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Chief, Regulations and Procedures Division  
Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau  
Attn: Notice No. 37  
P.O. Box 14412  
Washington, DC 20044-4412

Gentlepeople:

We have lived in Dos Rios for twenty years. In that time I have worked full time, mostly in the nearby town of Willits (28 miles south west ), but briefly in Laytonville (13 miles west) and Covelo (15 miles east). I mention this to verify firsthand knowledge and experience of the Dos Rios micro-climate. The elevation, the river canyons and the winds separate Dos Rios from its neighboring areas. We seldom have snow and we have significantly less frost than our nearest neighbors. Dos Rios does indeed have unique weather patterns and growing conditions that warrant a designated American Viticulture Area.

We have attended five of the first six Annual Mendocino Wine Alliance affairs, a county wide celebration of scores of wine growers and vintners. I have learned from the people directly involved the influences and nuances of locale on the finished product. The same varietal will produce a different wine in a ridge top as opposed to a valley, on the coast as opposed to inland, in Dos Rios as opposed to elsewhere.

We have tasted and savored the good red wines of Dos Rios and believe it deserves recognition as a designated American Viticulture Area.

We give our full support to this proposal.

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