

# **Land Stewardship Proposal for Fall River Mills Planning Unit**

**Fee Title Holder: Fall River Resource Conservation District**

**Land Conservation Partner: Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club**

**Land Conservation Partner: Spring Rivers Ecological Sciences, LLC**

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## **Executive Summary**

The Fall River Resource Conservation District has over 50 years experience supporting private and public landowners in the use and management of natural resources that will ensure the sustained highest economic, social and environmental benefits of those resources.

The Fall River Mills Planning Unit is a large planning unit with three distinctive areas, the Fall River Lake and immediately adjacent lands, the Pit River Canyon and immediately adjacent lands and an approximately 371 acre parcel that includes the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club range.

Several of the Qualified Donees have expressed an interest in only obtaining fee title to specific areas of the planning unit. The Fall River Community Service District is interested in the Fall River Lake and surrounding parcels. The Bureau of Land Management is interested in the Pit River Canyon and surrounding parcels.

The Fall River RCD believes that the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club is a highly beneficial recreational site to the Intermountain area and to the whole of Northern California. Therefore, the Fall River Resource Conservation District submits this proposal to the Stewardship Council only for the approximately 371 acres that encompass the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club. The Fall River RCD will hold fee title and the Hat Creek RPC will be a Land Conservation Partner.

The approximately 371-acre parcel is comprised of the entirety of Section 9 and the entire portion of Section 16 north of Highway 299 E. With the agreement of the Stewardship Council, PG&E, Bureau of Land Management and The Fall River Community Services District, The Fall River RCD will accept the boundaries as described without survey.

In the rural areas of California, hunting and shooting sports are a major form of recreation. Open to the public, the Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club has provided a safe environment for shooting sports for over 30 years. The club also provides Law Enforcement with a place to train and perform firearms qualifications.

The Hat Creek RPC range facilities consist of four separate shooting venues, a pistol/small bore range, a high power range, a police range and a cowboy action shooting range. The layout of the ranges makes it possible to have at least two venues open at the same time for formal competitive shooting and/or informal practice or recreational shooting.

The Hat Creek RPC currently leases approximately 200 acres for the range facility. Adding the additional acreage as described above will enlarge the buffer zone around the actual ranges. This will increase public safety, eliminate access easements and by utilizing existing section lines, reduce or eliminate survey costs.

Two Boy Scout Troops and two Venture Crews make up part of the youth groups that utilize the Hat Creek RPC facility. Activities include developing leadership skills, developing outdoor skills and safe use of firearms training. The facilities are offered free of charge and the range can be closed to all other activities at the request of the youth group.

It is the Fall River RCD' intent to have the Hat Creek RPC continue to manage and lease the current range configuration for the beneficial public value of recreation.

The Fall River RCD will manage all of the donated land for the protection of the natural habitat of fish wild life and plants, for the preservation of open space, for sustainable forestry and for the preservation of historic values. This will include conducting a baseline conditions report, inventory of plants and wildlife, timber inventory and a cultural resource survey.

It is the intent of the Fall River RCD to form an Advisory Committee consisting of the neighboring land owners (BLM, USFS, PG&E), HCRPC and the Pit River Tribe. The purpose of this advisory committee is to provide input into the land management plan and to foster good working relationships between neighbors.

The Fall River RCD and the Hat Creek RPC intend to write grants that will cover the expense of required reports, surveys and enhanced measures. Yearly lease revenues will cover operating expenses.

Additionally, Spring Rivers Ecological Sciences would like to use several areas adjacent to Highway 299 East as part of their geomorphology tour. The areas are easily accessible by existing roads and located safely away from any shooting activity.

### **Organization Information**

Category: The Fall River Resource Conservation District is a Public entity.

Tax ID: 68-039005

Legal Name: Fall River Resource Conservation District

Common Name: Fall River RCD

*Status Documentation: See attachment 1*

### **Rationale for Applying**

This parcel falls within the heart of the Fall River Conservation Districts boundaries. The Fall River RCD has been working with the communities surrounding these planning units for over ten years, developing watershed restoration plans and projects, forestry projects, and discussing recreational concerns.

The Fall River RCD manages resources by utilizing watershed management practices, which incorporate the relationship between land use, soil loss and productivity, water quantity and quality, wildlife populations and habitat, as well as the social and economic factors within a certain drainage basin.

Our organizational mission meshes seamlessly with the Beneficial Public Values identified by the Stewardship Council.

These planning units have long received responsible and productive use by the people of this region. Holding fee title by a local entity continues that tradition while insuring the protection of cultural resources, utilizing natural resources in a sustainable manner, and continuing public access and recreation activities.

### **Organization Mission**

#### **Fall River Resource Conservation District**

As a grassroots, locally led organization, the Fall River RCD is committed to serving the needs of the community as well as the needs of the environment. This commitment is demonstrated by the following practices: (1) Provide strong leadership in the identification, management, and restoration of natural resource concerns, (2) Provide natural resource education to the community, (3) Assist landowners by holding and managing conservation easements.

In identifying and prioritizing conservation issues within the district, the Fall River RCD will use the tools and practices of watershed management. Watershed management incorporates the relationship between land use, soil loss and productivity, water quantity and quality, wildlife populations and habitat, as well as the social and economic factors within a certain drainage basin.

The Fall River RCD will assist landowners in the development of sustainable conservation on their property. Combined environmental and economic goals will encourage watershed protection, sustainable agriculture and forestry, and land management.

The Fall River RCD strives to include a youth education component in every project and partners with other agencies and organizations to provide conservation education.

#### **Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club**

It is the mission of the Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club to operate a rifle and pistol shooting facility in Shasta County, California, in order to provide a safe venue for residents, agencies and organizations of the community to engage in shooting activities, giving them a better understanding of safe handling and proper care of firearms.

In the rural areas of California, hunting and shooting sports are a major form of recreation. Open to the public, the Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club has provided a safe environment for shooting sports for over 30 years. The club also provides Law Enforcement with a place to train and perform firearms qualifications.

### **Geographic Focus**

The Fall River RCD was established in 1957 by the Shasta County Board of Supervisors. The district includes acreage in four counties:

Northwestern Lassen County	275,000 acres
Southwestern Modoc County	35,000 acres
Eastern Shasta County	644,000 acres
Southeastern Siskiyou County	195,000 acres

Directors of an RCD are required to reside in their District. As representatives of their community, directors have the responsibility to assess local conservation needs and to develop programs to meet those needs. Since its establishment, the Fall River RCD board of Directors has been comprised of directors with varied backgrounds and experience. Their experience includes agricultural practices, forestry, land management, knowledge of the local history and recreational opportunities in the district.

The RCD forms a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for each project. The TAC is made up of members of all interest groups and agencies that have an interest in the project. This insures input from all interested parties.

### **Organizational Experience and Capacity**

#### **Big Bear Flat Project funded by the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service**

*The Big Bear Flat Restoration Project proposes to restore a degraded mountain meadow stream from its current entrenched state, reconnecting it hydrologic ally back to the meadow surface in a historic remnant channel. Native wet meadow habitats including aspen and riparian forests will be restored, as well as in-stream native trout and other aquatic species habitats. This project is the last restoration project in a series of water quality improvement projects in the Fall River watershed, and will not only benefit the mountain meadow habitats in the immediate vicinity, but will also improve water quality habitats downstream benefiting many aquatic species.*

As with all FRRCD projects, the design is proposed and refined by a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) to ensure technical integrity and feasibility, and that the objectives and concerns of all interested parties are met or addressed. The project encompasses channel/meadow and grazing management components on Bear Creek. The construction phase of the project is expected to begin in the late summer of 2009 with completion by the fall of 2009.

Stream flow redirected, all pond and plug completed and rip rap placed in appropriate areas. Logging completed. One item left to complete (fencing) this spring.

