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**To:** [Jess Harris](#); [Ed Valenzuela](#); [Michael Kobseff](#); [Nancy Ogren](#); [Ray Haupt](#)  
**Cc:** [Wendy Winningham](#)  
**Subject:** JH PD and Zone Amendment Comments  
**Date:** Saturday, March 1, 2025 8:32:38 AM  
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Dear Supervisors,

Please accept my comments on the JH PD Zone Change and Use Amendment which is on your agenda for the March 18 meetings.

I have attached them in a document for your review.

Thank you,

Betsy Stapleton

3/2/2025

Betsy Stapleton  
5104 French Cr. Rd  
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Re: JH Ranch Zone Change Update (Z2306) / Use Permit (UP2416)

To Siskiyou County Supervisors

Dear Supervisors,

I have given up on asking that this project be denied for the many ways this large out-of-town corporation affects our remote rural community. The neighbors have spoken up over many years to oppose the impacts to the human and environmental community that their operation inflicts on us (traffic, noise, fire safety, water consumption, and sewage disposal) to no avail. Instead, I ask that you **ensure that this zoning change meets the stated objective to “establish a formal occupancy limit” (Section 1.1 Project Objectives P.3). that is clear and enforceable.** Achieving this goal is a positive action I think we can all support.

As some of you are aware, JH Ranch has been a troublesome neighbor on French Creek for more than 25 years. Their long-term mode of operation has been to violate zoning and regulatory limits and then ask for forgiveness later. This application is another example of that, which they acknowledge in the statement:

*“Baseline considers existing uses (both authorized and unauthorized) because uses provide evidence of long-term continuous existing conditions. CEQA is not to be used as enforcement for violation of laws or entitlements (p. 8)”*

“Baseline conditions”, even though they occurred in violation of use permits and other regulations, is the used to justify a CEQA exemption for this application. In conversations with planning staff and individual Supervisors, members of Friends of French Creek, a long-term neighbourhood group who oppose JH expansion and associated negative impacts, have heard that staff support this application because they believe that it will create terms and conditions for County staff to limit and manage occupancy, further growth and impacts. Let's make sure it does that.

With that goal in mind, I ask that the several changes be made to provide crystal clear guidelines and meanings. The 25+ year history of JH is that they will use their excellent legal team to exploit any ambiguity in regulations applied to them, and then, as they are now, claim “existing conditions” to avoid any penalties or consequences. Please consider and revise the following issues:

1. **Occupancy:** The Application requests to establish a formal occupancy limit, based on “current conditions”. The application misrepresents current conditions



and leaves many aspects of what is meant by “occupancy” unclear, leading to future enforcement challenges and unauthorized and undesired expansion opportunities based on exploiting the ambiguities. Please resolve the following misstatements, inconsistencies and ambiguities:

- **High Season Occupancy** Exhibit A-1 Item 7 states *“The maximum occupancy is 505 persons from the months of May to September. The maximum occupancy includes all individuals on the property at any given time. To document compliance with this condition, a sign in roster that contains a record of all individuals that are on the project site for each day of the calendar year shall be maintained. The roster shall be kept readily available for Community Development Department review”*. Neighbors can attest that major JH operations, as evidenced by heavy road traffic, stops by mid-August (we all breathe a huge sigh of relief to have our rural community back), not September as described above. The neighbor perception is supported by the program description included in “Amendment 3 JH Ranch Planned Development Master Plan” PP.10-11 which gives a detailed description of “Program Overview”. If one adds all the weeks of described programs, there is a total 10 weeks (note: Parent/Child and Cloud 9 are occurring simultaneously), not the 20 weeks encompassed by May-Sept. If this description is left as written it allows for an expansion over “current baseline” of 10 weeks of full capacity operation. Please obtain and codify an accurate representation of “current conditions” or require a CEQA analysis for an expanded program. **Please do not allow a further expansion of use days by accepting an inaccurate, over inflated “current condition” description regards to stand.**
- **Arrival and Departure Days:** This has been a problem issue in the past with JH having overlap between programs resulting in double occupancy. Please clarify this section by clearly stating that there is not to be overlap between programs. Here is the current description (Amendment 3 p.11) *“Guests arrive and depart from the Ranch by private car and typically arrive between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. on the day of arrival and depart between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. on the day of departure. The days of arrival and departure occur on different days.”* **Simply adding that arrival and departure days are not to overlap between groups would clarify this section.**
- **“Off Season” Use:** Exhibit A-1- Notations and Conditions of Approval bullet 8 states *“For the months of October to April (i.e., “the off season”), the maximum occupancy shall be held to maintenance staff personnel, typically 12 persons but up to 20 persons for contractors to perform work when needed. Additionally, the hosting of several off-season congregations (i.e., an annual Christmas party, Rockside Ranch, and Bethel Church) may be held and shall not exceed the maximum of 100 individuals on the property at any given time”*. “Several” is an ambiguous word that precludes the effective enforcement of the intention to limit off-season use. If there are 3 off-season uses to be allowed due to that being the “current condition” than the amendment should state that up to 3

off-season uses with no more than 100 people are allowed. The number of days for each of these events should also be included. As written, each event could last for 50 days and result in a total of a 150 days of off-season use. A clear statement would be along the lines of “No more than 3 off-season events of no more than 3 days duration each with no more than 100 people are allowed”. **Please make the provision for off-season use clear and enforceable.**

- **Provision for off campus uses being canceled:** The program description references “off-site” activities. The 505-person on-site capacity limit does not include these off-campus participants, which is reasonable given the extent of the County’s authority, but what happens if off-site program activities are canceled? Bringing those individuals back to the PD would then exceed the 505-person limit. Given that large natural events (fire, flood etc.) are increasingly frequent, the need to deal with this issue is predictable and not an emergency. **Please include a plan for the cancellation of off-campus activities that does not include exceeding the 505-person on-site limit.**
- **Provide for operational flexibility, a business need, by providing a maximum daily occupancy and a total yearly occupancy.** Simply calculating the total current annual days of use and establishing that as the total allowable days of use could allow for operational flexibility, for instance, more winter events of smaller numbers, a single larger winter event, or expansion into the spring and fall shoulder seasons as appears to be the intent, without increasing overall impacts. **Please add a maximum number of annual use days to provide clarity and potentially operational flexibility.**
- **Procedures for violations:** While great progress is being made, which would be further advanced by incorporating the suggestions above, in defining current conditions and imposing occupancy limits, there is no provision for violation of the terms. Review of Exhibit A-1 Notations and Recommended Conditions of Approval does not find any agreed upon penalty structure for violating the terms of the approval. Given JH’s persistent behaviour of exceeding occupancy limits and building without approval/permits, a clear agreement for remediating such behaviours in the future is required. Perhaps a \$10,000 a day per person fine for exceeding the occupancy limit and a destroy and pay fines provision for unauthorized construction, similar to the provisions our local irrigators face when irrigating under curtailment provisions? Remember, this organization has very deep pockets, so any fine needs to be a real disincentive. **Please include clear provisions for violating the terms of the Zone change and use permit.**

2. **Procedures for future changes in occupancy and physical infrastructure.** Exhibit A-1 Paragraphs 10-14 state that significant changes will require a PD amendment and Use Permit modification. I am grateful for those clear provisions;

however, I would like to ensure that they allow for meaningful community input. The staff analysis for this application notes (p. 8) "A Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Siskiyou Daily News on January 29, 2025, and mailed to property owners within 300 feet of the applicant's property. Four public comments have been submitted in opposition to the project". There has been a long-term history of many interested parties who are not within 300 ft of the property and the Planning staff made no effort to contact them. These people have asked to be kept informed of any planning action related to JH and their contact information could be found by reviewing old files on the topic. The notice that did go out had scant information, a bare minimum notice of the hearing without a link or description of where find substantive material. The County Planning and/or Community Development website did not post or offer access to files with the application or staff recommendations, and when my husband did FOIA request for information (under direction from County planning staff on how to get information) all he received was two pages, the signature pages for the application. Material was finally posted to the Planning Commission agenda as "view details" 3 business days prior to the Commission meeting. All this made it exceedingly difficult for a regular citizen to give meaningful input on this issue that greatly affects our lives. After the Planning Commission meeting, I heard "No one showed up and there were only 4 letters". This is not an indication of disinterest, rather an indication of how difficult being an engaged citizen has become. **Please instruct Planning and Community Development Staff to maintain and use a list of interested parties and post readily accessible and comprehensive materials on the County website for any proposed JH action at least 2 weeks in advance of any Planning Commission or Supervisor Hearings.**

