Stephen T. Davies [SBN 196060] TURNER LITIGATION SERVICES 1 2 2315 William St. Eureka, California 95501 Tel. (707) 496-9666 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ROBERT BUSCH, an individual, JANET 10 BUSCH, an individual, 11 12 VS. 13 14 15 16 17 DOES 1 TO 50, 18 19 20

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IN THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, IN AND FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Case No.:

Plaintiffs,

CHARLES E. HURWITZ, an individual, ROGER RODONI, an individual, JOHANNA RODONI, an individual, THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY, a Delaware Corporation, SCOTIA PACIFIC HOLDING COMPANY, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, LANE RUSS, an individual, and

Defendants.

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES AND **EQUITABLE RELIEF BASED ON:**

- 1 Trespass;
- **Interference with the Natural Flow** of Surface Waters:
- 3 Wrongful Appropriation of Riparian Waters:
- Negligence:
- **Negligent Infliction of Emotional** Distress:
- 6 Intentional Infliction of Emotional **Distress:**
- 7 Unfair Business Practices:
- Nuisance; and,
- **Declaratory/Injunctive Relief**

I. INTRODUCTION

1. This action arises from the Defendants ongoing, deliberate, and chronic trespass upon Plaintiffs' property, including the channel, streambed, and banks of the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River at or near the confluence of Oil and Rattlesnake Creek and portions of Oil Creek above the confluence with Rattlesnake Creek. The Defendants' intentional and/or reckless conduct, including but not limited to the continual deposit of cattle manure on Plaintiff's property, substantially interferes with Plaintiffs' ability to use or enjoy their property, including gardens Plaintiffs use to sustain themselves. Defendants have consciously and/or with

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27 28 reckless disregard, polluted the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River, rendering its waters unfit for human consumption and other recreational uses.

- The complaint alleges that the Defendants are jointly and severally liable to Plaintiffs for grazing cattle on Plaintiffs' property, and, for damages to Plaintiffs caused by the grazing of cattle on Plaintiff's property. Plaintiffs contend that the Defendants had common motives in consciously or recklessly grazing cattle on Plaintiffs' property and that these motives constitute unfair business practices. Defendants' unfair business practices are alleged to include, but not be limited to, illegal and wrongful attempts to harvest timber on Plaintiffs' property in the North Fork of the Mattole, force Plaintiffs to sell their property to Defendants, harass plaintiffs, and wrongfully acquire prescriptive rights to Plaintiffs' property.
- 3. Plaintiffs contend that the trespass committed by the Defendants is outrageous, shocking, morally reprehensible, and performed with malice in conscious or reckless disregard of Plaintiffs rights; that the damage to Plaintiffs' home and gardens is insufferable and irreparable; that the large amounts of cattle manure deposited on Plaintiffs property is unsightly, a health hazard, offensive, that the Defendants consciously and/or recklessly cause cows to enter Plaintiffs' property and to proximately cause extensive damage to Plaintiffs, their property, and/or the obliteration of Plaintiffs' crops.
- 4. In addition to the damages sustained by Plaintiffs' and which Plaintiffs' continue to suffer from the continuing nuisance of trespassing cattle, declaratory and other injunctive relief is sought, including but not limited to the declaration of Plaintiff's rights to shoot cattle continuing to trespass on Plaintiff's property, declaration of Defendants' rights, if any, to engage in unmanaged commercial grazing activities on lands zoned for timber harvest production under the Z'berg Njedle y Forest Practices Act, prohibitory restraining orders preventing Defendants from engaging in further trespass, and mandatory injunctive orders concerning the clean up and abatement of damages to Plaintiff's property.

II. VENUE, PARTIES, & JURISDICTION

- 5. PLAINTIFFS have suffered in excess of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) in damages to their persons and property, including irreparable damage to unique real property.
- 6. Plaintiffs ROBERT BUSCH and JANET BUSCH are a married couple residing in the State of California, County of Humboldt, in a remote rural area on the headwaters of the Mattole River near Honeydew and Petrolia, California.
- 7. Defendant THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY is a wholly owned subsidiary of Maxxam Group, Inc., an alleged alter-ego shell company of Defendant CHARLES E. HURWITZ., incorporated in the State of Delaware. PACIFIC LUMBER does virtually all of its business in Humboldt County. PACIFIC LUMBER owns real property adjacent to, upstream, downstream, and neighboring Plaintiffs' property.
- 8. Defendant SCOTIA PACIFIC COMPANY, LLC is a special purpose Delaware corporation, Defendant HURWITZ caused to be created in or about 1998, as a wholly owned subsidiary of PACIFIC LUMBER. During times material hereto, Defendant SCOTIA PACIFIC COMPANY, LLC and/or it's predecessor, Scotia Pacific Holding Company, held title to approximately 189,000 acres of timber within Humboldt County.
- 9. Defendant CHARLES E. HURWITZ is a resident of the State of Texas and the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Maxxam Group Inc. Defendant PACIFIC LUMBER is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Maxxam Group Inc.. Maxxam Group Inc. is an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Maxxam, Inc.. Defendant HURWITZ, and members of his immediate family, collectively own approximately 68.8% of the aggregate voting power of Maxxam.
- 10. Defendants THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY, SCOTIA PACIFIC COMPANY, LLC, and CHARLES E. HURWITZ are hereinafter referred to as the "CORPORATE DEFENDANTS."
- 11. Defendants ROGER RODONI and JOHANNA RODONI (hereinafter "RODONI Defendants") are a married couple residing in the State of California, County of Humboldt. The RODONI Defendants lease lands owned by Defendant PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY and/or

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Defendant SCOTIA PACIFIC HOLDING COMPANY, LLC. neighboring and/or adjacent to Plaintiff's property.