## **Burney/Hat Creek Community Forest Project funded by Shasta RAC**

To conceive, plan, and implement a community forest concept project in the Hat Creek and Burney Creek watersheds of Shasta County.

The primary objective of this project is to build on existing agency-stakeholder relations and use examples of successful collaborations in other areas to develop a local model that will facilitate long-term, multiple-ownership, sustained management to provide ecosystem services in the Burney Creek and Hat Creek watersheds. The project relies on the identification of primary issues, active involvement by communities and other stakeholders, and cooperation by the USFS and large landowners to implement a landscape-scale ecosystem and socioeconomic forest and watershed management plan.

### Goals

1. Determine the reasons for economic depression in the Burney and Hat Creek watershed areas and identify possible enhancements to improve economic viability.
2. Use models of successful collaborations in other areas to develop a local model that will encourage removal of under story biomass and thinning of overstocked stands and the long-term sustained management of the forests in the area.
3. Develop a collaborative interaction between land managers to improve efficiency and understanding of management on all parcels to reduce duplication of efforts and improve cooperation and coordination of projects.
4. Implement land improvement projects to benefit natural resources, the economy, and people within the watershed and address future short-term impacts of global warming and climate change.
5. Identify and implement projects, actions, and alternatives that create jobs, stabilize the local economy, and stabilize U.S. Forest Service (USFS) payment to counties.
6. To use stewardship contracting and/or other similar tools to retain revenue in the community and to fund restoration projects identified in the watershed.
7. Create a framework applicable to other communities and watersheds.

As of May 2010 the socioeconomic studies have been completed and a Community Advisory Committee formed. The Community Advisory Committee has selected and recommended five projects to be funded through the Shasta Resource Advisory Committee grant process. The Fall River RCD is applying for that funding.

## **Fall River, Hat Creek and Burney Creek Watershed Assessment and Management Plan funded by Department of Water Resources.**

The Fall River, Hat Creek and Burney Creek (Fall-Hat-Burney) Creek watersheds drain three tributary valleys to the Pit River. The surrounding watersheds provide large tracts of commercial timberland and National Forest lands. The communities of Burney, McArthur, Hat Creek and Old Station are the primary centers of population, although rural residential uses are widely dispersed throughout the area. A plan is needed to assess current and potential issues and lay the groundwork for remedial and preventative management. Planning will provide for improved management of agricultural discharges, enhanced habitat quality, sustained hydroelectric production, and management of wildfire events.

The initial step will be to implement a process that informs the communities and increases their participation. Initial informational outreach will be conducted through press releases, newsletters, stakeholder meetings, and public meetings. A Technical Advisory Committee will provide oversight for the development and review of the Fall-Hat-Burney WMP. Various participating entities will provide leadership and additional participation from agencies, including the Regional Water Quality Control Board is expected. Most of the stakeholders expected to contribute currently work together as part of the Pit River Watershed Alliance (PRWA) that covers the geographic area upstream of the Fall River sub-watershed.

The grant funding was frozen in December 2008 due to the state budget crisis, but much of the original public scoping work was completed.

While waiting on a final decision regarding continuation of grant funding, the Fall River RCD has partnered with the United States Department of Agriculture's Agriculture Research Service and Natural Resource Conservation Service to utilize the collected data from the above project to develop a computer model of the Fall River, Hat Creek and Burney Creek watersheds. When completed this project will allow the entire watersheds conditions to be assessed from a laptop computer.

Because of the state budget cuts we were not able to complete all of the scientific work as originally planned. The actual assessments and management plans for all three watersheds were completed and published as of May 2010.

### **McArthur Swamp Planning Unit Divestiture Through the Stewardship Council**

The Fall River Resource Conservation District, the Pit River Tribe, and Shasta Land Trust have submitted a plan as a collaborative proposal to the Stewardship Council for the McArthur Swamp Planning Unit. In this proposal, the Fall River RCD will hold fee title. The Pit River Tribe will be a partner through MOU or other



appropriate legal means. Shasta Land Trust will hold the conservation easements for both the fee title lands and the PG&E retained lands.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 the Stewardship Council Board of Directors voted to accept Staff's recommendation that the Fall River Resource Conservation District receive fee title ownership of approximately 4724 acres of the 7663 acre McArthur Swamp Planning Unit. The remaining 2939 acres would be retained by PG&E.