3. **Ensure neighbor and JH staff and guest fire safety.** Fire safety is a critically important issue. As we have seen in many recent fires, fire behavior is increasingly extreme and can easily overrun any escape or containment efforts. JH lies deep in the Wildland Urban Interface down long twisting, narrow country roads that would not support rapid evacuation of JH staff, guests, community members, and livestock trailers while emergency personnel try to obtain access. This is a recipe for the loss of life on a significant scale. County staff and Cal Fire, presumably after consultation with legal counsel, have taken the position that CalFire 4290 regulations do not apply to this application because there is no new construction proposed. Even if this is the case, the application makes many misleading and outright erroneous statements about fire safety issues and emergency evacuation routes. Leaving these statements standing in a document approved by the County would render attempting to correct them at some future time extremely difficult. Let's consider each of the statements separately as this is a critically important issue, which, if handled incorrectly, will lead to the loss of life and property when the inevitable high intensity fire strikes this high housing density area deep in the Wildland Urban Interface.
  - The application states (p. 12-13) "JH Ranch has provided reasonable evacuation routes from its facility, along existing public roads, as well as an Evacuation Plan for JH Ranch's operations." This statement is untrue as these routes do not provide reasonable egress for 505 guests and staff as well as many local residents with livestock trailers and possessions while allowing simultaneous ingress of emergency personnel. In 2014, a

group of local residents evaluated two proposed evacuation routes and found them entirely inadequate to meet CalFire 4290 safe road standards. The results of this analysis were sent to the County from "Friends of French Creek" dated 11/20/2014 and is attached below. The County followed up with a "JH Road Tour" and the resulting minutes contain specific actions for the escape routes to be deemed safe and adequate (document attached below). To my knowledge, none of the needed improvements have occurred. While the County may feel legally compelled to accept the fire risk as it now stands, it is not required to confirm that the situation is adequate for safety in the current fire regime. **Please remove any statement that indicates that the current planned evacuation routes are sufficient for the need.**

- The application states "3 14 Cal. Code Regs., §1270.03(b), provides that SRA does not apply "where an application for a Building permit is filed after January 1, 1991," so long as the "parcel was formed from a parcel map or tentative map approved prior to January 1, 1991." (footnote p. 12), which appears to set the stage that JH would not be compelled to address Cal Fire State Resource Area requirements for future development. Please see the attached letter From Cal Fire dated April 19, 2016 that clearly states the requested change in occupancy at that time from 387 to 482 did require JH to meet 4290 requirements, which has been blatantly ignored and places both them and "us", local residents, in grave danger. **Please include this history somewhere in the Planning document to make sure that is recorded and not allowed to repeat.**
- I was heartened to see that Exhibit A-1 Paragraph 5. states "The JH Ranch shall enter into and maintain a memorandum of understanding with the Local Office of Emergency Services for wildfire/disaster evacuation protocol". What is contained within the protocol? Requiring JH to evacuate upon a 90% red flag warning would substantially increase safety. **Please do approve this amendment until the agreement with OES is written, opened for public comment and formally included in this amendment.**

Thank you for considering my comments. I hope they are specific enough to be constructive and helpful.

Sincerely,

Betsy Stapleton



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June 22, 2016

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Attn: Greg Plucker, Community Development Director

Subject: JH Ranch Planned Development Plan Amendment (PDPA Z-11-01)  
Dated April 19, 2016

A review of the above referenced project has been completed. The overall occupancy proposed for this project will be more than currently allowed by Siskiyou County under the Planned Development use permit (refer to page two, paragraph one, of the August 28, 2014 letter to Rob Hayes St. Clair from Greg Plucker). The table in attachment C3 of the most current JH Ranch application packet shows a 2015 PDPA total occupancy of 482 people. This is 95 people more than the currently allowed 387 occupants.

Since the occupancy of the PDPA will be increased, the Public Resource Code 4290 requirements identified in our review letter date 3/31/2014 still apply.

Monty Messenger  
Fire Prevention Bureau Chief  
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For: Phillip Anzo  
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**Subject:** Re: Two photos attached showing two different JH trucks that crashed into one of my fields on French Creek Ranch (JH PD and Zone Amendment Comments for March 18 BOS Meeting)  
**Date:** Monday, March 3, 2025 8:35:53 AM  
**Attachments:** [IMG\\_6326.HEIC](#)

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Dear Supervisors,

Please see additional information (photos attached below) on the impact that the JH traffic has on French Creek Rd.

Thank you,  
Michael Stapleton

On Sun, Mar 2, 2025 at 12:57 PM Michael Stapleton <[frenchcreek@gmail.com](mailto:frenchcreek@gmail.com)> wrote:

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Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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**Date:** Sunday, March 2, 2025 12:58:40 PM  
**Attachments:** [Comments on JH Application March 2, 2025 \(1\).pdf](#)  
[Attachment A.pdf](#)  
[Screenshot 2025-03-02 at 9.33.15 AM.png](#)  
[JH Accident 10-26-2017.pdf](#)  
[Screenshot 2025-03-01 at 8.40.19 AM.png](#)

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March 2, 2025

Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors  
Board of Supervisors Meeting March 18 at 9:00 am

Subject: JH Ranch Zone Change (Z-23-06) and Use Permit (UP-24-16)

Dear Supervisors::

Please consider these questions and comments when approving this Zone Change and Use Permit for the JH Resort:

Occupancy

- Did the County negotiate with JH on the 505 person occupancy or just take the JH's word for it? Does it include guests and staff? I commend Siskiyou County for working on putting a permanent limit on occupancy by the JH and hopefully it will be more successful than past attempts.
- If this 505 person occupancy is for the 79 acres on the Plan Development, does this limit also apply for all other the additional acreage and homes that the JH has purchased / built in recent years outside the Planned Development? OnxMaps (screenshot attached) shows the JH main parcel at 229 acres plus numerous other parcels owned by the JH and their affiliate from Alabama, Children of Grace Foundation. All of these parcels are part of the commercial operation of the JH. Please make this 505 occupancy include all clients and staff on all of the JH parcels including those of the Children of Grace Foundation.
- Does this occupancy limit include clients that are being entertained off site on other private and public lands?

