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Hi Jeremiah,

Here is my wetland report from Ed Sewall. This covers most of the ground that I own under Schmidt Ranches LLC and Flying A Land LLC. Please note, it does cover all of the area within three Plats I currently have pending final approval with the County. We reserve the right to visit a few other small parcels in the Spring which we didn't cover with this report. We may also revisit the small areas in this report mapped as wet in this report. These areas were damp at time of inspection merely due to the Cascade canal on the south side of the property being still full.

Please proceed forward with all three Plats. I will have my comments submitted next week concerning all three Plats. In addition, please put this report in my file for future reference. It is my desire is that my property not be shown as Wetland on the proposed National Wetland Inventory map the County is in the process of considering for adoption under the revised Critical Areas Ordinance. As I have stated in the public comment period I feel it would be a great mistake for the County to adopt this new map. It might be the easy thing for the Commissioner's to adopt the map supplied by the consultant But not the correct one. I feel this National Map has too many errors on it to consider it for the new base-map for the County. If this map is adopted then that will put the burden on the Landowner to prove otherwise. In my case the attached Wetlands report cost \$4,000 to prove what I already knew after spending 50 years irrigating this property. We the pubic keep hearing about the lack of affordable housing. I feel much of this cost is caused by government overreach and overregulation in this State and County.

Best regards,

Andy Schmdt