Staff also selected Shasta Land Trust to hold the conservation easements over both the retained and donated lands.

The process of developing the land management plan, demonstration project and real estate transactions are ongoing.

### **Organizational Finances**

Financial statements see attachment two

The Fall River RCD is currently requesting grant funding from, Shasta Resource Advisory Committee, Lassen Resource Advisory Committee, US Fish & Wildlife, California Department of Food and Agriculture, Department of Conservation and Natural Resource Conservation service. We are currently receiving funding from some of these organizations and have received funding in the past from all of the listed sources.

It is the responsibility of our Watershed Coordinator to search for grants that meet our stated objectives in watershed management and protection, sustainable forestry and land management.

It is the responsibility of our Noxious Weed Coordinator to search for grants that allow us to maintain current weed programs and too expand those programs to meet the needs of the district.

It is the responsibility of our Administrative Assistant to search for grants that meet our stated goals in educational out reach and supporting Fire Safe Councils.

The Fall River Resource Conservation District will hold fee title. All lease revenue and any funding from the Stewardship Council for enhancements will be used solely on the donated land.

## **Key Personnel/Staff**

The Fall River RCD currently employs an Administrative Assistant, a Noxious Weed Coordinator and a Watershed Coordinator.

The Administrative Assistant manages the day to day operations of the District office, transacts all bookkeeping and payroll functions, prepares financial reports and annual budgets and provides office support for Natural Resource Conservation Service staff. Additionally the Administrative Assistant writes grants, supervises Fire Safe Council operations and represents the District at various community meetings.

The Noxious Weed Coordinator conducts land inspections to determine the presence of noxious weeds, does the actual spraying of the weeds and files the required reports. The NWC provides educational out reach to the public on noxious weeds, writes grants and assists in the supervision of fire safe projects.

The Watershed/Project Coordinator writes grants to obtain funding for the implementation of natural resource conservation projects that meet the goals and objectives of the District's watershed management plans. The WPC supervises and administers each grant and corresponding on the ground project. The WPC also assists with educational out reach and represents the District at community and inter agency meetings.

All Directors and Associate Directors are volunteer positions.

Resumes see attachment three

## **Community Engagement and Collaboration**

Prior to formal Round One proceedings, the Fall River RCD met with individual representatives of the Fall River Community Services District and the Pit River Tribe to discuss common and individual interests in the Fall River Mills Planning Unit.

The Fall River RCD met several times with the Board of Directors and members of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club to discuss the interests of the club.

Through the series of donee meetings and public out reach meetings sponsored by the Stewardship Council, The Fall River RCD met with potential donees and discussed common and individual interests and listened to public comments.

At the initial meeting of Round One Qualified Donees The Fall River RCD discussed splitting off the above described parcel with Bureau of land Management and Community Service District representatives. Both donees agreed that splitting out the gun club parcel was a desirable possibility.

Fall River RCD board meetings are public and progress of the process is reported at each meeting with information available for the press.

### **Legal Compliance and Best Practices**

#### **Fall River Resource Conservation District**

Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code defines the roles and responsibilities of RCD's as well as the directors selected to govern them. Division 9 also states that Resource Conservation Districts are legal subdivisions of the state and as such are not-for-profit entities. For the purpose of contracting with state agencies only, resource conservation districts shall be considered agencies of the state.

The Fall River Resource Conservation District follows all Federal and State rules pertaining to hiring, purchasing, awarding of contracts, accounting practices, environmental practices and agricultural practices.