## Year-round Guest Ranch Operation

- Page 8, Section 3.1 “Overall Use and Intent” of the Planned Development Plan Amendment Application submitted to Siskiyou County in November 2023 states: “The use of the properties shown in the PDPA is for a year-round “Guest Ranch” Operation”. This request was not mentioned in the “Notice of Public Hearing”? How is this not an increase in occupancy? The JH claims that they have had three winter season 100 person events and any future winter season events should be limited to this “baseline” in their permit to make them comply.
- The residents of French Creek currently must endure the high levels of traffic and noise 4 months per year, now we have to endure it for 12 months? In the last few years, the JH Resort has toted two JH Resort trucks by running them off of French Creek Rd at high speeds into a field next to the road on my ranch. The CHP said that one of the drivers who “disappeared” after the accident was suspected of being intoxicated and was driving on a suspended drivers license due to a prior DUI (Accident Report attached).
- The current sewage treatment system at the JH Resort separates the solids (and taken where?) from the liquids. The liquids are then pumped to a leach field positioned right next to French Creek. The liquids are dispersed into the soil via emitters approximately 6” deep. How does this work when the ground is frozen and what keeps it from just entering French Creek? The existing sewage treatment system will not work for large occupancy year-round use.
- The JH Resort is located in “Critical Deer Wintering Ground” as dictated in the Scott Valley Area Plan and this level of occupancy is not allowed for year-round occupancy. How could the County Planning staff say this would be compatible with the Scott Valley Area Plan? This level of development is exactly what the Plan was trying to prevent.
- The JH has claimed that they have to operate year round as they can barely “make it” on just their summer operations. I have attached a screenshot for their website showing how much they are charging for some of their sessions. Considering that much of their staff are out of state volunteers and their tax-exempt status, I find it hard to believe they can barely make it. It appears that they are making millions and millions of dollars off of the back of Siskiyou County.

## Cal Fire 4290 State Resource Area Regulations

- The JH Resort does not have the required fire emergency ingress and egress under the 4290 Regulations. The cutoff road between Miner's Creek Rd. and French Creek Rd. does not meet the 4290 requirements both for curve radii and steepness of grades. With the JH Resort located in the Wildland Interface and being surrounded by volatile low elevation pine forests with hundreds of rental cars parked on the property, it is extremely important that these requirements are enforced.
- A section of French Creek Rd. in the French Creek Canyon below JH is 11'-14' wide and will be a major traffic bottleneck in the event of a disaster.
- The JH claims that they have not had new construction in recent years but they have an "Old Shop" and a "New Shop" which was built a few years ago. As recently as Feb. 25, two "AB Construction" contractor trucks with tool trailers were seen heading down French Creek Rd. JH has used this contractor on several building projects in the past. How does this make them exempt from 4290 Safe Fire Regulations?
- Last summer during the Shelly Fire, Klamath National Forest was shut down north of the Sawyers Bar Rd. Despite this closure, it was reported that the JH Resort took their teenage clients on a backpacking trip off of Salmon Summit to Meeks Meadow which is approximately a mile from the closure and endangering their lives.

## Water Usage

- The JH Resort is a commercial user of our limited water supply just like agricultural users. While commercial agricultural users are subject to curtailments, the JH Resort should also be required to limit their water use.

## Residents of French Creek

- Many residents of French Creek have been fighting the illegal expansion of the JH for over the past 30 years but yet it has still continued. Several residents finally could not handle the traffic, noise, and endless activity from the hundreds and hundreds of JH clients and staff and ended up selling their homes to the JH.

Now the JH has used their former properties to expand even more. Other residents have simply given up on fighting as they feel that the tax-exempt out-of-state JH operation seems to be more important than the lives of the tax paying citizens of French Creek. The citizens don't have the high- paid managers and expensive lawyers that the JH has but have to rely on their Siskiyou County representatives.

- The biggest impact to the citizens of French Creek is the endless JH traffic. The clients just don't arrive in their hundreds of rental cars and stay at the JH until the end of their sessions. Instead they make endless daily trips up and down French Creek Rd. at all hours of the day and night. Reality is much different that what the JH puts in their applications for approval. I can't imagine how these hundreds of cars will escape in a wind driven fire event at the JH? Why isn't a Traffic Mitigation Plan being required of the JH?

Maybe additional conditions should be considered before approval?

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and also for your services to the citizens of Siskiyou County. I apologize greatly for not attending the BOS Meeting in person as I have three previously scheduled medical appointments in Medford on March 18th.

Michael Stapleton,  
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Attachment A  
Screenshot from OnxMaps showing JH parcels  
CHP Accident Report on French Creek Rd.  
Screenshot from JH website



- d. Firs (8 persons)
- e. Pines (8 Persons)

Currently, there are multiple additional living spaces named:

- a. Ranch House – Single-family house (8 persons)
- b. Manor – Single-family house (24 persons)
- c. Eden – Single story bunk cabin (5 persons)
- d. Breezeway – Single story bunk cabin (8 persons)
- e. Upper & Lower Village – Fourteen single-story tent-like cabins (112 persons)

#### Summary

In summary, the current total square footage of housing facilities is 27,110 SF.

### 3.0 General Development and Use

#### 3.1 Overall Use and Intent

The use of the properties shown in the proposed PDPA is for a year-round “Guest Ranch” operation. This use has not deviated from the solitary land use and Guest Ranch activities described and approved in the 1993 PD Amendment (J.H. Ranch Planned Development Amendment Z-93-11, Staff Report for Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors Resolution approving amendment, Oct. 26, 1993. Furthermore, this use is consistent with the SCC for a Planned Development described as a single use “Planned Development District” with a solitary land use. (SCC § 10-61183(e).)


Further information on JH Ranch programs can be found in Section 1.2.3, “Program Overview.” The intent of this section is to provide a description of current program use and operations that have been developed since the 1993 PD Amendment.

#### 3.2 Utility Systems


##### 3.2.1.1 Wastewater Capacity


JH Ranch has developed an on-site sewage treatment facility that has been approved for use by the Siskiyou County Environmental Health Department (SCEHD). Refer to the JH Ranch Existing Utilities Plan (Sheet A4) for the location of wastewater infrastructure components. The system currently treats all wastewater from all Ranch facilities within the existing PD zone. All existing wastewater treatment systems are capable of





