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Mr. Keith Hammer – Chair
Swan View Coalition
3165 Foothill Road
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Dear Mr. Hammer:

Thank you for your recent e-mail regarding the Foothills Timber Sale. In response to your concern about logging in the proximity of trail # 544, forester Pete Seigmund and I proposed to the Director and Land Board Staff yesterday to move the cutting unit boundary further from the trail as you propose in action item #3.

Pete Seigmund and I would like to meet with you on-site to further discuss and mark the new boundary to our mutual satisfaction. It is also our hope that by working together locally to address specific interests we can more efficiently address your concerns earlier in the project.

To this end, I also hope that by working with Pete on the relocation of the BC2 unit boundary that we'll be able to carry this same collaboration over to your issues with sale #2 in regard to the road building and the hemlock stands.

Please contact Pete Seigmund or myself at your earliest convenience to set up a time to meet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Greg Poncin".

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