



State of California  
**Board of Forestry**  
1416 NINTH STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814

May 7, 1985

Chief, Wine and Beer Branch  
Bureau of Alcohol,  
Tobacco and Firearms  
P.O. Box 385  
Washington, DC 20044-0385

Dear Sir:

The March 27, 1985 issue of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains your proposal to establish 'North Yuba' as an American viticultural area in Yuba County, California. James Bryant asked me to comment on the proposal since the State Board of Forestry classifies land in the area for purposes of wildland fire protection and thus is aware of land use changes.

I am well acquainted with the proposed area. The area around Oregon House and Dobbins is known locally as "North Yuba". "North Yuba" ranges from 1,000' to 2,000' in elevation and has a combination of climate, soil structure and topography which distinguishes it from other surrounding regions. To my knowledge, the development of a vineyard and winery in this area in the late 1970's marks the resurgence in wine-making in Yuba County. The Board will be watching this land use change with interest as it both alters our fire protection boundaries and provides some fine liquid refreshment to everyone around.

Sincerely,

*Dean A. Cromwell*

Dean A Cromwell  
Executive Officer

RECEIVED

5/13/85

py