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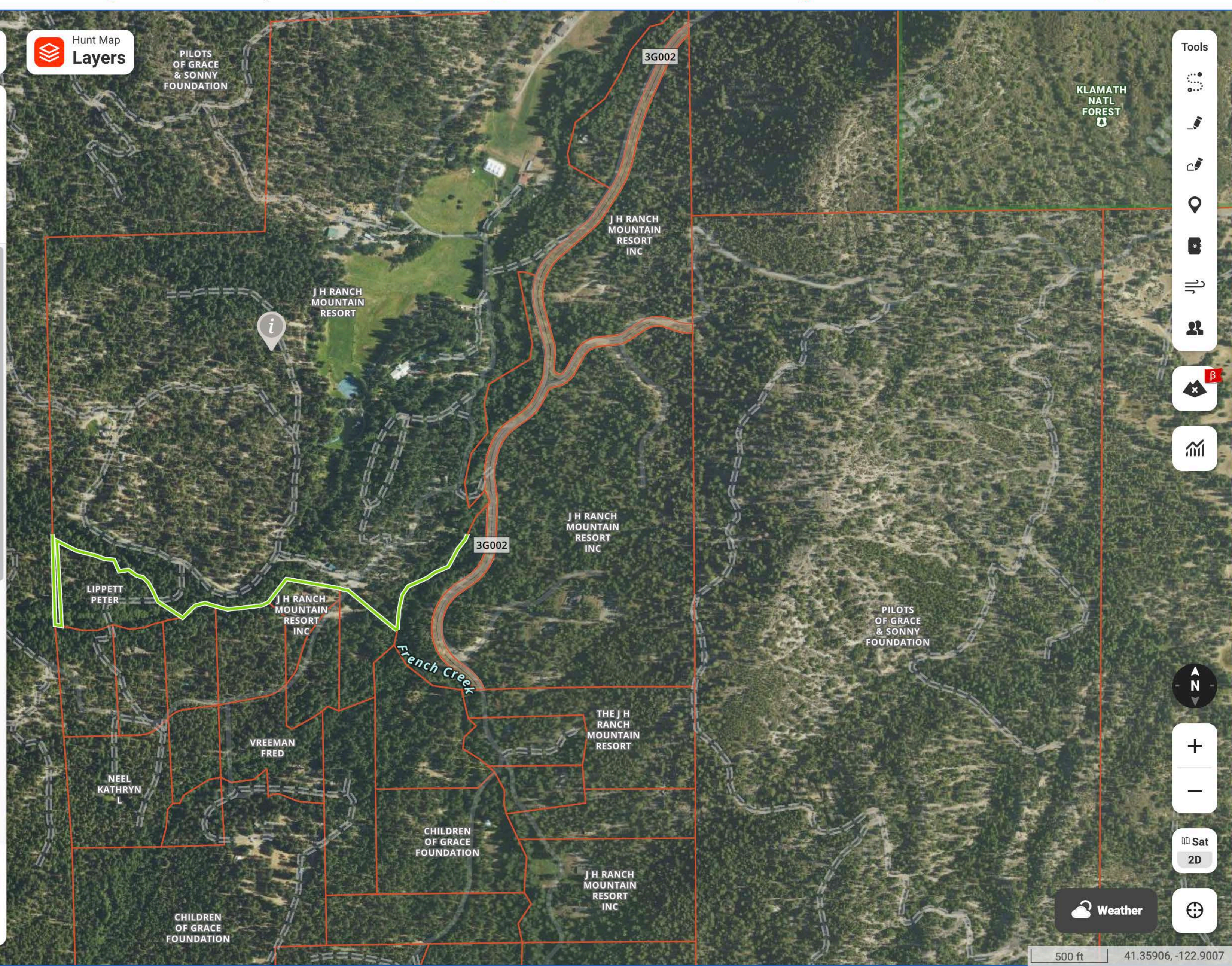
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PARTY 3	DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER		STATE	CLASS	AIR BAG	SAFETY EQUIP.	VEH. YEAR	MAKE / MODEL / COLOR	LICENSE NUMBER	STATE			
DRIVER	NAME(FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)				OWNER'S NAME <input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS DRIVER								
PEDES- TRIAN	STREET ADDRESS				OWNER'S ADDRESS <input type="checkbox"/> SAME AS DRIVER								
PARKED VEHICLE	CITY / STATE / ZIP				DISPOSITION OF VEHICLE ON ORDERS OF: <input type="checkbox"/> OFFICER <input type="checkbox"/> DRIVER <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER								
BICY- CLIST	SEX	HAIR	EYES	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	MO	BIRTHDATE DAY	YEAR	RACE				
OTHER	HOME PHONE		BUSINESS PHONE		PRIOR MECHANICAL DEFECTS <input type="checkbox"/> NONE APP. <input type="checkbox"/> REFER TO NARRATIVE								
	INSURANCE CARRIER		POLICY NUMBER		VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER:								
	DIR OF TRAVEL		ON STREET OR HIGHWAY		SPEED LIMIT		VEHICLE TYPE		DESCRIBE VEHICLE DAMAGE				
	CA		DOT		CAL-T		TCP/PSC		MC/MX				
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OWNER'S NAME <b>MICHAEL STAPLETON</b>		OWNER ADDRESS <b>5104 FRENCH CREEK RD ETNA, CA 96027</b>		NOTIFIED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
PROPERTY DAMAGE DESCRIPTION OF DAMAGE <b>60 FEET FENCE DAMAGE AND 4 UPROOTED CYPRES TREES</b>				

<b>SEATING POSITION</b>  1 - DRIVER 2 TO 6 - PASSENGERS 7 - STATION WAGON REAR 8 - REAR, OCC TRK. OR VAN 9 - POSITION UNKNOWN 0 - OTHER	<b>SAFETY EQUIPMENT</b> <b>OCCUPANTS</b> A - NONE IN VEHICLE B - UNKNOWN C - LAP BELT USED D - LAP BELT NOT USED E - SHOULDER HARNESS USED F - SHOULDER HARNESS NOT USED G - LAP/SOULDER HARNESS USED H - LAP/SOULDER HARNESS NOT USED J - PASSIVE RESTRAINT USED K - PASSIVE RESTRAINT NOT USED P - NOT REQUIRED <b>CHILD RESTRAINT</b> Q - IN VEHICLE USED R - IN VEHICLE NOT USED S - IN VEHICLE USE UNKNOWN T - IN VEHICLE IMPROPER USE U - NONE IN VEHICLE <b>M / C BICYCLE HELMET</b> DRIVER PASSENGER V - NO X - NO W - YES Y - YES	<b>AIR BAG</b> B - UNKNOWN L - AIR BAG DEPLOYED M - AIR BAG NOT DEPLOYED N - OTHER P - NOT REQUIRED <b>EJECTED FROM VEHICLE</b> 0 - NOT EJECTED 1 - FULLY EJECTED 2 - PARTIALLY EJECTED 3 - UNKNOWN	<b>INATTENTION CODES</b> A - CELL PHONE HANDHELD B - CELL PHONE HANDSFREE C - ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT D - RADIO / CD E - SMOKING F - EATING G - CHILDREN H - ANIMALS I - PERSONAL HYGIENE J - READING K - OTHER
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ITEMS MARKED BELOW FOLLOWED BY AN ASTERISK (\*) SHOULD BE EXPLAINED IN THE NARRATIVE.

PRIMARY COLLISION FACTOR LIST NUMBER (#) OF PARTY AT FAULT		TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES			SPECIAL INFORMATION			MOVEMENT PRECEDING COLLISION		
		1	2	3				1	2	3
1 VC SECTION VIOLATED: CITED <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO A 22107 B OTHER IMPROPER DRIVING* C OTHER THAN DRIVER* D UNKNOWN*	A CONTROLS FUNCTIONING				A HAZARDOUS MATERIAL				A STOPPED	
	B CONTROLS NOT FUNCTIONING*				B CELL PHONE HANDHELD IN USE				B PROCEEDING STRAIGHT	
	C CONTROLS OBSCURED				C CELL PHONE HANDSFREE IN USE			X	C RAN OFF ROAD	
	D NO CONTROLS PRESENT / FACTOR*	X		X	D CELL PHONE NOT IN USE				D MAKING RIGHT TURN	
TYPE OF COLLISION					E SCHOOL BUS RELATED				E MAKING LEFT TURN	
	A HEAD - ON				F 75 FT MOTORTRUCK COMBO				F MAKING U TURN	
	B SIDE SWIPE				G 32 FT TRAILER COMBO				G BACKING	
	C REAR END				H				H SLOWING / STOPPING	
	D BROADSIDE				I				I PASSING OTHER VEHICLE	
WEATHER (MARK 1 TO 2 ITEMS) X A CLEAR B CLOUDY C RAINING D SNOWING E FOG / VISIBILITY FT. F OTHER* G WIND	E HIT OBJECT				J				J CHANGING LANES	
	F OVERTURNED				K				K PARKING MANEUVER	
	G VEHICLE / PEDESTRIAN				L				L ENTERING TRAFFIC	
	H OTHER*				M				M OTHER UNSAFE TURNING	
					N				N XING INTO OPPOSING LANE	
					O				O PARKED	
MOTOR VEHICLE INVOLVED WITH									P MERGING	
	A NON - COLLISION								Q TRAVELING WRONG WAY	
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	C OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE	1	2	3						
	D MOTOR VEHICLE ON OTHER ROADWAY									
	E PARKED MOTOR VEHICLE									
LIGHTING X A DAYLIGHT B DUSK - DAWN C DARK - STREET LIGHTS D DARK - NO STREET LIGHTS E DARK - STREET LIGHTS NOT FUNCTIONING*	F TRAIN				SOBRIETY - DRUG PHYSICAL (MARK 1 TO 2 ITEMS) A HAD NOT BEEN DRINKING B HBD - UNDER INFLUENCE C HBD - NOT UNDER INFLUENCE* D HBD - IMPAIRMENT UNKNOWN* E UNDER DRUG INFLUENCE* F IMPAIRMENT - PHYSICAL* G IMPAIRMENT NOT KNOWN H NOT APPLICABLE I SLEEPY / FATIGUED*					
	G BICYCLE									
	H ANIMAL									
	I FIXED OBJECT: FENCE									
ROADWAY SURFACE X A DRY B WET C SNOWY - ICY D SLIPPERY (MUDDY, OILY, ETC.)	J OTHER OBJECT:				ROADWAY CONDITION(S) (MARK 1 TO 2 ITEMS) A HOLES, DEEP RUT* B LOOSE MATERIAL ON ROADWAY* C OBSTRUCTION ON ROADWAY* D CONSTRUCTION - REPAIR ZONE E REDUCED ROADWAY WIDTH F FLOODED* G OTHER* X H NO UNUSUAL CONDITIONS					
PEDESTRIAN'S ACTIONS										
	A NO PEDESTRIANS INVOLVED									
	B CROSSING IN CROSSWALK - AT INTERSECTION									
	C CROSSING IN CROSSWALK - NOT AT INTERSECTION				L UNINVOLVED VEHICLE M OTHER* N NONE APPARENT O RUNAWAY VEHICLE					
	D CROSSING - NOT IN CROSSWALK									
	E IN ROAD - INCLUDES SHOULDER									
	F NOT IN ROAD									
	G APPROACHING / LEAVING SCHOOL BUS	X								