12. Defendant LANE RUSS leases and/or owns lands in Humboldt County neighboring or adjacent to Plaintiffs' property. Defendant LANE RUSS owns, manages, permits, or is otherwise involved with grazing cattle on lands regulated by the Forest Practices Act.

- 13. Plaintiffs are ignorant of the true names or capacities, whether individual, corporate or otherwise, of the Defendants sued hereunder the fictitious names DOES 1 through 50, inclusive. Plaintiffs will ask leave of the Court to amend the complaint to show the true names of each such Defendant when their identities have been ascertained. Plaintiffs are informed, believe and thereon allege, that each of the DOE Defendants is responsible in some manner for the events, occurrences and injuries alleged in this complaint, and that each of said Defendants was an agent of each of the other said Defendants.
- 14. Each of the Defendants was the agent, joint venturer, and employee of each of the remaining Defendants, and in doing the things hereinafter alleged, each was acting within the course and scope of said agency, employment and joint venture with the advance knowledge, acquiescence or subsequent ratification of each and every remaining defendant.
- 15. Plaintiffs are informed, believe and thereon allege that, at all times mentioned herein, each and every Defendant conspired with each of the remaining Defendants in that they had common knowledge of and agreed to a plan to graze cattle in a manner injurious to the Plaintiffs' persons and properties, and were aware of the wrongful acts herein alleged committed pursuant to such agreement; and said acts caused the Plaintiffs' injuries as herein alleged.
- 16. Plaintiffs are informed, believe and thereon allege that, at all times mentioned herein, Defendants THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY and SCOTIA PACIFIC COMPANY, LLC, in addition to Maxxam Group, Inc. and Maxxam, Inc., are alter-ego's of Defendant CHARLES E. HURWITZ. Defendant CHARLES E. HURWITZ impermissibly micromanages the business operations of Defendants THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY and SCOTIA PACIFIC COMPANY, LLC.

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III. COMMON ALLEGATIONS

18. Plaintiffs' property that is the subject of this dispute is located in Humboldt County, California (hereinafter, the "BUSCH PROPERTY"). The North Fork of the Mattole river runs approximately through Plaintiffs' property from north to south. At the North end of the BUSCH PROPERTY, the upper North Fork of the Mattole River splits and becomes Oil Creek and Rattlesnake Creek. Oil Creek continues up through plaintiff's property towards Rainbow Ridge. Rattlesnake Creek continues up through the CORPORATE DEFENDANT'S property

14 towards Rainbow Ridge. The North Fork of the Mattole River terminates at the North end of 15 the BUSCH PROPERTY at the confluence of Oil and Rattlesnake Creeks.

19. Plaintiffs' legal property description is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The legal property description of Plaintiffs' property described in Exhibit A is incorporated hereto in this complaint. 20. Defendant THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY owns the real property adjoining the

17. Jurisdiction and Venue are proper in the Humboldt County Superior Court because all

Humboldt County, the real property that is the subject of this lawsuit is located in Humboldt

County, this court has jurisdiction to enforce the injunctive relief prayed for in this County, and,

parties reside or own property in Humboldt County, the acts complained of occurred in

the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional minimum of this court.

BUSCH PROPERTY.

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21. In approximately 1985, Plaintiffs sought to purchase property in a remote rural location where they could farm, support themselves and their family, and otherwise live off the land. Plaintiff Robert Busch, and to a lesser degree, Plaintiff Janet Busch, both have a similar

medical condition, or disease, preventing or limiting their ability to engage themselves in more

traditional occupations. Plaintiffs sought to find a suitable location in the country where they

could live peacefully off the land.

22. After an extensive search, Plaintiffs eventually purchased a property (hereinafter the "BUSCH PROPERTY") in Southern Humboldt. Plaintiff's chose the BUSCH PROPERTY

beliefs similar in outlook towards religious ideologies having pacifist or non-violent tendencies.

Plaintiffs believe that they have a duty to live in harmony with the land, not to exploit the lands resources, and to take from the land only what Plaintiffs require to sustain themselves.

Plaintiffs do not believe their role on Earth contemplates the confinement, captivation, or ownership of other living creatures. A significant reason why Plaintiffs determined to move to a remote area in the country was to be able to live in harmony with wild animals. Plaintiffs derive tremendous personal satisfaction from their daily interactions with wild animals on their

property, including black bears and raccoons. Plaintiffs also highly value wilderness in its

because it had year round access to the clear running waters of Oil and Rattlesnake Creeks,

23. Plaintiffs do not belong to a Buddhist or Hindu religion, but they have deep felt personal

and the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River.

natural state, untrammeled by exploitative human interests.

