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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regard to the Bohemian Grove's NTMP 1-06NTMP-001^{011 SON}. I am a musician of long standing, working out of the San Francisco Bay Area. My success and prominence in the music community have afforded me an opportunity to support and promote causes that are dear to me, and I have accepted this role as something of a duty. My primary focus for thirty-some years has been ecology and the environment, having done many benefit concerts and been involved in many campaigns in this regard. I have studied ecology since high school, some forty-five years ago.

It is with this background that when I first heard about the Bohemian club's proposed timber management plan - through the news media - I was bothered by what the press shaded as a cut-and-run program. I was on tour at the time, but when I got home I set about looking into the matter. I am a club member, and I feel a responsibility to lend my knowledge and insights to the organization, and I am a lover of the Bohemian Grove as well.


I was quite surprised with what I found. I visited the property with the forester and the Grove management team, reviewed the NTMP and planned forest restoration work. Their study is as comprehensive as any I have seen. The proposed program is point for point in line with the best cutting-edge forest restoration plans available today (I know, because earlier this year studied precisely these kinds of plans with a number of prominent environmentalists with whom I work, among them Mike Fay, whom I think you may know of).

But it is the heart of the Bohemian Grove's forest management plan that is most impressive to me: the absolute restoration of the forest to its original (and greatly more fire-resistant) state, as quickly and as best as can be done (fuel management will be important, especially this summer). Any profits from the harvest and sale of non-native, fire prone trees will be immediately sewn back into the project, the better to more quickly implement it.

I have signed on to this plan; overall, I think this is what we all should want, and I believe our objectives are appropriate and that the plan as presented will strive to meet those objectives. It will take time, but the path is clear. Their hearts are in the right place here, and they address all of my concerns as I would. Again, this plan represents optimal forest restoration, far superior to any lesser sort of forest maintenance plan in my view.

For any additional commentary or thoughts on the subject, I am at your service. The best way to reach me is through my management: Cameron Sears at cameron@seriousman.com, or through the Bohemian Club.

Many thanks for your kind attention,


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