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INDICATE NORTH

MISCELLANEOUS

**INJURED / WITNESSES / PASSENGERS\*\***

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WITNESS ONLY	PASSENGER ONLY	AGE	SEX	EXTENT OF INJURY('X' ONE)				INJURED WAS ('X' ONE)					PARTY NUMBER	SEAT POS.	AIR BAG	SAFETY EQUIP.	EJECTED	
				FATAL INJURY	SUSPECTED SERIOUS INJURY	SUSPECTED MINOR INJURY	POSSIBLE INJURY	DRIVER	PASS.	PED.	BICYCLIST	OTHER						
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NAME / D.O.B. / ADDRESS DAN RULE (12/28/1969) 5611 FRENCH CREEK ROAD ETNA CA 96027													TELEPHONE (530)598-9016					
(INJURED ONLY) TRANSPORTED BY:				EMS RUN NUMBER					TAKEN TO:									
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NAME / D.O.B. / ADDRESS JIM FREE (05/28/1958) 5932 MINERS CREEK ROAD ETNA CA 96027													TELEPHONE (858)205-3700					
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NAME / D.O.B. / ADDRESS BENJAMIN CUTLER CORLEY (10/31/1988) 5933 MINERS CREEK ROAD ETNA CA 96027													TELEPHONE (337)281-8661					
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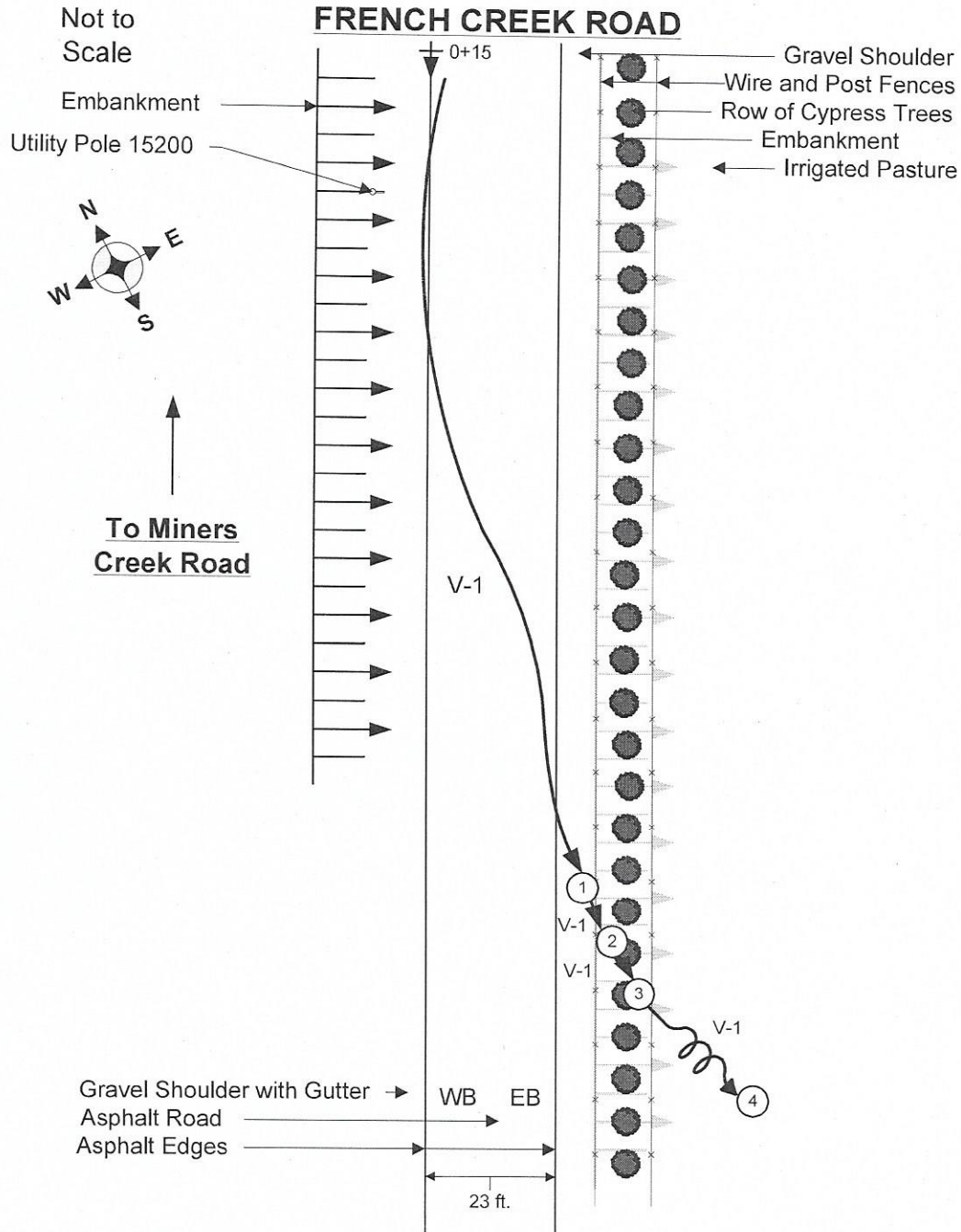
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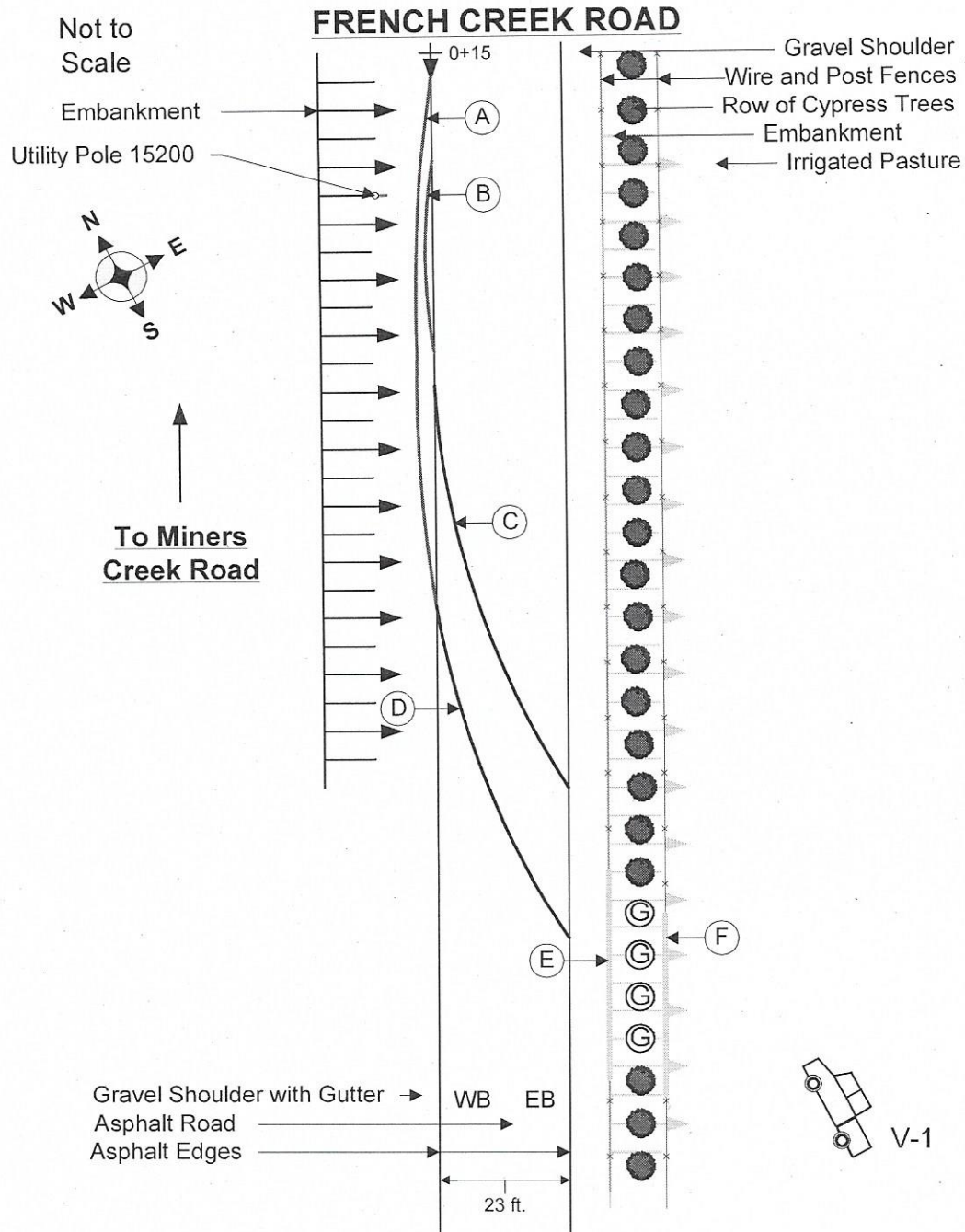


