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Dear NRCS,

I just reviewed the Interim Final Rule for the Farm & Ranch Lands Protection Program (7 CFR Part 1491) & have a couple comments:

1) Under "Eligibility of Forest Lands" it is explained that ~~greater than~~ an easement with up to ~~50%~~ 2/3 of forestland coverage can be eligible for the program given it meets all other eligibility criteria & "that such forest land is supplemental to the agricultural operation."

My comment is, how do you determine that forestland is supplemental to the agricultural operation? Please define the measures used.

2) In the "Impervious Surface Limitations" the new rule would allow NRCS state Conservationists to waive the 2% impervious surface limitation on a case-by-case basis. My comment is that there should be a limit on how many easements per state can receive this impervious surface waiver. I suggest that the limit is 50% of all easements per state.

Those are all my comments. Thanks for
your consideration with this matter.

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