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PIT-MCLOUD RIVER WATERSHED			
Lake Britton Planning Unit			
<p>AGRICULTURAL USES: The Land Conservation Plan proposes continued prohibition of grazing in the entire Hat Creek and Lake Britton Planning Units. Past grazing has caused significant damage to streambanks. We support this prohibition.</p>	<p>John K Moore, Sierra Club</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted.</p>
<p>FORESTRY: The forests in the viewshed of Hat Creek are presently managed with very limited harvesting of trees for sanitation, salvage, and watershed protection. This minimal level of management should be continued. The aesthetic and watershed protection values of the forests in the viewshed are far more significant than their limited timber values. More aggressive timber management about 15 years ago was strongly criticized by the public. Trees along the banks of the Creek provide valuable shade, reduce erosion, and provide raptor nesting. Trees should not be harvested along the banks. Fallen trees along the Creek's banks provide valuable fish habitat. Because most of Hat Creek's flow comes from springs, there are only small variations in flow and fallen trees are very unlikely to be swept downstream to damage facilities. Fallen trees along the banks should be allowed to remain in place; they could be cabled in place to provide extra assurance.</p>	<p>John K Moore, Sierra Club</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. 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), 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 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. Specifics of management plans will likely be developed post transaction.</p>
<p>These comments apply to the stretch of Hat Creek from Hat Creek Powerhouse #2 to Lake Britton and its viewshed. A small portion of this area just below the Powerhouse is in the Hat Creek Planning Unit.</p> <p>OPEN SPACE: The easement language protecting open space, which is required by the Settlement Agreement and Stipulation, must protect the viewshed of this stretch, including the associated meadows. Only minor structures should be allowed in the existing open space.</p>	<p>John K Moore, Sierra Club</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. 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), including open space. Conservation easements will include specific language regarding prohibited uses, including those that address the maintenance of open space values.</p>

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<p>MINING: Easements should prohibit the mining of the diatomaceous earth deposits not only along Hat Creek, but also anywhere in the Hat Creek and Lake Britton Planning Units.</p>	<p>John K Moore, Sierra Club</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Conservation easements will include specific language regarding prohibited uses. There will be opportunities for the public and stakeholders to engage with the Stewardship Council and other stakeholders on the topic of mining, 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>PUBLIC ACCESS: The easement must provide for dedicated rights-of-way for public access on both banks of Hat Creek, allowing for any obvious exceptions for environmental protection, operational needs, and public safety.</p>	<p>John K Moore, Sierra Club</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Comment noted. Conservation easements will include specific language regarding prohibited uses. Easements will also recognize existing rights-of-way. The creation of additional legal rights-of-way will be addressed during the disposition process, including those that allow for public access, as appropriate.</p>