24. At the time that Plaintiffs determined that the BUSCH PROPERTY would serve their purposes of providing an environment where Plaintiffs could peaceably dwell with their beliefs, Defendant THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY was owned and operated by the Murphy family. Under the Murphy family management, the Pacific Lumber Company engaged in sound land management practices (based on the state of art at that time) and had a reputation

25. Shortly after Plaintiffs purchased their property, Defendant Charles E. Hurwitz leveraged a hostile take-over of THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY. To finance this takeover, and to support Defendant HURWITZ's interest in supporting the nation of Israel and/or some of it's citizens, Defendant Hurwitz dramatically increased the rate of production of timber beyond previous levels.

26. Defendant HURWITZ began to micromanage THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY, placing himself and other persons previously under his control or employ, in managerial positions at THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY. Defendant HURWITZ not only manages the corporate officers and directors of THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY, but, he also makes

for being a good neighbor.

determinations concerning managerial and non-managerial *employees* of THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY. Defendant HURWITZ has little or no experience harvesting timber.

27. At the time that Defendant HURWITZ increased the rate of timber harvesting, there were not sufficient employees at the PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY to reasonably handle the increased rate of production and eccentric production schedules mandated HURWITZ's economic demands on the company. There were also not enough personnel at the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to handle the increased amount of work being generated at a higher rate by a smaller number of employees at THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY.

28. Defendant HURWITZ made a calculated decision to nevertheless increase the rate of production of timber in part because he determined he could get away with effectively over-harvesting timber for a sufficient period of years to re-pay the debts he incurred by borrowing money to take control of THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY.

29. As a result of economic pressures placed upon THE DEFENDANT PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY as a result of Defendants' HURWITZ takeover and micromanagement, THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY has undergone drastic changes in the operations and management of the company. Employees who protested increased rates of production were discouraged or terminated. Employees and non-employee management who effectively circumvented laws and regulations were promoted or encouraged. At the time Plaintiffs purchased their property, these changes were slightly felt, but, the changes have had a rippling effect through the years, increasing in magnitude and effect upon THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY's attitude towards it's neighbors.

- 30. The change of THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY's policies towards the environment has been noted by State Government personnel. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection personnel, for example, have noted illegal or unfair patterns of conduct of THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY, including but not limited to:
 - (a) obtaining permission to harvest through lies and deceitful information which, had CDF personnel known about, would not have granted permission to harvest timber;

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36. The CORPORATE DEFENDANTS are not engaged in the business of livestock management on their property. Their property is subject to and regulated by the zoning

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provisions of the Forest Practices Act which does not expressly permit or authorize commercial livestock activities that are unrelated to forest management on such lands.

- 37. The land leased to the RODONI DEFENDANTS comprises many acres of timberland and buffer-zone surrounding the "Rainbow Ridge" area of Humboldt County where THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY is engaged in active timber harvest operations.
- 38. Commercial cattle ranching is inconsistent with the Forest Practices Act in the Defendants manner of livestock ranching causes more environmental damage than it does to promote the long term sustainability of timberlands.
- 39. During summer months, cattle enter into watercourse channels where it is cooler. Cattle aggregate for many days in the most environmentally sensitive areas, defecating and polluting the waters. Cattle trample soils softened by nearby watercourses, causing depressions or ponding in their footprints. As cows aggregate in and near watercourses, the numerous depressions of their footprints block, slow down, and spread the flow of waters. Waters seep into the footprints, further softening soils, such that what was once a well-defined watercourse with clear water becomes a wide expanse of mud pockmarked by tiny pools of stagnant and polluted waters.
- 40. One of the most important factors in the California Department of Fire Protection's determination of whether or not to grant permission to harvest timber on a plan area is determined by evaluating the adverse cumulative impacts. The adverse cumulative impacts determination is based, in part, upon a consideration of the conditions of watercourses, including but not limited to the presence or absence of fish, amphibians, silt, rate of flow, and canopy coverage.
- 41. The CORPORATE DEFENDANTS permit the RODONI DEFENDANTS to allow their cattle to enter into watercourses -- including the water channels of Oil Creek and the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River located on Plaintiffs' property -- for the purpose of interfering with the accurate assessment of cumulative impacts from further upstream timber harvesting activities. Defendants hope to achieve, by the degradation of lower reaches of the watercourses, permission to harvest more timber from areas next to the upper reaches of the

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- 42. In permitting cattle the free range access of lands zoned for timber harvesting, defendants hope to prevent the long term sustainability of such lands as viable timberlands, so as to be able to sell or utilize such properties at some time in the future for non-timber production uses, including but not limited to obtaining the re-zoning of lands the CORPORATE DEFENDANTS are supposed to be maintaining forests on.
- 43. The RODONI DEFENDANTS do not take an active role in the management of livestock on Defendants' property. They do not personally take part in the delivery or removal of livestock from the Defendants property. While the RODONI DEFENDANTS do maintain a house on Defendants' property, the house does not have electricity. It is a second home, summer home, weekend home, or questhouse. The primary residence of the RODONI DEFENDANTS is located many miles, and many more minutes, further away. In fact, RODGER RODONI rarely inspects the property. JOHANNA RODONI lives on the property for periods of time separated by long or frequent absences.
- 44. At any given time, JOHANNA RODONI is unaware of the location of the RODONI DEFENDANTS' livestock. JOHANNA RODONI requires assistance in rounding up cattle, and, cannot, by herself, manage or control the livestock.
- 45. The RODONI DEFENDANTS' cattle are effectively unmanaged, unsupervised, and permitted, for most of the year – including summer months – to travel wherever they wish to go, irrespective of legal property boundaries.
- 46. The CORPORATE DEFENDANTS know that the RODONI DEFENDANT cattle are unmanaged and that those cattle enter Oil Creek, Rattlesnake Creek, and the Upper North Fork of the Mattole at locations on the BUSCH PROPERTY.
- 47. The CORPORATE DEFENDANTS knowingly permit the RODONI DEFENDANT cattle to trespass upon the streambeds of the Oil Creek and upper North Fork of the Mattole River, and 10 PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT

