



## **Battle Creek Alliance**

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Little Hoover Commission  
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Dear Commission and Staff members,

Recently, we became aware that your commission is studying forest issues for the first time since 1994. We understand that the initial focus is the large die off of trees occurring in the Sierra Nevada. After speaking with some of your staff though, we would like to encourage your commission to have a broader focus. Forests are inextricably linked to water and wildlife issues also. In the years since your 1994 study was produced and spoke of the many improvements needed to the protection measures, the health of the natural world has continued a downhill slide, which urgently needs to be addressed. Our request is that your independent commission research, understand, and include in your analysis the cumulative effects which are occurring, but are being purposely ignored by the industrial and regulatory factions.

**Background:** Battle Creek Alliance (BCA) was formed in 2008 due to concerns regarding the excessive clearcut logging which began occurring in this northern California watershed in 1998. BCA has been collecting Citizen's Water Quality Monitoring data since 2009, which has been analyzed by 4 different hydrologists in 2011, 2012, 2014, and 2016. These ongoing analyses show continuing deterioration, which the various regulatory agencies have failed to take action to stop. The analyses may be found on our site on this page: <http://www.thebattlecreekalliance.org/library.html>

Our documentary regarding the sequential destruction of this, and other California watersheds, may be found here: <https://youtu.be/Dde1dv86M7Q>

Thank you for your consideration of these important and urgent matters.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marily Woodhouse". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marily" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Woodhouse".

Marily Woodhouse, Director

The following photos are to illustrate our points:



↑ **June 2016: The south fork of Battle Creek below clearcutting/salvage logging from between 1998-2013, after 1" of rain.**

↓ **Logging unit #614 in 2008, pre-cut**





↑Unit 614 during cut, 2011  
↓Unit 614 in 2017