Financial matters are a permanent agenda item for every monthly meeting. Each director is provided with a current income and expense statement, a current net worth statement, and a list of accounts payable at each monthly meeting. The districts administrative assistant answers any financial questions. Accounts payable have to be authorized by approval of the board of directors. This system ensures that each director is aware of the financial state of the district on a current basis.

The Fall River RCD books are audited on an annual basis.

California Government Code sections 57451 C and 57457 ( c ) ( 1 ) describe the terms for dissolution of special districts. Should the Fall River RCD be dissolved, after payment of it's obligations, all remaining real property would be distributed to Shasta County.

The Fall River Resource Conservation District is not in violation of any law.

#### **Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club, Inc**

HCR&PC is a 501-( c )-7 Corporation under California law. Membership is open to any citizen or resident of the United States who can lawfully possess a firearm and who is also a member of the National Rifle Association.

A financial report is included in the agenda of each monthly Board of Directors meeting. The meetings of the Board are posted up to a year in advance and are open to all members of the Club and the public. The Club annually files State and Federal tax returns, which are prepared by a non-member public accountant. The Club by laws require an annual auditing of the books.

In the event that the Club should cease to exist, after payment of all its obligations, all remaining assets would become the property of the Friends of the NRA, a non-profit organization devoted to promoting firearms education and providing assistance to shooting ranges.

Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol is not in violation of any law.

### **Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

Fall River RCD has no knowledge of any conflict of interests in this matter.

### **Land Interests Sought**

Approximately 371 acres within the Fall River Mills Planning Unit described on Map 2 as ID#103, ID #104, ID#105, ID#106 and that portion of ID#107 North of Highway 299E.

The approximately 371 acre parcel is comprised of the entirety of Section 9, Township 36 North, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian and all of the portion of Section 16, Township 36 North, Range 4 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, north of Highway 299 E.

The only adjustment necessary would be to use Highway 299 East as the actual lot line. With the agreement of the Stewardship Council, PG&E, Bureau of Land Management and The Fall River Community Services District, The Fall River RCD will accept the boundaries as described without survey.

The Hat Creek RPC currently leases approximately 200 acres for the range facility. Adding the additional acreage as described above will enlarge the buffer zone around the actual ranges. This will increase public safety, eliminate access easements and by utilizing existing section lines, reduce or eliminate survey costs.

The Fall River RCD Board of Directors authorized the preparation and submittal of this Land Stewardship Proposal, and assigned a specific director to oversee the process. The proposal is an agenda item for each board meeting and progress and content are discussed.

If the RCD is selected as the donee for fee title, the board of directors will assign a specific director to complete the transactions to the point of signing the documents. The Board will then vote authorizing the President of the Board to sign the final documents.

## **Baseline and Enhanced land Management**

In the rural areas of California, hunting and shooting sports are a major form of recreation. Open to the public, the Hat Creek Rifle & Pistol Club has provided a safe environment for shooting sports for over 30 years. The club also provides Law Enforcement with a place to train and perform firearms qualifications.

Day to day management of range activities will continue to be the responsibility of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club consistent with it's lease agreement.

The Hat Creek RPC schedules events and activities a year in advance. The schedule is available to the public through the website [www.hcrpclub.org](http://www.hcrpclub.org). Range facilities are open to members and guests in between scheduled events for informal use.

The Hat Creek RPC is willing to meet with Native American entities to discuss scheduling needs for ceremonies if they are within the area impacted by club activities and work towards reasonable accommodation.

The Fall River RCD will work with NRCS and the Pit River Tribe to conduct the appropriate ethnographic study, cultural resource study and develop a cultural resource management plan.

Access to the facility is through a locked gate that is left open for public access only when organized activities are occurring and there are range safety officers present. (Usually weekends) Additional security measures will include the construction of a fence along the length of the west and east boundary line of the parcel. All perimeter fences will be kept in good repair with appropriate signage.

The Fall River RCD will work with the US Forest Service and BLM in decommissioning of an informal road to Chalk Reservoir. This road is a heavily rutted, unimproved two track that runs from Highway 299E at the south east boundary corner then north along the east property line then west along the north property line. The road then turns north through an open gate on to US Forest Service land and continues on to Chalk Reservoir. We will recommend locking the gate with locks in line for US Forest Service and Cal Fire access only.

