**Mature Forest Management**

**Conservation Easement Screening Form**

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| **Project Proponent:** |  |
| **Project Name:** |  |
| **Project Number:** |  |
| **Date:** |  |

Instructions: Please fill out the “Easement Location” column to indicate where each requirement can be found in the conservation easement. In the “Justification” column, please provide a description of how the referenced easement terms satisfy the specified requirement. This information will be used for project listing purposes. The project’s easement provisions referenced in this form should be updated as needed for final registration to reference provisions as they appear in the final recorded easement.

| **Methodology Requirement** | **Easement Location** | **Justification** |
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| 1. Statement in the recitals indicating the easement is perpetual
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| 1. Statement indicating that the easement is granted pursuant to the state enabling statute for conservation easements for the state in which the project is located (e.g., California Civil Code Section 815)
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| 1. Submission of a timber harvest plan, developed by or under the supervision of a professional forester, to the easement holder for review prior to undertaking any timber harvest activities, with approval of such a plan based on whether the plan meets the goals and restrictions of the easement, including those required by this methodology
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| 1. Harvest retention level established at the stand level that ensures quadratic mean diameter (QMD) increases compared to pre-harvest levels, based on trees of commercial species with a minimum diameter at breast height (DBH) as defined for each assessment area in the Assessment Area Data File
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| 1. Any other restrictions deemed appropriate by the Eligible Land Trust to ensure an increase in timber volume across the project area while promoting mature forest conditions based on the forest type(s) comprising the property;

If restrictions are included that limit harvest based on timber inventory or growth, the easement must include a description of the minimum acceptable inventory confidence limits and age limits for inventory sample data. |  |  |
| 1. Conditions identified that would allow exceptions where harvest is required for safety and resilience to forest disturbances;
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| 1. Conditions identified that would allow salvage harvesting to be conducted after a natural disturbance.
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| 1. Terms requiring reforestation of the site in the event of a loss of >50% live and dead tree canopy on >10% of the total project area as a result of harvest of any type or natural disturbance, whether through active planting, site preparation to promote natural regeneration, or passive management that otherwise allows the site to return to forest cover over time, provided passive management includes monitoring to ensure the disturbed site is recovering, with active management undertaken if monitoring indicates natural recovery is not occurring.
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| 1. Prohibition of deep ripping on more than 1% of the project area in any year as determined by the area on which deep ripping is employed when using a multi-tine ripper or the area encompassed by the channels (as defined by the width of the ripper tine plus two feet on either side) produced by a single-tine ripper.
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| 1. Option included within the provisions for remedies in the event of violation(s) of the easement terms for the restoration of the property to the condition prior to such violation(s).
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