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Steve Hobbs, Chair
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Dear Chair Hobbs and Members of the Board:

At its October meeting the Committee for Family Forestlands discussed several of the agenda items indicated for the Board's November session. We had a particularly lively and productive interchange with the staff of the Department on Board Agenda Item 4, Special Resource Sites.

The Committee indicates its preference for Alternative 2 on this item. Our main reasons for this view are as follows:

1. This approach is more comprehensive, applying FPFO strategies and action approach.
2. A broad comprehensive plan will provide better parameters for planning and action than the development of specific resource site protection rules.
3. The development of a comprehensive plan would be less contentious and enhance support from the various stakeholder groups.

I hope that the above information is of use to the members of the Board.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Cease".

Ron Cease, Chair,
Committee for Family Forestlands

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