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minimizing adverse cumulative impacts to these watercourses caused by logging activities on Rainbow Ridge and other upstream areas. 48. On several occasions Plaintiffs sent letters to THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY and to the RODONI DEFENDANTS requesting that they prevent cattle from entering Plaintiffs'

to enter the watercourse of Rattlesnake Creek, for the purpose of hiding, concealing, or

DEFENDANTS denied that their cattle were trespassing on Plaintiffs' property, stated that the trespassing cattle belonged to nearby ranchers Defendant RUSS, Chambers, and other

property from Defendants' property. THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY and RODONI

landowners in the area conducting livestock operations.

49. Each time Plaintiffs complained of trespassing cattle to Defendants, the Defendants represented that they would take reasonable efforts to protect the BUSCH PROPERTY from trespass. In connection with Plaintiff's prior complaints, Defendants informed third persons, including State Government investigators, that Defendants had taken reasonable precautions to prevent further trespass. In fact, Defendants did not take reasonable efforts to prevent further trespass. Defendants made these false representations, and continue to make these false representations, for the purpose of misleading Plaintiffs and Government Officials into believing that the Defendant's trespass is not continuing, so that Defendants may then unfairly and illegally continue their trespass.

50. Defendants hope to deceive Plaintiffs so that Plaintiffs will suffer further damages and be forced off their property. In this manner, Defendants hope to acquire or purchase the BUSCH PROPERTY to gain access to un-harvested standing timber which Defendants cannot presently reach without significant expense or inconvenience. Defendants also hope to profit from the development of this area for commercial uses unrelated to the maintenance of forests under the Forest Practices Act.

51. Plaintiffs are forced to remain on their property at all times. When Plaintiffs leave their property, cattle remain close to Plaintiffs' house, destroy structures, trample equipment, and destroy personal property. Plaintiffs suffered extensive damage to their gardens in 1998 when Plaintiff JANET BUSCH was undergoing medical treatment at Stanford University, Palo Alto,

CA for three months. At that time, cattle destroyed gardens, shattered PVC water pipers, trampled agricultural equipment, and consumed or wasted all of Plaintiffs' produce, including fruit trees.

- 52. Plaintiffs rely upon the produce from their garden for sustaining themselves on their property. Their gardens are their primary source of produce throughout the entire year. Plaintiffs spend a considerable amount of time gardening and cultivating vegetable foodstuff. Plaintiffs attach an emotional value to their produce from the satisfaction of growing the food they eat. Plaintiffs attach an emotional and aesthetic value to their organic produce, which they consider more nutritious and aesthetically pleasing than store bought non-organic produce.
- 53. The overwhelming and catastrophic destruction of Plaintiffs' gardens and orchards causes Plaintiffs to suffer extreme humiliation, embarrassment, and distress. Plaintiffs' seven-year-old houseguest helped to plant many of the trees in the orchard. She is a frequent guest at the BUSH PROPERTY. She was emotionally upset when she returned to the BUSH PROPERTY to discover that that many of the trees she planted were destroyed. Observing this pain and suffering occur to this young person, and other frequent houseguests and/or relatives, whom Plaintiffs have a close and personal relationship contributes to the anger, grief, and humiliation suffered by Plaintiffs.
- 54. After Plaintiffs returned from surgery, therapy, and other medical treatment in or about 1998, Plaintiffs informed Defendants of their medical condition preventing Plaintiffs' from being able to chase trespassing cattle from their property. Plaintiffs reasonably believed if the Defendants were aware of the heartbreak, loss, physical injuries, and economic injuries they sustained when cattle destroyed their gardens during Plaintiffs' absence, Defendants would realize the seriousness of the trespass, and, like good neighbors, take whatever steps were necessary to ensure that it never happened again.
- 55. Plaintiffs are not physically capable of chasing the cattle from their property. Plaintiffs have chased cattle from their property, but, when herds gather in brush nearer to their garden,

RODONI and Plaintiff ROBERT BUSCH on the BUSCH PROPERTY, Plaintiff ROBERT BUSCH stated that the only way to prevent the entry of cattle on his property would be if the Defendants either ceased livestock operations on their property, erected a fence on Defendants' property along the entire property line, or maintained their livestock within an enclosure entirely on Defendants' property. Defendants stated that fencing might be an adequate solution, but no promise or agreement was reached to construct a fence.

