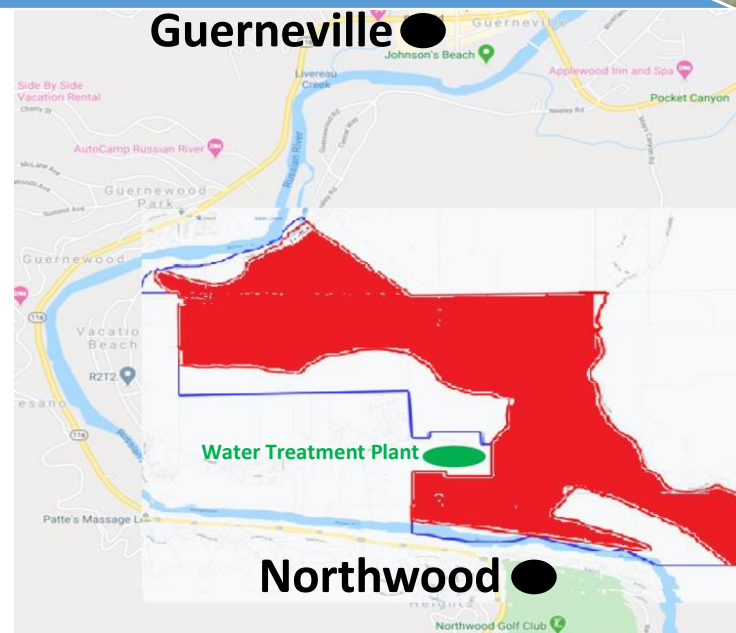


# ALERT!

## Guerneville community threatened by massive for-profit commercial logging operation: increased FIRE RISK & huge PUBLIC SAFETY risk

### What's This All About?

- 224 acres of pristine Redwoods and Douglas Firs between Guerneville and Northwood (see **red area** of map to the right) are targeted in the “Silver Estates Timber Harvest Plan” to be cut down as part of a logging plan to sell lumber for profit
  - *Most of this red area is in the Highway 116 Scenic Corridor which seeks to minimize tree cutting and protect the views!*
- The plan is anticipated to **increase fire risk** for the next several years due to both (1) any slash left on the ground becomes kindling, and (2) open space from logging allows highly flammable brush species (e.g tan oak, bay) to flourish
- The landowners, a private lumber company family that owns Redwood Empire, has been sued in Gualala and Santa Cruz
- The community of Guerneville, its residents, its businesses, its tourists, and its leaders, all have a collective interest in protecting the **red area**, our waterways, and our safety



### Why Should I Care?

Here are just a few of our community concerns:

- 5+ years of increased **FIRE DANGER** from slash becoming kindling, and the growth of highly flammable brush species
- Drainage into the Russian River and its tributaries
- Impact on Russian River sediment and toxic algae
- **Public safety** concerns with massive logging trucks driving on narrow neighborhood streets where children play
- Increase in landslides in the area due to heavy equipment on the steep slopes and damaging root systems
- Neeley Road residents getting stranded if road gets blocked
- Incessant noise from chain saws, logging trucks, and helicopters
- Damaging people's views (the “view shed”) from downtown Guerneville and from hundreds of homes in the community
- Wildlife devastation in the area including endangered species
- Damaging the flood plain area
- Economic impact on Guerneville tourism

### What Can I Do?

1. Share your opinion:
  - Send your public comment email ASAP to [SantaRosaPublicComment@fire.ca.gov](mailto:SantaRosaPublicComment@fire.ca.gov)
  - Include the number of the Silver Estates Timber Harvest Plan: 1-20-00084-SON
2. Join the community:
  - To join our email list of updates and alerts: email [GuernevilleForestCoalition@gmail.com](mailto:GuernevilleForestCoalition@gmail.com)
  - [www.facebook.com/groups/guernevilleforestcoalition.com](http://www.facebook.com/groups/guernevilleforestcoalition.com)
3. Donate:
  - To make a tax-deductible donation through our partner, go to [www.forestunlimited.org](http://www.forestunlimited.org) and find the SPECIAL DONATIONS box; then click the Donate button underneath “Guerneville Forest Coalition”
  - Or mail a check to Forest Unlimited and write “GFC” on the memo line