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## **DIAGRAM LEGEND**

### **REFERENCE LINE**

East Measurements were taken along the north pavement edge of French Creek Road. 0+00 was located on the north pavement edge directly adjacent to a metal culvert which passes under French Creek Road 40 feet east of utility pole 152000. The station increases to the west and measurements were taken perpendicular to the line.

### **VEHICLE POINT OF REST**

V-1 (Chevrolet) was found at its point-of-rest on its right side as indicated below.

<u>Vehicle</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
V-1	1+98	66' L	Right front wheel
	2+08	71' L	Right rear wheel

### **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE DESCRIPTION**

- A** Tire track in north dirt shoulder
- B** Tire track in north dirt shoulder
- C** Tire friction mark
- D** Tire Friction mark
- E** Section of damaged post and wire fence
- F** Series of four uprooted cypress trees
- G** Section of damaged post and wire fence

### **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>A</b>	0+19	0' R	Point
	0+34	2' R	Point
	0+40	3' R	Point
	0+68	3' R	Point
	0+74	3' R	Point
	0+93	2.5' R	Point
	1+13	0' R	Point
<b>B</b>	0+34	0' R	Point
	0+40	1' R	Point
	0+68	0' R	Point
	0+74	0' R	Point

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**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE**

<u>Item</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>
<b>C</b>	0+93	3'	L Point
	1+13	7'	L Point
	1+36	18'	L Point
	1+45	23'	L Point
<b>D</b>	1+13	0'	L Point
	1+36	6'	L Point
	1+56	14'	L Point
	1+72	23'	L Point
<b>E</b>	1+64	31'	L Point
	1+97	31'	L Point
<b>F</b>	1+68	40'	L Point
	2+00	40'	L Point
<b>G</b>	1+75	36'	L Point
	1+90	36'	L Point

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**FACTS****NOTIFICATION:**

I was dispatched to a call of a property damage only traffic collision at 0818 hours. I arrived on scene at 0833 hours. All times, speeds, and measurements in this investigation are approximate. Measurements were taken by roll meter, vehicle odometer and visual estimation.

**SCENE:**

This collision occurred on French Creek Road west of Miners Creek Road in unincorporated Siskiyou County.

At the scene of this collision, French Creek Road is predominantly straight, mostly level, asphalt paved Siskiyou County maintained rural road for westbound and eastbound traffic. There are no painted lanes or roadway delineations. The north road edge is bordered by a narrow ditch which is bordered to the north by a rising hillside. The south road edge is bordered by a narrow dirt shoulder which is bordered by a descending embankment. On the embankment there were two wire and post fences running parallel to the road and a series of Leland Cypress trees between the fences. At the foot of the embankment there is an irrigated pasture.

At the time of the collision it was dark, the road surface was dry and there were no physical or visual obstructions noted or claimed.

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**PARTIES:**

**P-1** (Christiaan Prescott Ruff) fled the scene. I contacted him by telephone on 10/27/2017 at 1530 hours and he provided a North Carolina driver license number which returned to his name and date of birth with a status of suspended. I contacted Mr. Ruff in person on 10/28/2017 at the JH Ranch where he presented an expired North Carolina Learner Permit and his social security card. A driver license check for Mr. Ruff returned with a status of suspended out of North Carolina. Mr. Ruff was placed as a party by statements, his own admission, and by the fact that he is employed by the vehicle's owner.

**Chevrolet Silverado 3500** P-1's vehicle was located on its right side facing in an easterly direction in the irrigated pasture south of French Creek Road as shown in the diagram. Vehicle #1 sustained moderate damage consisting of but not limited to the following: right side panels dented, right side suspension misaligned, right front light module missing, broken rear window, and dented left front fender.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

The Physical evidence consisted of two tire friction marks, 4 uprooted cypress trees, two sections of damaged wire and post fence, and the damage to V-1.

**HIT AND RUN:**

Prior to my arrival on scene, CHP dispatch spoke with the JH Ranch manager Jim Free. Mr. Free was at the scene and related that there were two possible drivers, Ben Corley and Christiaan Ruff. He advised dispatch that Christiaan Ruff was probably driving. I spoke with Mr. Corley at the scene as he drove from his residence to the JH ranch. Mr. Corley showed no signs of having been involved and denied being the driver. Mr. Free eventually responded back to the scene and related that he had been unable to located Mr. Ruff. I asked Mr. Free to have Mr. Ruff call me

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1 when he located him. Mr. Free was able to provide a phone number for Mr. Ruff. I left a message  
2 for Mr. Ruff to call me. On 10/27/17 at approximately 1530 hours, I was able to contact Mr. Ruff  
3 by telephone. Mr. Ruff admitted to being the driver of the pickup and provided a statement. I met  
4 Mr. Ruff in person on 10/28/2017 and verified his identity. He again admitted to being the driver  
5 and leaving the scene without contacting the property owner.

