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LANDOWNER, WILDLIFE AGENCIES SIGN PROTECTION PLAN

(KORBEL, Calif. – September 27, 2019) Green Diamond Resource Company officials, in concert with officials from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, today announced approval of a 50-year Forest Habitat Conservation Plan (FHCP) for management of over 350,000 acres of Green Diamond's California working forest lands. The Forest HCP provides enhanced protection for the northern spotted owl, Pacific fisher, and red and Sonoma tree voles under the federal Endangered Species Act, and it is consistent with requirements for protection of the northern spotted owl under the California Endangered Species Act.

In 1992, Green Diamond's predecessor, Simpson Timber Company, signed the first-ever Habitat Conservation Plan on private timberlands, protecting the northern spotted owl. "The Forest HCP is built on over 25 years of applied research and active owl management under the 1992 northern spotted owl HCP to improve our understanding of how to manage our private forest land for the needs of sensitive species while producing wood products for a growing population," said Jason Carlson, Green Diamond vice president and general manager. "We are pleased to renew and continue this long-term conservation agreement between Green Diamond and its agency partners," he added. Green Diamond conservation planning manager, Keith Hamm, further announced dedication of the plan to Dr. Lowell Diller. Dr. Diller a renowned owl scientist who worked at Green Diamond for many years, crafted the conservation program of the original spotted owl HCP and the new Forest HCP. Diller passed away in 2017.

The Forest HCP provides for retention and long-term growth of older forest stands on over 25 percent of Green Diamond's timberlands, alongside a mosaic of younger forest stands. The Green Diamond plan will also retain additional wildlife trees, snags, and large-down wood components that are key habitat elements for fisher, owls, voles and other species.

Paul Souza, Regional Director, Pacific Southwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service said: "Leadership from land stewards like Green Diamond is the foundation of conservation. This 50-year plan is a testament to our conservation partnership. It demonstrates the clear connection between the health of our environment and economy. They are one and the same. We are proud partners in this effort and look forward to the conservation successes that we will achieve together over the next half century."

"This is Green Diamond's second long-term conservation plan for northern spotted owl and is informed by almost 30 years of scientific research and data from their first habitat conservation plan for timber lands on the north coast of California," said Tina Bartlett, regional manager for CDFW's Northern Region. "The Green Diamond Forest HCP demonstrates protecting endangered species and conserving their habitat can be accomplished hand in hand with

sustainable timber harvest. It provides for 50 years of additional research and data collection informing adaptive management decisions.”

Green Diamond Resource Company is a privately held forest products company with roots dating back to 1890. Today, the company owns working forest lands in Washington, Oregon and California. A subsidiary, Green Diamond Management Company, provides forest management services in the U.S. South and West. All lands owned and managed by Green Diamond are independently audited and certified for sustainable forest management. More information about Green Diamond’s environmental leadership may be found at www.greendiamond.com.

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