- 61. Cattle cross Oil Creek, Rattlesnake Creek, and the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River during the summer months when the water level is low. Some cattle are and/or have been stuck on the BUSCH property for the entire winter when early rains raise the water level before Defendants have decided that it is convenient for Defendants to remove cattle from Plaintiffs' property.
- 62. The threat the ongoing presence of cattle on Plaintiffs' property poses to Plaintiffs' ability to live on their property, to enjoy, and use their property contributes to their emotional distress.
- 63. Plaintiffs continue to encountered cattle on their property. Cattle continue to defecate and otherwise obstruct Plaintiffs' use of their property. Apart from the aesthetic unsightliness, the presence of cow manure in the North Fork of the Mattole River has rendered such waters unfit for human consumption and other recreational uses.
- 64. Plaintiffs were forced to run a water line from a spring on their property on the other side of the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River from their home. Trespassing cattle smashed the replacement water line on several occasions, requiring Plaintiffs to incur the additional expense of burying their water line over a considerable distance of hard, stony, ground.
- RODONI constructed partially on the BUSCH PROPERTY spanning the North Fork of the Mattole River at or near the confluence of Oil Creek and Rattlesnake Creek. Spools of discarded wire, tape, broken fencing materials, and unused posts had been left on the BUSCH PROPERTY. This electric fence consists of two strands carrying a low voltage current insufficiently hung on plastic stakes which will likely wash away further into Plaintiffs' property during the rainy season.

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- 66. The fence can easily be circumnavigated. Where the fence has been installed on Plaintiffs' property, it blocks Plaintiffs' access to the path used by Plaintiffs to access the Oil Creek portions of their property. Plaintiffs were not consulted about the construction of the fence, did not give permission for the fence to be erected on their property, and fear the fence could pose a danger to persons walking on Plaintiffs' property. The fence is similar to a an electric fence the Defendants previously installed without Plaintiff's permission which washed away and became an impediment to fish, including spawning salmon in the Upper North Fork of the Mattole.
- 67. The fence does not prevent cattle from entering the BUSCH PROPERTY; cattle continue to enter the BUSCH PROPERTY. One trail currently being used by cattle to enter Plaintiff's property leads straight through the fence erected by the RODONI DEFENDANTS.
- 68. It is likely, if not certain, that the electric fence installed by Defendants during the summer of 2001 will also wash away and become an impediment to salmon and other aquatic species habitat.
- 69. Plaintiffs have repeatedly attempted to prevent the Defendants from trespassing on their property. Yet, Defendants have acted with conscious disregard of Plaintiffs' rights. When Plaintiffs' complain, Defendants frequently enter the BUSH PROPERTY without notice, authorization, or consent from Plaintiffs. Defendants have on occasion, entered the Plaintiffs' home, when Plaintiffs were not present, ostensibly to respond to Plaintiff ROBERT BUSCH's written communications.
- 70. Plaintiffs are physically sickened by the complete absence of due care for Plaintiffs' rights demonstrated by Defendants. Defendants are disrespectful of Plaintiffs' property rights and enter Plaintiffs' property on whim, without knowledge, consent, or authorization. Defendants have personally entered Plaintiffs' property on numerous occasions without permission, including inside Plaintiffs' home when they are away.
- 71. Defendants invite other persons onto Plaintiffs' property and otherwise do not respect Plaintiffs' rights in the absolute ownership, control, and possession of Plaintiffs' property.

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- 2 | food supply, and, the constant, continuous callous disregard Defendants show towards
- 3 | Plaintiffs. Plaintiffs live under continual fear that further catastrophic invasions will occur.
- 4 | Plaintiffs are physically and mentally sickened by the fact that they, in their debilitated state,

72. Plaintiffs have suffered a tremendous amount of emotional distress at the loss of their

- 5 | are powerless to prevent cattle from destroying their gardens.
- 6 | 73. The bells of cattle trespassing on their property keep Plaintiffs awake at night, causing
- 7 | sleeplessness. Plaintiffs continue to lose sleep on a regular basis due to the need to protect
- 8 || their property near their home from damage caused by trespassing cattle that approach
- 9 | Plaintiffs' home at night.
- 10 | 74. In addition to loss of sleep, the continual presence of cattle on Plaintiffs' property prevents
- 11 | Plaintiffs from leaving their property for more than one or two days at a time.
- 12 | 75. The injuries to Plaintiffs and their unique real property are continuous, ongoing, and the
- 13 | source of irreparable injury. Injunctive relief requiring the cessation of cattle ranching on lands
- 14 | owned by THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY, or fenced enclosure, is the only means
- 15 | available to prevent further trespass or nuisance.

A. First Cause of Action Based on Trespass

- 76. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through
- 18 | 75 of this complaint.
- 19 | 77. The herein alleged conduct of Defendants constitutes trespass in that said Defendants
- 20 | were aware that cattle under their control were substantially certain to, did, and continue to
- 21 | enter Plaintiffs' properties.
- 22 | 78. The herein alleged conduct of Defendants constitutes trespass in that said Defendants
- 23 | were aware that cattle under their control were substantially certain to deposit, did deposit, and
- 24 || continue to deposit, manure on Plaintiffs' properties including in the watercourse of Oil Creek
- 25 | and the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River.
- 26 | 79. The herein alleged conduct of Defendants constitutes trespass in that said Defendants,
- 27 | acting with knowledge of each other defendant, in cooperation with, or in furtherance of the

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same common purpose to harass, intimidate, and annoy Plaintiffs, deposited trash on plaintiffs property.

- 80. The herein alleged conduct of Defendants constitutes trespass in that said Defendants, acting with knowledge of each other defendant, in cooperation with, or in furtherance of the same common purpose to harass, intimidate, and annoy Plaintiffs, have and continue to enter onto Plaintiffs' property without permission, authorization, and consent, including but not limited to entering Plaintiffs' home.
- 81. The herein alleged conduct of Defendants constitutes trespass to growing crops, including but not limited to Plaintiffs' orchards and gardens.
- 82. As a legal result of the herein alleged conduct of said Defendants, Plaintiffs have suffered, are suffering and will continue to suffer wage, business and rental loss, hospital and medical expenses for their physical and emotional injuries specifically alleged above, loss of use of property, general damage, diminution in real property value, moving and other incidental expenses, loss of and damage to personal property, loss of earning capacity, destruction of improvements on real property, and the cost of repairs.
- 83. The herein alleged conduct of said Defendants (i.e., any and all of the conduct alleged in this cause of action including but not limited to any and all of the allegations incorporated into this cause of action by the first paragraph of this cause of action) constitutes fraud, oppression and/or malice as defined by California Civil Code section 3294.
- 84. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

B. Second Cause of Action Based on Interference with the Natural Flow of Surface Waters

- 85. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 84 of this complaint.
- 86. In engaging in the conduct alleged herein, the Defendants, altered the natural flow of surface waters on Plaintiffs' property in that:
 - a. virtually every tributary watercourse to the Upper North Fork of the Mattole and
 Oil Creek located on Plaintiff's property has at one or more locations been

- obliterated, replaced with wide expanses of flattened terrain interspersed with pockets containing stagnant waters;
- waters formerly flowing clearly in well defined watercourses are reduced to seepages of percolating stagnant and polluted waters;
- c. waters are no longer confined within clear channels but instead spread out over Plaintiff's property in an unnatural manner; and,
- d. the the rate and quantity of flow of surface waters on Plaintiffs' property is otherwise substantially altered.
- 87. Defendants' conduct in altering the natural flow of surface waters in and onto the BUSCH PROPERTY was not reasonable.
- 88. As a legal result of Defendants' herein alleged conduct, Plaintiffs suffered wage, business and rental loss, hospital and medical expenses, loss of use of property, general damage, diminution in real property value, moving and other incidental expenses, loss of and damage to personal property, loss of earning capacity, destruction of improvements on real property, and the cost of repairs.
- 89. Defendants' herein alleged conduct constituted fraud, oppression, and malice as defined by California Civil Code section 3294.
- 90. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

C. Third Cause of Action Based on Unreasonable Interference with Riparian Rights to Use of Water

- 91. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 90 of this complaint.
- 92. Plaintiffs' properties are riparian in that: (1) Plaintiffs own the land over which and through which Oil Creek and the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River flow, (2) the land for which Plaintiffs claim the right to the use of water is within the watershed of the watercourse, and (3) the land for which Plaintiffs claim the right to the use of water is part of the smallest tract held under one title in the chain of title leading to the present owner Plaintiffs.

- 93. Plaintiffs are entitled to a reasonable proportion and quality of water flowing in a watercourse within the watershed as herein alleged, in an amount to be proven at trial.
- 94. Plaintiffs are entitled to prescriptive rights in the waters of Oil Creek, Rainbow Creek, and the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River, including but not limited to the quality of waters.
- 95. Through their conduct as herein alleged, said Defendants have deprived Plaintiffs of their rights to a certain quantity and quality of water in that: Said Defendants have polluted or otherwise rendered Plaintiffs' waters unfit and unwholesome for their riparian enjoyment, including but not limited to drinking and swimming.
- 96. As a legal result of the herein alleged conduct of said Defendants, Plaintiffs have suffered, are suffering and will continue to suffer wage, business and rental loss, hospital and medical expenses for their physical and emotional injuries specifically alleged above, loss of use of property, general damage, diminution in real property value, moving and other incidental expenses, loss of and damage to personal property, loss of earning capacity, destruction of improvements on real property, and the cost of repairs.
- 97. The herein alleged conduct of said Defendants (i.e., any and all of the conduct alleged in this cause of action including but not limited to any and all of the allegations incorporated into this cause of action by the first paragraph of this cause of action) constitutes fraud, oppression and/or malice as defined by California Civil Code section 3294.
- 98. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

E. Fourth Cause of Action Based on Negligence

- 99. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through97 of this complaint.
- 100. In conducting themselves as hereinabove alleged, Defendants failed to use the care a reasonable person would employ when engaged in similar conduct under similar conditions.
- 101. In conducting themselves as hereinabove alleged, said Defendants failed to use the extreme caution a reasonable person would employ when engaged in similar conduct under similar conditions due to the peculiar susceptibilities of Plaintiffs.

102. Said Defendants failed to exercise reasonable care to prevent injury to Plaintiff's persons and property.

- 103. Said Defendants' above alleged violations of laws respecting Plaintiffs' real property rights to the exclusive and absolute possession of their property constitutes negligence per se in that: (1) said laws were enacted to protect real property rights, (2) Plaintiffs are within the general class of citizens protected by said laws, (3) Plaintiffs, as adjacent and nearby property owners, were and are within the specific class of persons and properties which said laws were designed to protect from immediate harm due to the conduct in which the Defendants were engaged, and (3) the harm suffered by Plaintiffs, as herein alleged, was caused by the Defendants' violations of said laws.
- 104. As a legal result of the herein alleged conduct of said Defendants, Plaintiffs have suffered, are suffering and will continue to suffer wage, business and rental loss, hospital and medical expenses for their physical and emotional injuries specifically alleged above, loss of use of property, general damage, diminution in real property value, moving and other incidental expenses, loss of and damage to personal property, loss of earning capacity, destruction of improvements on real property, and the cost of repairs.
- 105. The herein alleged conduct of said Defendants (i.e., any and all of the conduct alleged in this cause of action including but not limited to any and all of the allegations incorporated into this cause of action by the first paragraph of this cause of action) constitutes fraud, oppression and/or malice as defined by California Civil Code section 3294.
- 106. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.
 - F. Fifth Cause of Action Based on Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress
- 107. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through105 of this complaint.
- 108. By engaging in the conduct alleged herein, Defendants negligently inflicted emotional distress upon Plaintiffs. At all times mentioned herein, said Defendants owed a duty to Plaintiffs to act reasonably so as not to cause Plaintiffs to suffer unreasonable mental