**STATEMENTS**

10 **Party #1, Christiaan Prescott Ruff**, fled the scene without providing a statement. I contacted Mr.  
11 Ruff by telephone on 10/27/2017 at approximately 1530 hours. Mr. Ruff immediately related that  
12 he was just about to call me. Mr. Ruff provided a driver license number out of North Carolina and  
13 related that he had been the driver of the Chevrolet in this collision. Mr. Ruff related that he had  
14 been alone and he believed he had been wearing his seatbelt. He related that he thought the  
15 collision occurred at around 0230 hours. He had been driving the Chevrolet westbound on French  
16 Creek Road at 35 to 40 mph. He must have allowed his right side tires to veer too far to the right  
17 and onto the shoulder. When he steered back to the left he lost control and the Chevrolet veered  
18 from the road, crossed the fence and trees, and then overturned. After the collision he gathered  
19 his groceries, saw his phone battery was dead, (so he couldn't call Mr. Free), and began walking  
20 home. He lay down to sleep at some point along the road and then returned to his home at JH  
21 Ranch. He went to bed and woke on 10/27/17 several hours before I called him. He related that  
22 he had gone to a dance class in Fort Jones on 10/25/17 at approximately 6 pm and had got out of  
23 class at around 8:45 pm. He had then gone to Ray's Grocery Store in Etna, CA and purchased  
24 groceries. After buying groceries, Mr. Ruff went to the Paystreak Brewery in Etna, CA where he  
25 had a meal and a single Pilsner (beer). He stayed until near closing time and then visited with his  
26 friend Ethan for a few hours before driving home. Mr. Ruff insisted that he had not been  
27 intoxicated and didn't have an explanation for why he left the scene. Mr. Ruff and I then made  
28 arrangements for me to meet him in person by the shop at JH ranch on 10/28/2017 around 0900  
29 hours.

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1 On 10/28/2017 at approximately 0920 hours I drove by the shop and saw a man waving at me. I  
2 responded to the shop and met Mr. Ruff there. He confirmed his identity and related that he didn't  
3 know if he should talk to me. I explained that it was up to him. I took digital images of the identity  
4 documents he had and of Mr. Ruff as his documents were old. I told him that I couldn't offer  
5 leniency or make a deal but I had some questions. Mr. Ruff affirmed that I had been speaking with  
6 him on the telephone the prior day. He also admitted to being the driver and leaving the scene. I  
7 asked him if the collision could have occurred at 0630 and not 0230 and he related that could  
8 have been the case. He denied being under the influence. Mr. Ruff admitted that his license had  
9 been taken away in North Carolina but had been reinstated and he had a breathalyzer installed in  
10 his personal vehicle there. He admitted to having been in California working at the JH ranch for  
11 months. Our meeting was captured on the MVARs video and audio recorder in my patrol vehicle.  
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13 **The property owner, Michael Stapleton**, was contacted on 10/26/2017 at the scene. Mr.  
14 Stapleton related that Mr. Rule had called him earlier in the morning but he had been unable to  
15 answer as he had been in a meeting. He returned home around 8 am and workers from JH  
16 Ranch were there with a backhoe to remove the truck. Mr. Stapleton told them that the Highway  
17 Patrol was going to come and investigate first and the JH Ranch employees left.

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19 **Witness #1, Dan Rule**, was contacted on 10/26/2017 at the collision scene. He related that he  
20 had been awoken by the sound of squealing tires and an impact at 0633 hours. He had looked up  
21 and seen a clock so was certain about the time. He related that it sounded like the vehicle had  
22 been going fast and he had assumed that it had been someone striking a deer.

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24 **Witness #2, Jim Free**, was contacted on 10/26/2017 at the scene. Mr. Free related that at 0700  
25 hours he had seen the truck overturned in the field as he drove to the JH Ranch. Mr. Free initially  
26 related that Christiaan Ruff and Benjamin Corley were the only JH Ranch employees who weren't  
27 accounted for. Later at the scene he related that Christiaan Ruff was the only missing employee.  
28 Mr. Free related that they had searched for Mr. Ruff and that he would check his home after  
29 leaving the scene. I asked Mr. Free to have Mr. Ruff contact me when he found him.

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1 **Witness #3, Benjamin Corley**, was contacted on 10/26/2017 at the scene. Mr. Corley exited his  
2 vehicle and immediately remarked how Christiaan had messed up. Mr. Corley related that he  
3 hadn't been the driver of the pickup. Mr. Corley appeared sober and well rested. He displayed no  
4 signs of having been involved in a traffic collision.

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7 **OPINIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

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9 **SUMMARY:**

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11 On 10/26/2017 at approximately 0633 hours, Christiaan Prescott Ruff was driving a 2008  
12 Chevrolet Silverado HD pickup westbound on French Creek Road west of Miners Creek Road at a  
13 stated speed of 40 mph. For an unknown reason, Mr. Ruff allowed the Chevrolet to drift off the  
14 road so that its right side tires were in the dirt shoulder and ditch north of the road. Mr. Ruff  
15 steered back (over-corrected) to the left and lost control of the Chevrolet. The Chevrolet veered  
16 across the road to the southwest, entered onto the shoulder and collided with the fence. The  
17 Chevrolet continued through the fence and uprooted four cypress trees to the south of the fence  
18 and knocked over the fence just south of the trees. The Chevrolet continued into the irrigated  
19 pasture and overturned onto its right side, coming to rest facing in an easterly direction. Mr. Ruff  
20 then exited the Chevrolet and fled the scene without contacting the property owner or notifying the  
21 owner of the pickup. The summary was based on physical evidence and statements.

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23 **AREA OF IMPACT:**

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25 AOI #1 where the Chevrolet collided with the post and wire fence was located 126 feet west of  
26 utility pole 15200 and 28 feet south of the north road edge of French Creek Road.  
27 AOI #2 where the Chevrolet collided with the row of Leland Cypress trees was located 136 feet  
28 west of utility pole 15200 and 36 feet south of the north road edge of French Creek Road.  
29 AOI #3 where the Chevrolet collided with the post and wire fence was located 142 feet west of

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**NARRATIVE/SUPPLEMENTAL**

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1 utility pole 15200 and 40 feet south of the north road edge of French Creek Road.  
2 AOI #4 where the Chevrolet overturned was located 155 feet west of utility pole 15200 and 50 feet  
3 south of the north road edge of French Creek Road.

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5 The areas of impact were based on the physical evidence

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7 **CAUSE:**

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9 Christiaan Prescott Ruff caused this collision by allowing the Chevrolet pickup to veer of the north  
10 road edge of French Creek Road until the right side tires were in the dirt and then unsafely turning  
11 back to the left in a manner that resulted in a loss of control. This unsafe turning movement was a  
12 violation of California Vehicle Code Section 22107.

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14 The cause was based on statements and physical evidence.

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16 **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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18 I recommend that this investigation be forwarded to the Siskiyou County District Attorney's Office  
19 for review and prosecution of Christiaan Prescott Ruff on the following charges:

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21 20002(a) VC – Misdemeanor Hit-and-Run

22 12500(a) VC – Unlicensed Driver

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See frequently asked questions [here](#).

Sons - Session 526 (Ages 13 to 30) (Male)	\$3,200
	Available

Mother - Session 526 (Ages 18 and older) (Female)	\$3,200
	Available

8/04 Father &amp; Son/Daughter Adventures - Session 6

JH Summit 2026 (Ages 25 and older) (Male)	\$4,900
	Available

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+ New Attendee



**From:** [Janine Rowe](#)  
**To:** [Janine Rowe](#)  
**Subject:** FW: JH Ranch Zone Change Update (Z2306) / Use Permit (UP2416) Opposition  
**Date:** Friday, March 14, 2025 11:47:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [JH Ranch Zone Change Update \(Z2306\) Use Permit \(UP2416\)- - Google Docs \(1\).pdf](#)

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**From:** Raquel Leah <[raquel.schenone@gmail.com](mailto:raquel.schenone@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, March 14, 2025 12:36 AM  
**To:** Wendy Winningham <[wendy@sisqvotes.org](mailto:wendy@sisqvotes.org)>  
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To Siskiyou County Supervisors,

My name is Raquel Schenone and I have called Scott Valley my home since we moved here when I was 5 in 1995. I grew up on a ranch up Miner's Creek Rd, of which I am currently helping to run. One of my main goals in life is to help maintain the beauty and peace of this area, so that it still exists for my children, grandchildren and my community to enjoy and sustain themselves on well into the future. I moved back here 5 years ago and have been practicing as a veterinarian in the area, so my commitment to the betterment of my community is forefront. With that being said, I am writing you asking that you do not allow JH Ranch to increase their occupancy to 505 people May-September and that you hold their business accountable in regards to environmental and community impacts.

