# Staff Report

Meeting Date: October 18, 2022

To: Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

From: Bernadette Cizin, Assistant Planner

Subject: Proposed Zone Change (Z2108) Amending Zoning District Maps 10-6.205-250, and CEQA Determination

## Background

The project site is located on Guys Gulch Road, south and west of the community of Grenada on APNs 022-010-200 and 022-010-220; Township 43 North, Range 7 West, Section 1, MDB&M.

The project is a proposed rezone of approximately 691 acres from Prime Agricultural (AG-1) and Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (AG-2-B-40) to Timberland Production District (TPZ), in order to align the site with the historic, existing, and proposed future use of the property for timber production.

The project was considered by the Planning Commission at a public hearing on September 21, 2022. Following the public hearing, the Planning Commission voted 4-0, with one Commissioner absent, to adopt Resolution PC-2022-017, recommending that the Board of Supervisors determine the project exempt from CEQA and approve the proposed Zone Change (Z-21-08).

Notice of the project was published and posted as required prior to the Board of Supervisors meeting and no public comment was received as of the preparation of this staff report.

## Analysis

A Timber Management Plan was prepared by Registered Professional Forester (RPF), Dan Larivee. The Plan shows 149 acres as Site Class III, 180 acres as Class IV, 290 acres as Class V and 72 acres of meadow and non-stocked areas. Those classifications are evidence the property meets the stocking standards of the Forest Practice Rules, as verified by the RPF.

## Environmental Review

The proposed project (i.e., zone change to Timberland Production District) is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15264, *Timberland Preserves*. Pursuant to this section, “local agencies are exempt from the requirement to prepare and EIR or negative declaration on the adoption of timberland preserve zones under Government Code Sections 51100 et seq. (Gov. Code Sec 51119).”

## Recommended Action

As detailed in Resolution PC 2022-017, it is the recommendation of the Planning Commission that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed zone change. Should the Board of Supervisors concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors must adopt an ordinance amending Zoning District Maps 10-6.205-250. A draft motion to this effect is provided below.

## Recommended Motions

I move to take the following actions:

1. Introduce, waive, and approve the first reading of the proposed ordinance rezoning approximately 691 acres of land to Timberland Production District (TPZ) and amending Zoning District Map 10-6.205-250; and
2. Direct the Clerk to schedule a continued public hearing on the CEQA exemption determination and a second reading of the ordinance amending Zoning District Maps 10-6.205-250.

## Attachments

1. Draft Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, an Ordinance of the County of Siskiyou, State of California, Reclassifying Approximately 691 Acres of Land South and West of the community of Grenada, from Prime Agricultural (AG-1) and Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum (AG-2-B-40) to Timberland Production District (TPZ) on APNs 022-010-200 and 022-010-220; Township 43 North, Range 7 West, Section 1, MDB&M.
2. Planning Commission Staff Report
3. Supplemental Staff Report – September 21, 2022
4. Staff Report – July 20, 2022
5. Signed Resolution PC 2022-017