

CAL FIRE Proposed Rule Changes to Allow Electronic Submission of Harvest Documents

1032 Timber Harvesting Plan Filing Locations

The Timber Harvesting Plan for proposed timber operations required by PRC § 4581 shall be submitted in writing to the Director on a form prescribed by the Director that meets these regulations at the following CAL FIRE Review Team Offices as appropriate:

1034 Contents of Plan (x)

The plan shall serve two functions: to provide information the Director needs to determine whether the proposed timber operation conforms to the rules of the Board; and to provide information and direction to timber operators so that they comply with the rules of the Board. For the plan to serve these functions, it shall, as a minimum, contain the following information:

(x) On titled USGS (if available) or equivalent topographic maps of a scale not less than 2" to the mile, the information in subsections (1-4), (8), (9), and (11-13) shall be clearly shown. Additional maps, which may be topographic or planimetric, may be used to provide the information required in the other subsections or show specific details, to improve map clarity. The appurtenant roads referenced in subsection (4) may be shown on a map which may be planimetric with a scale as small as one-half inch equals one mile. ~~Color coding shall not be used.~~ A legend shall be included indicating the meaning of the symbols used. See the district rules for the appropriate minimum mapping acreages.

1035.4 Notification of Commencement of Operations

Each calendar year, within fifteen days before, and not later than the day of the start up of a timber operation, the Timber Harvesting Plan Submitter unless the THP identifies another person as responsible, shall notify CDF of the start of timber operations. The notification, by email, by telephone or by mail, shall be directed to the appropriate CDF Ranger Unit Headquarters, Forest Practice Inspector, or other designated personnel.

1090.1 Timber Management Plan and Notice of Timber Operations Filing Locations

The Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) or Notice of Timber Operations (Notice) for proposed timber operations provided for by Article 7.5, Chapter 8, Part 2, Division 4 of the PRC (commencing with Sec. 4593) shall be submitted in writing to the Director at the appropriate CAL FIRE Review Team Office having jurisdiction for the timber operations, shall be on a form prescribed by the Director, and shall contain the information specified in 14 CCR § 1090.5.

1090.5 Contents of NTMP (v) and (w)

The plan shall serve three functions: 1) to provide information the Director needs to determine whether the proposed NTMP conforms to the rules of the Board; 2) to provide information and direction for timber management so it complies with the rules of the Board and the management objectives of the landowner; and 3) to disclose the potential effects of timber management to the public. For the plan to serve these functions, it shall, as a minimum, contain the following information:

~~(v) A copy of the forest practice regulations in effect at the time of submission.~~

(w) On a USGS quadrangle or equivalent topographical map of a scale not less than 2" to the mile, the following information shall be clearly provided. Additional maps may be required to show specific details, and may be planimetric. ~~Color coding shall not be used.~~ A legend shall be included indicating the meaning of the symbols used. See the district rules for the appropriate minimum mapping acreages.

1090.7 Notice of Timber Operations Content (n)

The purpose of the Notice of Timber Operations is to provide guidance for implementation of the standards and protective measures in the approved NTMP or most recent amended NTMP and the applicable rules of the Board. For the Notice to serve these functions, it shall as a minimum, contain the following:

(n) On a USGS quadrangle or equivalent map of a scale not less than 2" to the mile, the following information pertinent to the Notice of Operations shall be clearly provided. Additional maps may be required to show specific details, and may be planimetric. ~~Color coding shall not be used.~~ A legend shall be included indicating the meaning of the symbols used. See the district rules for the appropriate minimum mapping acreages.

1090.24 Amendment

Amendments proposing substantial deviation from an original plan shall be submitted to the Director in writing by the person who submitted the original plan, or the successor in interest, on a form prescribed by the Director. Substantial deviations shall not be undertaken until such amendment has been filed and acted upon by the Director in the manner as required in Article 6.5 of Subchapter 7 of these rules for the original plan.

1090.25 Report Minor Deviations

Minor deviations may be undertaken by the person who submitted the NTMP or Notice without submission of an amendment to the plan and shall be reported immediately in writing to the Director on a form prescribed by the Director.

Actions described in 14 CCR 1090.14 which are normally presumed to be substantial deviations may, in a given instance, be minor deviations. Actions listed as substantial deviations in 14 CCR 1090.14 but considered to be minor by the submitter, may be undertaken only if the person who submitted the plan submits the proposed deviation in writing to the Director for review and receives approval.

Approval shall be given if the Director determines that the proposed minor deviation conforms to the standards provided in 14 CCR 1090.14(a). The Director shall have 5 working days to act on the application. If the Director or the representative of the Director does not act within 5 working days of receipt of such a deviation, timber operations may commence pursuant to such amendment.

1104.1 Conversion Exemptions (a)(1)

(1) A Notice of Conversion Exemption Timber Operations (notice) must be prepared by an RPF and submitted to the Director on a form prescribed by the Director. The notice shall contain the following: