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Proposed Building Standard

Title 24 Part #: Part 2  
Section #: Chapter 1 Section 1  
Proposing State Agency: Building Standards Commission  
This comment is intended for review during: 45-Day Comment Period

Your recommendation based on the criteria of Health and Safety Code Section 18930(a):  
Approve

In support of your recommendation above, provide the rationale based on the criteria of Health and Safety Code Section 18930(a). If you recommend anything other than approve, cite the criteria in your comment. If you oppose a proposed building standard, offer a solution or alternative for the state agency to consider.

Per criterion 3 below, we are writing to express our support for California's adoption of the proposed mass timber code provisions in the California Building Code California Code of Regulations, Title 24, Part 2 allowing taller buildings to be constructed from engineered wood products.

The Forest Service in California is interested in mass timber because increased use of wood in construction has potential to support wood products markets which in turn support management of forests for health and resilience against wildfire and other threats.

In addition to the forest management benefits, wood buildings store carbon, replace building materials with higher carbon emissions, and connect urban environments to important rural economies and resources.

The US Forest Service has been engaged with mass timber for many years and nationally has spent millions of dollars on research, testing, education and outreach that supports markets for mass timber.

Thank you for considering.

9 Point Criteria Info:

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