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Registered Professional Forester License Revoked By State

Sacramento – On February 5, 2008, the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection adopted the Proposed Decision of Administrative Law Judge, Gary A. Geren in resolution of Foresters Licensing Case No. 33-D-217 against the license of Scott R.J. Feller, Registered Professional Forester (RPF) No. 1950, of Crescent City. Mr. Feller’s license to practice as a Registered Professional Forester in the State of California is thereby revoked effective February 6, 2008, for repeated failure to comply with the terms of the Board’s disciplinary Order of November 13, 2003.

Specifically, Mr. Feller failed to demonstrate compliance in any manner with the requirements of the Board’s 2003 Order to retain an independent RPF to perform office reviews of three Timber Harvesting Plans and three Exemptions or Notice of Conversion Exemptions prepared by Mr. Feller prior to submission to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. At least two of those written reviews were required to include the results of a field analysis, performed by a qualified wildlife biologist or ornithologist in the company of Mr. Feller, to identify habitat and nest sites of avian species listed as threatened or endangered under the California or Federal Endangered Species Act, or listed as “Sensitive Species” by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Additionally, Mr. Feller was required to complete forty hours of continuing forestry education as certified by the Society of American Foresters. 15 days prior to the expiration of the Board’s Order on July 1, 2004, Mr. Feller was to have provided the Board with proof of his compliance with the above terms and petitioned the Board for full reinstatement of his license.

Since 1973, any individual practicing professional forestry on the non-federally owned forested landscape in California must be licensed. This license is issued and regulated by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. There are 1,474 Registered Professional Foresters currently licensed to practice in the State of California.

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