We recommend replacing the decommissioned road as described above with an extension of an existing improved all weather road from the rifle range. The extension will go from the rifle range to a large field area that exists above the police range. This will allow continued access to USFS and Cal Fire to National Forest land for fire fighting purposes. It will also allow use of the upper field for youth and group activities.

The Hat Creek RPC currently has practices in place for weed control, trash removal and maintenance of toilets on the range grounds. Work parties are scheduled as needed for larger projects such as autumn leaf removal.

The Fall River RCD will complete a noxious weed survey and apply for CDFA funding as necessary to eliminate noxious weeds. The RCD will also work with NRCS to complete a biological resource survey and develop a management plan as necessary.

The Hat Creek RPC range facilities consist of four separate shooting venues, a pistol/small bore range, a high power range, a police range and a cowboy action shooting range. The layout of the ranges makes it possible to have at least two venues open at the same time for formal competitive shooting and/or informal practice or recreational shooting.

The Hat Creek RPC may want to increase recreational shooting sports opportunities in the future. This could be done with the addition of venues for shotgun sports, (trap, skeet, sporting clays) and archery. The club would be responsible for funding equipment and infrastructure.

During the research for this proposal, Fall River RCD Director Pete Johnson, a forester, toured the property and made the following observations. The property is best described as a transition zone between oak woodland and conifer forest. The existing timber should be managed through a salvage timber plan. A fuels reduction plan should be developed utilizing mastication as the existing forest and brush is not sufficient for bio mass operations.

The Fall River RCD will develop both the timber management plan and the fuels reduction plan.

Currently there is no agricultural activity on the property. There are sufficient fields present on the property to support a small amount of grazing. Grazing and the range activity are not compatible concurrent activities. The Fall River RCD does not intend to utilize grazing for economic purpose at this time, however, would like to reserve the right to graze in the conservation easement for the future.

### **Physical Enhancements/Capital Improvements**

The west property line needs to be fenced. Approximately 600 feet of the east property line needs to be fenced. All of the rest of the perimeter fencing needs to be inspected and repaired as necessary. All of the fence line needs to be posted for no trespassing and notification of the range. This is a safety and security issue. The fence should be a standard 5 strand cattle fence with barb less bottom strands to facilitate wildlife passage.

Extending the road from the rifle range to the upper field ending in a small parking lot will allow access to the upper field. Standard unpaved road construction is recommended (crushed rock road base and cinder) The extension will be approximately 800 feet in length. The road extension will replace approximately 1.3 miles of decommissioned road. This will allow quicker access for USFS and Cal Fire to the USFS gate.

This parcel could be described as “Tri level” in terms of usable level ground for activities. The lower level is adjacent to Highway 299 East. The most usable area is an approximately 4-acre field that is currently used for scouting GPS and orienteering activities. It is also used as an overflow area for self-contained RV parking during multi day events. We want to reserve a one-acre building envelope for future construction of a combination toilet/multipurpose building.

The main level is where the current range facilities are located. Here we would like to reserve a two-acre building envelope for the future construction of a clubhouse with toilet facilities.

There is currently no water supply on this parcel. We would like to reserve the right to develop a water supply in the future by drilling a well and installing a water supply tank. This would supply water for toilets, drinking water and fire suppression.

The upper level consists of an approximately 10-acre field. This area is ideal for youth and group activities. It also is where the access gate to USFS land is located. Here we would also like to reserve a one-acre building envelope for a combination toilet/multipurpose building.

The physical enhancements and capital expenditures that relate directly to range activities will be financed solely through grants and other financing obtained by the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club.

Other enhancements will be financed through grants and other financing obtained by Fall River RCD and their Land Conservation Partners.

The fencing is the priority enhancement and should be completed within 1 year of transfer of title to Fall River RCD.

