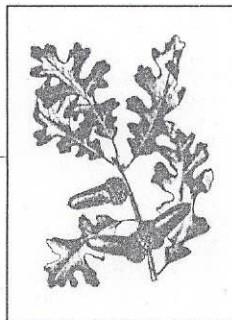
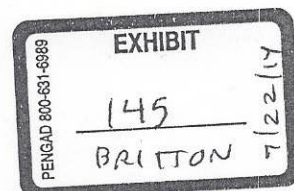


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Dear Ken,

I have enclosed the report you requested at the time of my inspection at Camp Tawonga on July 5, 2013. I am including a separate document for bidding purposes, as you requested. It is also included as part of the report.

I did not go into the same kind of detail for each tree in this report that I did when I assessed the first few trees at the Camp because there wasn't time to take that detailed a look at them all in one day. At the same time, I am confident that I have analyzed the main defects in each tree and performed as complete a risk analysis on them as possible, given the time constraints.

Each time I look at the trees, I become more familiar with them, and will be able to compare past photographs and reports, as I have done during the writing of this report. Next year I think it would be most helpful to tag and number the trees as close to the same order as I have done this time, so as to more easily compare the trees over time. It will also be helpful to have a map that is comparable each time.

I noticed the Camp followed most of my recommendations from the previous visits and completed the recommended work. I initially recommended an annual inspection and am glad you are willing to do that in the future. With the large number of very old and defective trees at the camp, it is needed.

I am fully in agreement with you that these trees are part of what makes Camp Tawonga a special place - they are intertwined with the history of both the current camp, and its use as a camp by the ancestral people of the area.

But ancient black oaks by nature have a history of limb and trunk failures due to storms and natural limb breakage that create their current structure. The resulting "defects" of decay cavities, burls and long heavy limbs enhance their interest from an esthetic, architectural and archeological point of view. To remove all trees that have such defects would detract from the camp and reduce its historic value. At the same time, many of the trees can be made adequately "safe" by weight reduction and judicious arboricultural treatments.