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Supervisor Briggs,

I am writing to you to ask for your help.

First I would like to say how grateful I am to be able to live in this amazing part of the world. My family and I count our blessings daily about where we live and what we have. We were able to build a beautiful home on a beautiful 10 acres in Cool in 2006. Since then either my partner or myself have been laid off at least twice. Thankfully we were never both without a job at the same time; although times have been rough.

Needless to say when you are struggling you tighten your belt and things that you want to do with your beautiful home and land has to wait until things get better and so nothing ever gets done. During this past 7 years I have also aged a bit. Last year I turned 60 years old and as much as I love working outside on my property I am not able to do all the things necessary to keep a fire safe property. My health has not been the best either but I did manage to complete 3 years duties as the first woman President of our HOA.

Last year both my partner and I have jobs and I turned 60 so I took a bold step and used money from my 401k to have our 10 acres cleared of all brush and Digger Pines and the results are amazing. The pristine views that have opened up are breath taking and my neighbors are so grateful as it helps make our mountain side neighborhood much more fire safe for us all.

As you might imagine clearing 10 acres of brush and timber has left large piles of drying tinder; did I say large, I should say 'HUGH' piles of tinder. 7 or 8 piles that are 40'L x 20'W x 20'H that need to be disposed of. I have contacted the EDCFC but got no response. My neighbors have all checked with everyone they know to see if anyone would be interested in FREE lumber but I am sure you are aware that no one wants digger pine. I have checked with Lumber Mills; fire wood sellers; adds in the paper and anyone that would listen.

I spent \$1000 a day for 10 days to have it cleared. The guy would also burn it for around \$250 a day for a couple of days was the verbal deal but when it was all piled up he wanted \$4000 to burn it. I honestly do not have any more money to put into this project. I have a \$7000 tax bill I have to pay for the 401k withdrawal's and I am not sure where I will get that so I honestly am looking for help that will not cost me any money. I am very talented with computers and phone equipment and service; project support; data entry; and other things and believe strongly in the barter system.

Here is what I was thinking. I was wondering if maybe the Fire Department or the Conservation Corp might want to use this as a training exercise for their employees. Even as I write it I say to myself, "What a great idea".

So that is where I was hoping you might be able to help me. I am sure a request from you would go a lot farther than a request from me. I can't tell you how much we would appreciate the help.

Well, I have done my bidding and appreciate your patience in reading this long string of rhetoric. If you are unable to help with the Fire Department any suggestions you might have would be appreciated.

Thank you so much Supervisor Briggs. I look forward to hearing from you.

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