



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Humboldt County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of California State Parks, I am pleased to recommend a North Coast Redwoods District representative to serve as a non-voting Agency Liaison to the Humboldt County Fire Safe Council (HCFSC). The North Coast Redwoods District nominates Ross Mathewson to serve as California State Parks primary representative. We recommend that Allan Weigman, who was previously appointed by the Board, serve as an alternate representative to Ross Mathewson.

Ross has a solid understanding of ways in which a Liaison might further the goals of the Council. We believe that Ross's educational background in Forestry and wildfire management, knowledge of wildfire mitigation and forest resiliency strategies, extensive work experience as a wildland fire fighter and Forester with a specialty in fuels management makes him a valuable partner as the group works to provide guidance for the successful implementation of the Humboldt County Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).

I believe that Ross will be an asset to the HCFSC if he is appointed as an official member. This will allow him to more robustly participate in the activities of the HCFSC and help strengthen the working partnership with California State Parks. Ross's contact information is as follows:

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Thanks for considering this appointment.

Sincerely,

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