

Richardson Ranch LLC  
150 years of Historic Timberland & Ranch Management

May 3, 2024  
Jn. 22-21

Levan King Cranston, Planner  
Permit Sonoma  
2550 Ventura Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

RE: Clarification Letter – GRD24-0014 at 37810 Tin Barn Road

Dear Levan,

Richardson Ranch LLC, (RRLLC) is a timberland, cattle, and vineyard production entity, being managed by the applicant, Daniel Falk, Registered Professional Forester (RPF) #2901.

This ongoing operation encompasses approximately 7400 timbered acres, 1000 acres of rangeland and 24 vineyard acres over numerous parcels from 37810 Tin Barn Road north to Stewarts Point.

Active timber harvest permits: THP #1-18-082 SON, THP #1-18-076 SON, THP #1-22-0004 SON, EX #1-23/24.

This application request permission to import 98,789 cubic yards of soil fill, to be used for soil amendment for post-harvest forest floor application. Assessor's parcel numbers 123-170-007, and 015 have been selected for this use. Refer to grading plans GRD24-0014.

RRLLC will use the fill to mix with biochar that is produced from biomass created from forest thinning, production, and restoration projects. The amendment components are woody slash, branches, bark, and soil. The biomass is carbonized and incorporated into the compost at a 10 to 1 ratio mix, resulting in a high-quality soil amendment.

Following a rigorous process of soil health/management, the compost will be applied to the forestland & grasslands. Our goals are to improve soil, with nutrient uptake, water retention, heat resiliently, along with contributing to growing healthy vegetation with a reduction of invasive species.

This methodology plays a valuable ecological role in RRLLC Timber production zoned (TPZ) lands as part of the timber harvesting and grazing of the grasslands that encompass the areas of the non-timbered areas within the TPZ. Our goal is to restore the harvested lands back into thriving timber production, and contribute to the health and resiliency to the native grasslands throughout the property.

Respectfully Submitted,



Daniel Falk, RPF