

June 25, 2008



Mark Andre, Director  
Environmental Services Department  
City of Arcata  
Arcata, CA 95521

RE: Arcata Community Forest and Jacoby Creek Model Forest Designation

Dear Mr. Andre,

The Forest Guild is pleased to present the City of Arcata with this letter of Model Forest designation to recognize the exemplary forest management occurring on these lands.

The **Model Forest** program recognizes places, people, and relationships that foster sustainable forest management and demonstrate successful silviculture. The **City of Arcata Environmental Services Department** maintains the integrity of nearly 2,100 acres of forest lands owned by the City, and your management of these lands for the city clearly meets the Model Forest program goals and criteria.

This includes the watersheds, wildlife, timber, fisheries, and plant resources as well as the overall health of the forest ecosystems. The Community and Jacoby Creek forests are managed to produce marketable forest products on a sustained basis, balancing timber harvest and growth, and community needs.

The Forest Guild welcomes the City of Arcata into our network of Model Forests across the country. We look forward to working with you to demonstrate to the public and professionals alike the excellent forestry that you practice.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Howard Gross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Howard Gross  
Executive Director