**Attached is a letter that I emailed to the Siskiyou County Planning Division on Feb 18th at 1:44PM.** This letter does not appear to have been included in the JH Ranch permit change document created and signed by the planning division before or after the meeting on Feb.19th where they recommended that the change be allowed. The planning division stated only 4 letters were sent in opposition. My letter was the 5th had it been included, and it should have been since it was emailed before the deadline of Feb 18th, 5PM.

I hope that you carefully consider what it will mean to our local community and environment if you allow a town the size of Etna to suddenly exist when there has not even been close to that many people living in the proposed area in the past, especially during the season of peak fire danger and water rights restrictions. JH Ranch has not operated at a 505 person capacity for as long as I have lived in the area. Our ranch has French and Miner's creek running through it, and these creeks already struggle in the summer. French creek runs right by and through JH Ranch. There is no doubt 505 people living in a watershed that already struggles will have serious impacts on the environment

and their fellow neighbor's land. Allowing this change doesn't just create negative physical consequences for the land and community, but it sends a message to the local community that our concerns are of no consequence.

With all farmers and ranchers in our valley being restricted from using their water rights to grow food and run their agricultural businesses the last several years, allowing a guest ranch exemption from environmental impact review doesn't make any sense. I have no idea why anyone that cares about our county and the beauty of our area would allow this to happen. 505 people living right next to one of the most sensitive watersheds in the state is irresponsible and a slap in the face to every single person that runs a ranch or farm in this county, not to mention a huge fire hazard. pollution and traffic issue. If ranchers and farmers don't have enough water to grow feed for their livestock, a guest ranch upstream of them should not be allowed to operate at 505 capacity. By approving this change, you are essentially saying that yes, 505 out of town guest's ability to recreate and go swimming in a giant lake created from French Creek water is more important than the health of our home and local ranches and farms.

I hope that you make this decision based on what aligns with the greater good of our community/environment and not be swayed by an outside corporation that does not care how they impact what is around them. Money is clearly the motivator here and it would be absolutely devastating for everyone in our community to witness one of the most beautiful places in the world ruined by corporate greed. It is very possible for JH Ranch to run a sustainable business that has a positive effect on its surroundings, but instead they continually strive to do the opposite. Thank you for your time. I will not be able to attend the meeting as I will be at work.

Best,

Raquel Schenone, DVM



2/18/2025

Raquel Schenone and Rebecca Schenone-Chase  
6325 Miners Creek Rd.  
Etna, California, 96094

Re: JH Ranch Zone Change Update (Z2306) / Use Permit (UP2416)

To Siskiyou County Planning Commissioners:

I, Raquel Schenone, am writing this letter in opposition to the JH Ranch zone change and use permit application proposal. I am also representing my family members including Rebecca Schenone-Chase, Dominic and Taylor Schenone, John and Diana Schenone, and Kevin Kearsley. We are members of this community, in addition to full and part time residents of 6325 Miners Creek Road, Etna, California. We are asking that you deny this application as it is not based on facts and it states misinformation about JH Ranch's goals and current uses.

This project will cause a significant negative impact to the environment and the surrounding community. This project should not be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) due to the CEQA Guidelines Section 15301, Existing Facilities. JH Ranch does not currently operate at a 505 person occupancy and should not have been operating at this level at any point, as this is a violation of their current allowance.

JH Ranch is located at the headwaters of French Creek, an important watershed where endangered species like Coho salmon rear their young. This creek is very sensitive to any environmental changes and the amount of water and quality of water is directly affected by how many people are living next to it.

Allowing 505 people (which is almost the population of Etna), live/vacation on 79 acres during May-September when water is scarce in this watershed, and potential year-round, is in direct violation of the CEQA guidelines. Namely the first guideline stating, *"The project has the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of fish or wildlife population, cause a fish or wildlife species to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, significantly reduce the number or restrict the*

*range of an endangered, rare, or threatened species, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.”*

The application states that 505 people will produce 37,920 gallons per day of sewage, but will only use 80 gallons of water per day? The total amount of water used will be closer to 40,400 gallons per day (which is almost 500,000 gallons per year.) This information is direct from the application, see below:

**Sewage Disposal:**

**Current: 505 persons a day**

**Potential: Not to exceed 37,920 gallons per day. Any occupancy increase must update PD.**

**Water Supply:**

**Current: 505 persons a day**

**Potential: Not to exceed 80 gallons per day. Any occupancy increase must update PD.**

Stating that 80 gallons of water use per day for 550 people is either a mistake in the application or an attempt to provide misinformation and have it approved, as closer to 40,400 gallons of water will be used per day, which will significantly impact the watershed and the ecosystem.

This project also violates the 3rd guideline set by the CEQA, which states, *“The environmental effects of a project will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.”* With 505 people using water, urinating and defecating, producing trash, creating light and noise pollution, and increasing fire danger year round, this project will clearly adversely effect other humans. The land owners and residents that live near this project will be the most affected, in addition to all the wildlife that call this area home; but all residents of Siskiyou County will be affected as this sets a precedent for outside interests to continue to exploit our county with no oversight from our county governmental officials.

For the past several years, farmers have been curtailed from using their water rights by the California State Water Board throughout Siskiyou County, including farmers that rely on water from French creek. These are historical and legal rights, but due to current environmental conditions including drought, these rights have been curtailed in order to ensure the ecosystem does not collapse. While deemed necessary by the state, this has made it extremely difficult to perform the activities that entail agriculture including feeding livestock and growing crops. Why are farmers not permitted to use their historical and legal water rights, while a large out of state corporation is permitted to exploit these same resources for recreation for non-residents who also do not contribute anything to our community?

If you approve this change, 505 people will begin pulling water from an aquifer that is already in a crisis. JH Ranch is doing this for their own personal financial gain, directly helping

their stakeholders mainly located in Alabama and likely a select few people in our community. How is this project beneficial for Siskiyou County as a whole since it does not bring in any tax revenue and only depletes resources that many Siskiyou County residents are now not allowed to use for farming to produce food for the local community and to bolster our local economy?

It is irresponsible and short sighted for the Siskiyou County Planning Division and the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors to approve this permit change. Stating that it is “simply in order to bring JH Ranch into compliance” is not accurate and misleading as JH Ranch does not operate at a 505 people occupancy and has not done so according to my knowledge. They do not have the amount of water and infrastructure to support this large of an operation without negatively impacting the surrounding ecosystem and community. If JH Ranch has been operating at this level, they have not been in compliance with their current permits and should not be continually allowed to skirt regulations that everyone else has to follow. Just because something is “historical”, does not make it acceptable or worthy of exemption from environmental and community impact considerations.

Approving this change tells the residents of Siskiyou County that corporations, especially out of state, tax exempt organizations, are allowed to do whatever they want despite many proven adverse effects to the local community, while farmers and other local business owners have to adhere to strict rules that can sometimes cause them and their customers direct/indirect harm. It tells Siskiyou County residents that our county government officials do not care if our community is exploited by entities that seek to deplete our resources for personal financial gain rather than do what is right and operate at a sustainable level for the current environmental conditions. By approving this change, residents of Siskiyou County are told that it is acceptable for a business to not pay taxes, not give back to the community, not buy local and not hire predominantly local. Local residents are told that they are here to serve outside interests, that the potential collapse of our sensitive ecosystems does not matter, and that our way of life as a farming community that supports each other does not matter. Please reconsider your recommendation to allow this zone and use permit change brought forward by JH Ranch.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raquel Schenone', written in a cursive style.

Raquel Schenone, DVM