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Dear Fish and Game Commissioners

I was recently made aware of efforts by neighboring land owners, one in particular, to close a piece of PUBLIC LAND, to hunting opportunities. The piece of land in question is known locally as Hoodoo island though I do not know if that is a formal name or one just used by us local hunters and fishermen. It is located in Butte County (I believe) and it is located between a large piece of private land and the Little Dry Creek unit of the Upper Butte Basin wildlife area. Apparently Mr. Bonderson, who owns the private land, is not content enough controlling a large piece of private property and he finds it necessary to remove those of us much lower on the totem pole (by his standards) from public land. It also seems apparent that he has given significant enough money to local DFW land managers to have purchased their support in closing this piece of PUBLIC LAND. My family has been accessing this land legally a couple times a year since I was a very young child. I have taken my son there multiple times also. It is one of the last few places a hunter can legally access land in that area. Certainly it is in the best interest of everyone (or perhaps just Mr Bonderson and his wealthy friends) to remove all PUBLIC from this piece of PUBLIC land. Or maybe not. I am very sad to see more and more public land getting shut off to hunters that cannot afford to hunt properties such as Mr. Bondersons. I really find it sad that he is using his influence to purchase the support from the agency that is supposed to be supporting all sportsmen in California. Please reconsider closing off this piece of land or changing the management practices to limit access. It simply is not fair to sportsmen and is just another nail in the coffin of our sporting heritage.

Thank you,

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