aspens and willows, and mixed conifers and 3 large meadows that is frequented by deer, bear and other wildlife. Your Planning Unit Objectives state that you will work in "coordination with adjacent landowners to ensure long-term forest health and reduce fuel loading and fire hazard." As adjacent landowners we would like to work in coordination with the Stewardship Council in achieving your objectives. Even if we are not able to offer advice or assistance, I would hope that a mutual relationship will be established to maintain open communications about environmental concerns, and ecological management. We would like to work in cooperation with your organization to maintain such beautiful areas for generations to come. Further, we would appreciate any advice to minimize our ecological impact, especially in regards to our own property, to maintain the ecological system of the Philbrook valley.</p>	Keegan Kirby	No	<p>Comment noted. The Stewardship Council appreciates the willingness of the commenter to collaborate on future management of the lands. As per the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, 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), including sustainable forestry. Details regarding how forest resources would be managed in the future, including timber management and forest prescriptions, would be developed as part of the recommended 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. 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.</p>

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<p>I have been associated with Philbrook Lake issues for most of my 70 years. My family acquired a recreational lease from PG&E in 1950, and we built a cabin there shortly thereafter. My comments: Improvement of the boat ramp access area, including both extension and width into the lakebed, would be a definite improvement. Rapidly lowered lake levels dewater the shore line below the existing ramp, exposing ruts, rocks and stumps making access difficult. A floating pier or fishing platform maintained at the ramp would be nice, but will require constant repositioning and maintenance due to rapid lake drawdown. Increased recreational usage in the project area exacerbate the potential for habitat degradation and devastating forest fire due to fuels buildup and offroad vehicle activity. This should be more fully addressed in the report. Offroad access into the lakebed and adjacent areas should be restricted and enforced. This will require physical blockage by placement of boulders or other natural structures to keep vehicles (offroad or not) from entering sensitive areas. This will reduce soil erosion, fish and wildlife habitat degradation and the potential for fire and vandalism. The use of the dewatered Philbrook lakebed as a muddy playground for offroad vehicles appears to be increasing every year.</p>	<p>Tom Richardson</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>The Stewardship Council recommended a potential measure to develop a fuels management plan for Philbrook Reservoir, as well as closure of unauthorized off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails through the use of gates, boulders, or other barriers, and revegetation of affected areas, in coordination with U.S. Forest Service (USFS) where necessary.</p>