### **Land Conservation Partners and Youth Opportunities**

#### **Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club**

The Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club is a 501 (C) 7 and has committed to being a Land Conservation Partner to the Fall River Resource Conservation District. They have leased the land for approximately 30 years and desire to continue that lease for the foreseeable future. The club is the premier shooting range in

Northern California. It's board of directors and members have been good stewards of the land.

The Hat Creek RPC provides year around recreational opportunity to those who enjoy the shooting sports and outdoors. People coming from all over to use the club facilities have a positive influence on the economy of the Intermountain area.

Through it's youth outreach program the Club seeks to introduce youngsters to safe firearms handling and shooting sports activity. Boy Scouts of America, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Ducks Unlimited, 4H and the Wild Turkey Foundation are some of the organizations that sponsor youth activities through the Club.

All of the members of the Fall River RCD Board of Directors are familiar with the Hat Creek RPC. At least one of the directors is an active member in the club and familiar with its operation.

### **Spring Rivers Ecological Sciences, LLC**

Spring Rivers Ecological Sciences, LLC is a 501 (c) 3. Spring Rivers routinely partners with the Fall River RCD to conduct educational outreach.

Spring Rivers would like to use several areas adjacent to Highway 299 East as part of their geomorphology tour. The areas are easily accessible by existing roads and located safely away from any shooting activity.



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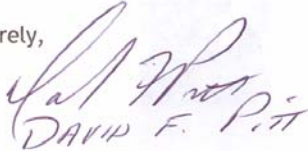
July 13, 2010

Dear Mr. Millington,

The purpose of this letter is to declare Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club's intent to join the Fall River Resource Conservation District as a Land Conservation Partner in their proposal to take fee title of approximately 371 acres in the Fall River Mills Planning Unit. The Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club is a 501(c)(7), taxpayer ID: 37-1457475.

It is the desire of the Hat Creek Rifle and Pistol Club to continue leasing the range as it has for the past approximately 30 years. The Club is also willing to participate in grant writing to help fund both management and physical enhancements for the entire property.

Sincerely,

  
DAVID F. PITT

**Spring Rivers  
FOUNDATION**

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July 7, 2010

Michael Millington, Director  
Fall River Resource Conservation District  
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Dear Mr. Millington,

The purpose of this letter is to declare Spring Rivers Foundation's intent to join the Fall River Resource Conservation District as a Land Conservation Partner in their proposal to take fee title of approximately 371 acres in the Fall River Mills Planning Unit. Spring Rivers Foundation is a 501(c)(3), taxpayer ID: 20-1778247.

Spring Rivers Foundation routinely partners with the Fall River RCD to conduct educational outreach. We have toured the property and identified several areas adjacent to Highway 299 East and easily accessible by existing roads that could be used for outdoor education opportunities. These areas are located safely away from any shooting activity related to the gun and rifle range that occupies a portion of the property.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey D. Cook  
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7-15-2010

To: The Stewardship Council

The Fall River Resource Conservation District Board of Directors read and discussed the "Proposal for the Fall River Mills Planning Unit" during the July 15, 2010 Financial Board Meeting. The Board unanimously decided to accept the land stewardship proposal. As President of the Board of Directors of the Fall River Resource Conservation District, I approve the submission of the proposal for the Fall River Mills Planning Unit. The Fall River Resource Conservation District agrees to participate in the Stewardship Council's land conservation process for the Fall River Mills Planning Unit.

Bill Buckman, President of the Board  
Fall River Resource Conservation District

### **Bill Buckman, President Fall River RCD**

#### **Occupation/Years of Experience**

Bill has been a rancher and farmer for 34 years. Bill has been a partner in the Beaver Creek Ranch for the last 20 years.

#### **Education**

Completed High School and 1.5 years of college

#### **Volunteer Activities**

Fall River Resource Conservation District Board Member for 9 years  
Currently on the Lassen County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC)  
Past President of the Fall River/Big Valley Cattlemen's Association

### **Pete Johnson, Vice President Fall River RCD**

#### **Occupation/Years of Experience**

Forester for 28 years. Currently employed by W.M. Beaty & Associates, District Forester, since 1989.

