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**Board of Forestry and Fire Protection**

**“Santa Cruz and San Mateo Weekend Emergency”**

**Title 14, California Code of Regulations**

**Division 1.5, Chapter 4,**

**Subchapter 4, Article 13**

**Amend: § 926.9 and 926.10**

**§ 926.9. Hours of Work.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) below, the operation of chainsaws and other power-driven equipment shall be restricted to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on weekdays, and shall be prohibited on Saturdays and Sundays, except for Timber Operations necessary to facilitate the removal of trees from Timberland which was affected by the CZU Lightning Complex Fire of 2020, where work on weekends shall be limited to the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and shall be prohibited on nationally designated legal holidays, except that such operations shall be permitted to occur on Columbus Day. An exception to this rule may be granted by the Director where s/he has found that no disturbance will result from the use of such equipment.

(b) Within 300 feet of any occupied legal dwelling, the operation of chain saws and all other power equipment, except licensed highway vehicles, shall be restricted to the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and shall be prohibited on Saturdays, Sundays and nationally designated legal holidays. The Director may grant an exception to allow operations between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. within 300 feet of residences if a determination of no disturbance can be made based upon the occupant(s) agreement to a written request submitted by the RPF to the Director before Plan approval.

(c) When it is anticipated that there will be staging of licensed vehicles outside the Plan submitter's property between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., the RPF shall provide an operating Plan which reduces noise impacts to nearby residences.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4516.5, Public Resources Code. Reference: 4516.5, Public Resources Code.

**§ 926.10. Log Hauling.**

(a) Log hauling on Public Roads is not permitted on Saturdays and Sundays, except for activities related to Timber Operations necessary to facilitate the hauling of trees from Timberland which was affected by the CZU Lightning Complex Fire of 2020, where work on weekends shall be limited to the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., or on those days which are nationally designated legal holidays, except that such operations shall be permitted to occur on Columbus Day.

(b) Log hauling on Public Roads, or private roads may be restricted or not permitted by the Director during commute hours or during school busing hours when necessary to prevent a serious hazard to traffic flow and safety or to prevent hazardous conditions that would endanger public safety.

(c) During log hauling on Public Roads, or on private roads the Timber Operator may be required by the Director to post special traffic signs and/or flagpersons where determined to be necessary to prevent a hazard to traffic.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4516.5, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 4516.5, Public Resources Code.

**§ 928.5. Hours of Work.**

Within 300 feet of any occupied dwelling, the operation of power equipment, including chain saws, except licensed highway vehicles, shall be restricted to the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and shall be prohibited on Saturdays and Sundays except for Timber Operations necessary to facilitate the removal of trees from Timberland which was affected by the CZU Lightning Complex Fire of 2020, where work on weekends shall be limited to the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. and shall be prohibited on nationally designated legal holidays, except that such operations shall be permitted to occur on Columbus Day. Where, because of unusual ground conditions or very close proximity of occupied dwellings or special circumstances related thereto, the Director determines that a need exists for further restrictions, he/she may increase the distance and may limit the hours to not less than 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. An exception to this rule may be granted by the Director where he/she has found that no disturbance will result to the occupants of the dwelling from the use of such equipment.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4516.5, Public Resources Code. Reference: 4516.5, Public Resources Code.

**§ 928.6. Log Hauling.**

(a) Log hauling on Public Roads is not permitted ~~on Saturdays~~ and ~~Sundays~~ except for Timber Operations necessary to facilitate the removal of trees from Timberland which was affected by the CZU Lightning Complex Fire of 2020, where work on weekends shall be limited to the hours between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.~~,~~ or on those days which are nationally designated legal holidays, except that such operations shall be permitted to occur on Columbus Day.

(b) Log hauling on Public Roads may be restricted or not permitted by the Director during commute hours or during school busing hours in order to prevent a serious hazard to traffic flow and safety or to prevent hazardous conditions that would endanger public safety.

(c) During log hauling on Public Roads, the Timber Operator may be required by the Director to post special traffic signs and/or flagpersons where determined to be necessary to prevent a hazard to traffic.

(d) Where road width will not permit passage of a logging truck and another oncoming vehicle, and adequate turnouts are not present, the Director may require the use of pilot cars equipped with warning signs and flashing lights to guide logging trucks on Public Roads.

Note: Authority cited: Section 4516.5, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 4516.5, Public Resources Code.