suffering. Said Defendants breached this duty by causing foreseeable and reasonable distress to Plaintiffs.

- 109. As a legal result of said Defendants' herein alleged conduct, Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer extreme and severe embarrassment, humiliation, annoyance, discomfort, pain, apprehension, fright, tension, anxiety and emotional distress, all to their general damage in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of this Court, the precise amount of which will be determined at trial.
- 110. As a legal result of the herein alleged conduct of said Defendants, Plaintiffs have suffered, are suffering and will continue to suffer wage, business and rental loss, hospital and medical expenses for their physical and emotional injuries specifically alleged above, loss of use of property, general damage, diminution in real property value, moving and other incidental expenses, loss of and damage to personal property, loss of earning capacity, destruction of improvements on real property, and the cost of repairs.
- 111. The herein alleged conduct of said Defendants (i.e., any and all of the conduct alleged in this cause of action including but not limited to any and all of the allegations incorporated into this cause of action by the first paragraph of this cause of action) constitutes fraud, oppression and/or malice as defined by California Civil Code section 3294.
- 112. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

G. Sixth Cause of Action Based on Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress

- 113. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 111 of this complaint.
- 114. The conduct of Defendants as herein alleged was extreme and outrageous. Such conduct was done willfully, with the intent, and/or in reckless disregard of the fact, that Plaintiffs would clearly and foreseeably suffer substantial and severe emotional distress.
- 115. As a legal result of said Defendants' herein alleged conduct, Plaintiffs have suffered and continue to suffer extreme and severe embarrassment, humiliation, annoyance, discomfort, pain, apprehension, fright, tension, anxiety and emotional distress, all to their

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general damage in an amount in excess of the minimum jurisdiction of this Court, the precise amount of which will be determined at trial.

116. As a legal result of the herein alleged conduct of said Defendants, Plaintiffs have suffered, are suffering and will continue to suffer wage, business and rental loss, hospital and medical expenses for their physical and emotional injuries specifically alleged above, loss of use of property, general damage, diminution in real property value, moving and other incidental expenses, loss of and damage to personal property, loss of earning capacity, destruction of improvements on real property, and the cost of repairs.

117. The herein alleged conduct of said Defendants (i.e., any and all of the conduct alleged in this cause of action including but not limited to any and all of the allegations incorporated into this cause of action by the first paragraph of this cause of action) constitutes fraud, oppression and/or malice as defined by California Civil Code section 3294.

118. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

H. Seventh Cause of Action Based on Unfair Business Practices

- 119. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 117 of this complaint.
- 120. Defendants engaged in a pattern of unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent business practices in the commercial use of lands regulated under the Forest Practices Act for purposes inconsistent with The Forest Practices Act in the manner as alleged hereinabove. These acts and practices were related in their common objective, and/or were consistently repeated, and/or are capable of further repetition.
- 121. As a result of defendant's fraud, deceit and concealment of the facts upon which this cause of action is based Plaintiffs did not learn of the basis for this cause of action until a point in time 4 years prior to the filing date of this complaint.
- 122. The benefits of Defendants' conduct as herein alleged were outweighed by the resulting harm. The conduct as herein alleged was and is likely to deceive and/or injure the public. Since the UBP borrows violations of other laws when committed pursuant to a business activity, all conduct violative of law as herein alleged provides the factual basis for

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the independently actionable unlawful business practices under the as California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200 et seq.

- 123. Under California Business and Profession Code Section 17204, plaintiffs bring this action for relief in the interests of themselves and/or the general public.
- 124. In conducting themselves as herein alleged, Defendants violated other California laws and additionally violated California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200 et seq.
- 125. Under California Business and Profession Code Section 17203, Plaintiffs are entitled to have the herein alleged conduct of said Defendants enjoined and to have said Defendants disgorge the money and/or property, real and/or personal, which said Defendants acquired by means of such violations, including but not limited to profits Defendants unfairly received through their unauthorized and illegal practice of grazing cattle on Plaintiffs' property.
- 126. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

I. Eighth Cause of Action Based on Nuisance

- 127. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 125 of this complaint.
- The herein alleged conduct of Defendants constitutes nuisance within the meaning of California Civil Code sections 3479 and 3481, California Code of Civil Procedure section 731, and at common law, in that their conduct was, is, and will continue to be, injurious to the health of Plaintiffs, the government and others, and an obstruction of the free use of the property of Plaintiffs, the government and others, and in that it did, does and will continue to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of the lives and property of Plaintiffs, the government and others.
- 129. The conduct of said Defendants in the manner herein alleged has created an unhealthy condition on Plaintiffs' persons and property, interfering with Plaintiffs' comfortable enjoyment of life and property constituting nuisance under CC § 3479.
- 130. The herein alleged conduct of said Defendants constitutes nuisance per se in that: (1) the laws thereby violated were enacted to protect Plaintiffs' real property rights and/or the public trust; (2) Plaintiffs are within the general class of citizens protected by said laws; (3) Plaintiffs, as adjacent and nearby property owners, were and are within the specific class of

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persons and properties which the said violated laws were designed to protect; and, (4) the harm suffered by Plaintiffs was caused by said violations.