#### **Education**

Bachelor of Science Degree Received in 1977-Forest Resource Management, Humboldt State University

#### **Volunteer Activities**

Fall River Resource Conservation District Board Member for 3 years, 3 months and Associate Director for 1 year.  
Member California Association Resource Conservation Districts Forestry Committee

#### **Professional Affiliations and Activities**

Registered Professional Forester RPF#2384  
Member of NorCal Society of American Foresters since 1982 (Secretary 2003-2004)

### **Rod McArthur, Director Fall River RCD**

#### **Occupation/Years of Experience**

Farmer and Rancher for 40 years. Member of the founding family of the town of McArthur, California.

#### **Education**

High School and Junior College

#### **Volunteer Activities**

Member McArthur Volunteer Fire Department 36 years  
Fall River Resource Conservation District Board Member 5 years  
Board member North East California Water Association 10 years

### **Don McBroome, Director Fall River RCD**

#### **Occupation/Years of Experience**

Don is born and raised in Shasta County and is currently retired. Don spent 12 years in the U.S. Air Force. Don worked 32 years for Shasta County Dept. of Agriculture, as an Agriculture & Standards-Investigator III.

#### **Education**

Obtained 3 AA Degrees from Shasta College: General Education, Ornamental Horticulture, and Agriculture

#### **Volunteer Activities**

Fall River Resource Conservation District, Board Member for 5 years

### **Mike Millington, Director Fall River RCD**

#### **Occupation/Years of Experience**

Currently retired. 20 years spent in law enforcement, 10 years in supervision. 15 years agriculture/farming experience.

#### **Education**

High School and 90 Units Law enforcement and business management

#### **Volunteer Activities**

Fall River Resource Conservation District Board Member 1 year

Associate Director, Fall River Resource Conservation District—9 months

### **Pat Oilar, Director Fall River RCD**

#### **Occupation/Years of Experience**

Farmer and rancher for 28 years. Owns and operates Oilar's Agricultural Service which farms on a crop share basis and trucking service. Member of the pioneer Oilar Family of the Fall River Valley.

#### **Education**

High School Graduate

#### **Volunteer Activities**

Fire Chief McArthur Volunteer Fire Department for 12 years

Former Fall River School District Board member

Fall River Resource Conservation District Board Member 2 years

USDAFHA Board member 4 years

**Tom Smith, Director Fall River RCD**

**Occupation/Years of Experience**

Owner Tom Smith Tile Company for 28 years.

**Education**

High School, 3 years College

**Volunteer Activities**

Fall River Resource Conservation District Board Member 14 years

Board member Fall River Wild Trout 10 years

Avid Fly fisherman and Conservationist

**Patty Betz, Administrative Assistant Fall River RCD**

**Occupation/Years of Experience**

Administrative Assistant Fall River RCD 3 years

Food Service Manager, Mayers Memorial Hospital 10 years

Food Service Director, Eldorado County 5 years

**Education**

AA Degree General Arts

AA Degree Dietician Technician

BA management

**Kelly Shuler, Noxious Weed Coordinator Fall River RCD**

**Occupation/Years of Experience**

Noxious weed coordinator Fall River RCD 3 years

Substitute teacher 20 years

**Education**

BS Range Management

Master Gardener in California and Oregon

**Professional Licenses**

Herbicide Applicators License

**Volunteer Activities**

Shasta County Election Board

Wayside Garden Club, Fall River

**Todd Sloat, Watershed Coordinator Fall River RCD**

**Occupation/Years of Experience**

Watershed Coordinator Fall River RCD 3 years

Coordinator Pit River Watershed Alliance 10 years

**Education**

BS Wildlife & Fisheries Biology

MS Ecology

**Volunteer Activities**

Varsity Football Coach Fall River High School 3 years

