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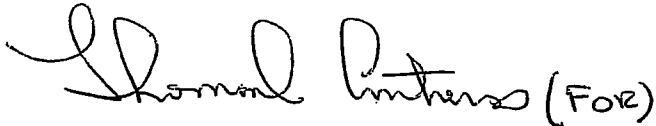
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Dear Ms. Kuhlman:

The USDA Forest Service Pacific Southwest Region (USFS) appreciates the efforts of the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board to extend the expiration date of Order No. R12004-0015 through adoption of Order No. R1-2009-0114. This extension will allow our timber and fuels management projects to continue under the conditions of the existing waiver for national forest lands until a new and broader waiver covering a wider range of activities is established. The extension will protect water quality by maintaining waiver conditions and requirements while allowing progress on reducing risks of wildfire. The USFS supports the adoption of Order No. R1-2009-0114, and we look forward to working with you and your staff on a new North Coast regional board waiver for activities on national forest system lands.

If you have any questions, please contact Regional Hydrologist Barry Hill at 707-562-8968.

Sincerely,



RANDY MOORE
Regional Forester

cc: Barry Hill, Carolyn A Cook, Alan D Olson