- 131. The conduct of said Defendants constitutes a public nuisance within the meaning of California Civil Code section 3480 in that it, at the same time, affects the health and property enjoyment of a number of people in the community and it causes special injury to Plaintiffs in that Plaintiffs' gardens, structures, and properties were destroyed, damaged and/or devalued, and Plaintiffs suffer special damages as herein alleged.
- 132. As a legal result of the herein alleged conduct of said Defendants, Plaintiffs have suffered, are suffering and will continue to suffer wage, business and rental loss, hospital and medical expenses for their physical and emotional injuries specifically alleged above, loss of use of property, general damage, diminution in real property value, moving and other incidental expenses, loss of and damage to personal property, sleeplessness, anxiety, loss of earning capacity, destruction of improvements on real property, and the cost of repairs.
- 133. As a further result of the herein alleged conduct of said Defendants, the City of Eureka, County of Humboldt, State of California, and United States Government suffered, are suffering and will continue to suffer damages in the form of costs of investigation, clean-up, restoration and other protection of government properties, and in the costs of services to persons injuriously affected by said conduct. Plaintiffs are unsure of the exact amount of such damages and will amend their complaint according to proof.
- 134. The herein alleged conduct of said Defendants (i.e., any and all of the conduct alleged in this cause of action including but not limited to any and all of the allegations incorporated into this cause of action by the first paragraph of this cause of action) constitutes fraud, oppression and/or malice as defined by California Civil Code section 3294.
- 135. Wherefore, Plaintiffs pray for relief as hereinafter set forth.

J. Ninth Cause of Action for Declaratory/Injunctive Relief

Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate by reference the allegations of paragraphs 1 through 134 of this complaint.

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sufferi	ng from irreparable damages to their persons and property.

- Plaintiffs continue to suffer damages to their persons and property due to the continued presence of cattle on their property. The only way to prevent continuing damage caused by cattle on Plaintiffs' property is the immediate removal or destruction of such cattle. Because the burden to Plaintiffs in removing trespassing cattle is substantial, Plaintiffs' request for the declaration of Plaintiff's right to shoot cattle trespassing on Plaintiff's property. Such declaratory relief is necessary to compel Defendants to take appropriate and reasonable efforts to prevent further trespass and interference with Plaintiffs' use and enjoyment of their property.
- 139. Because of the ongoing, continuous, and chronic nature of Defendants' trespass, a restraining order preventing further trespass and imposing civil or criminal penalties is necessary to prevent Plaintiffs' persons and property from suffering further damage.
- 140. Defendants' cattle grazing activities are conducted on lands zoned for timber harvesting under the Forest Practices Act in a manner inconsistent with the Forest Practices Act. Defendants are conducting cattle grazing operations on their properties, and on Plaintiffs' property, as a commercial enterprise rather than as a land management practice rationally or reasonably related to the management of sustained timber production. Defendants do not actively engage in the management of grazing cattle on their properties and their cattle grazing activities are not managed, monitored, or otherwise regulated by the Forest Practices Act. Because the Defendants' activities are outside the permitted use of Defendants' properties,

Plaintiffs seek a Judicial Determination of whether Defendant landowners have a right to lease

lands regulated by the Forest Practices Act to third parties for commercial grazing activities.

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PRAYER 1 2 1. For compensatory damages according to proof; 3 2. For general damages according to proof; 3. For emotional distress damages according to proof; 4 4. For exemplary and punitive damages according to proof; 5 5. For disgorgement of the money or property, real or personal, which Defendants acquired by 6 7 means of violating California Business and Professions Code Sections 17200 et seq 8 6. For prejudgment interest according to proof; 9 7. For reasonable attorney fees and costs of suit according to proof; 10 8. For temporary restraining, preliminary and permanent injunctive orders including but not 11 limited to the following: 12 a. That Defendants immediately remove all cattle from the property of THE PACIFIC 13 LUMBER COMPANY regulated under the Forest Practices Act; 14 b. That Defendants immediately remove all foreign objects, structures, trash, debris placed 15 on Plaintiffs property; 16 c. That Defendants remove all cattle manure from Plaintiffs' property, including but not 17 limited to the channel, banks, and bed of the Upper North Fork of the Mattole River; 18 d. An order enjoining, restraining, and/or prohibiting THE PACIFIC LUMBER COMPANY 19 from leasing it's lands for the raising of cattle, or any other purpose inconsistent with the Forest Practices Act: 20 21 e. Declaratory relief respecting Plaintiffs' rights to shoot trespassing cattle. 22 f. An order enjoining, restraining, and/or prohibiting Defendants from trespassing on 23 Plaintiffs property; 24 9. For such other and further relief as the Court may deem proper. TURNER LITIGATION SERVICES 25 26 Dated: By: 27 Stephen T. Davies Attorney for Plaintiffs 28 26 PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT