

**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY TIMBER OPERATIONS
FUEL HAZARD REDUCTION**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
NOTICE OF TIMBER OPERATIONS THAT ARE EXEMPT
FROM TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN REQUIREMENTS RM-65 (1052.4) (02/2020)

**VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF VALIDATION BY CAL FIRE
OPERATIONS CANNOT COMMENCE FOR 15 WORKING DAYS FROM DATE
OF RECEIPT AND A NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE IS RECEIVED BY CAL FIRE¹**

FOR ADMIN. USE ONLY

EM. # _____

Date of Receipt _____

Date Validated by CAL FIRE _____

Date Expires _____

The Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is hereby notified of timber operations under the requirements of PRC § 4592 and 14 CCR §§ 1052.1(a)(5) & 1052.4 to remove timber under the emergency condition, *where high, very high or extreme fuel hazard conditions, the combination of combustible fuel quantity, type, condition, configuration and terrain positioning, pose a significant fire threat on private Timberlands. Cutting and removal of hazardous fuels, including trees, shrubs and other woody material, is needed to eliminate the vertical and horizontal continuity of Understory fuels, Surface Fuels, and/or crown fuels, for the purpose of reducing the rate of fire spread, fire duration and intensity, and fuel ignitability.* The Registered Professional Forester (RPF) should complete items 1-7 and shall sign the declaration of emergency on page two and provide additional information.

1. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER:

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that an emergency exists requiring immediate timber harvesting activities within the meaning of 14 CCR §§ 1052-1052.4:

Name: _____ RPF #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

EMAIL: (optional) _____

2. LICENSED TIMBER OPERATOR(S): Name: _____ Lic #: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

EMAIL: (optional) _____

3. TIMBERLAND OWNER(S) OF RECORD: Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

EMAIL: (optional) _____

4. TIMBER OWNER(S) OF RECORD: Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

EMAIL: (optional) _____

TIMBER TAX NOTICE: The TIMBER OWNER is responsible for payment of a yield tax.

For timber yield tax information or for assistance with these questions call 1-800-400-7115, or write: Timber Tax Section, MIC: 60, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0060; or see the CDTFA Web Page on the Internet <http://www.cdtfa.ca.gov>.

TIMBER TAX INFORMATION: Some small or low value harvests may be exempt from the timber yield tax (Revenue and Taxation Code sec. 38116)

Timber Owners may be considered exempt if the value of the harvesting operations does not exceed \$3,000 within a quarter, according to CDTFA Harvest Value Schedules, Rule 1024.

IF THE TIMBER OWNER BELIEVES HARVESTING MAY BE EXEMPT (see timber tax exemption language above for low value harvests) PLEASE CHECK BELOW:

FINAL DETERMINATION of tax exempt status will be made by the Timber Tax Section of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration. If you think you are exempt based on the directions above please complete the below information so the Timber Tax Section can make the final determination.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE CDTFA TIMBER TAX SECTION TO CONSIDER A TAX EXEMPTION BASED ON PROJECTED HARVEST PLEASE COMPLETE THE INFORMATION BELOW.

A. Circle the option that most closely estimates the total volume for this harvest, in thousands of board feet (mbf - Net Scribner short log):

Under 8 mbf _____ 8-15 mbf _____ 16-25 mbf _____ Over 25 mbf _____

B. Estimate what percentage of timber will be removed during this harvest: (percentages provided should equal 100%)

	%		%		%		%
Redwood	_____	Ponderosa/Sugar Pine	_____	Douglas-Fir	_____	Fir	_____
Cedar	_____	Port-Orford Cedar	_____	Other Conifer	_____	Other Hardwoods	_____

C. Fuelwood over 150 cords? Yes No D. Christmas trees over 3,000 lineal feet? Yes No

5.	Per 14 CCR § 1052.4 the RPF shall describe the nature of the Emergency and the need for immediate cutting in sufficient detail so that the reason for the Emergency is clear.
	Per 14 CCR § 1052.4(a) the RPF shall develop and document the vegetative treatment necessary to meet the goals per 14 CCR § 1052.1(a)(5): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cutting and removal of hazardous fuels, including trees, shrubs and other woody material, is needed to • Eliminate the vertical and horizontal continuity of Understory fuels, Surface Fuels, and/or crown fuels, for the • Purpose of reducing the rate of fire spread, fire duration and intensity, and fuel ignitability and • Ensure postharvest conditions are in accordance with all the subsections of 14 CCR § 1052.4

	Per 14 CCR § 1052.4(a)(1) Documentation shall include description of the following:
	Description of the PREHARVEST stand structure:
	Statement of the POSTHARVEST stand stocking levels:
	Description of POST HARVEST stand structure:

6. TREE SELECTION CRITERIA: (14 CCR § 1052.4(a)(2)): (required)

Per 14 CCR § 1052.4(a)(2) RPF shall include a description of the criteria to designate trees to be harvested OR retained. Include trees to be harvested pursuant to 14 CCR § 1052.4(d)(1)(A) & (2).
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vegetation Treatments: Tree removal shall target Codominant and Understory trees.• The residual stand shall consist primarily of well distributed, healthy and vigorous Dominant and Codominant trees from the preharvest stand.
- Harvested:
- Retained:

NOTE: Per 14 CCR § 1052.4(d)(1)(A) diameter restrictions apply:

- Only trees less than thirty (30) inches in stump diameter, measured eight (8) inches above the ground level may be removed (exceptions described below).
- Trees less than thirty-six (36) inches in stump diameter, measured eight (8) inches above ground level, may be removed to meet the fuel objectives stated in 14 CCR § 1052.1(a)(5).
- NO trees of the genus *Quercus* greater than twenty-six (26) inches outside bark diameter, measured eight (8) inches above ground level, may be removed.
- Dead or Dying trees, of any size, may be removed according to the standards of 14 CCR § 919.1 [939.1, 959.1]

7. TIMBER MARKING: (14 CCR § 1052.4(a)(3)): (required)

All trees that are harvested or all trees that are retained shall be marked or sample marked by, or under the supervision of, an RPF before felling operations begin. When trees are sample marked, the designation prescription for unmarked areas shall be in writing and the sample mark area shall include at least 10% of the Harvest Area to a maximum of twenty (20) acres per stand type which is representative of the range of conditions present in the Harvest Area.

Completed by - RPF Supervised Designee

Trees marked - Leave trees Harvest trees

Specify method by which trees to be retained or harvested will be designated:

Harvest area marked - Entire area
 Sample area: 10% up to 20 acres per stand type

When sample marking is used RPF shall provide written prescription describing how trees will be designated in the unmarked areas:

8. GEOGRAPHIC AREA: (14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(1) & (2)(A-F))

Will operations occur with one-quarter (¼) mile of Approved and Legally Permitted Structures that comply with building standards code (legal structure)?
 YES NO

Is the legally permitted structure within or adjacent to a community listed in the "List of Communities at Risk" (As published April 13, 2019) with structure density greater than 1 structure per 20 acres?

YES NO

If yes Identify the name of the community:	
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Please check all that apply. Will operations occur within 500 feet:

Of a legal structure outside the area defined in (14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(1)) above? (14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(2)(A))

Either side of a public or federal road? (14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(2)(B))

Either side of a private road providing access to legal structures? (14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(2)(C))

Either side of haul roads suitable for evacuation or fire suppression with the written concurrence of a Public Fire Agency and determined by the Director to be consistent with the purpose of the Act and Rules? (14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(2)(D))

If yes, attach the written concurrence from the
Public Fire Agency

Either side of ridges suitable for fire suppression with the written concurrence of a Public Fire Agency and determined by the Director to be consistent with the purpose of the Act and Rules. (14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(2)(E))

If yes, attach the written concurrence of the
Public Fire Agency

Infrastructure including electrical distribution and transmission facilities, water reservoirs or other conveyances, wastewater facilities or conveyances, communication and data transmission and distribution facilities, or other assets or infrastructure at risk with written concurrence of a Public Fire Agency and determined by the Director to be consistent with the purpose of the Act and Rules? (14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(2)(F))

If yes, attach written
concurrence of Public Fire
Agency

9. VEGETATION TREATMENTS:

Canopy retention standards: (14 CCR § 1052.4(d)(3)(B))

Minimum POST treatment Canopy closure of Dominant and Codominant trees shall be 30% for east side pine forest types; 40% for coastal redwood and Douglas-fir forest; 40% for mixed conifer and all other forest types, OR a minimum of 65 trees per acre over 4 inches d.b.h. must be retained when the average diameter of residual trees within the Harvest Area is less than 16 inches d.b.h. and the pre-treatment stand conditions described above are representative of homogenous forest stand conditions typical of plantations and one of the aforementioned canopy retention requirements is not utilized.

Please select the standard to be applied to the Notice of Emergency operations.

30% East Side Pine Forest Type 40% Coastal Redwood and Douglas-fir Forest 40% Mixed Conifer and all other Forest Types

A minimum of 65 trees per acre over 4 inches d.b.h. will be retained (only applicable when average diameter of residual trees within the Harvest Area is less than 16 inches d.b.h. and the pre-treatment stand conditions described above are representative of homogenous forest stand conditions typical of plantations and one of the aforementioned canopy retention requirements is not utilized.)

Surface and Ladder fuels, Slash, and Woody Debris in Harvest Area: (14 CCR § 1052.4(d)(4)(A)(1) & (2) (a)(b))

Surface Fuels, Ladder Fuels, Slash, and Woody Debris that will promote the spread of wildfire shall be treated.

Those fuels described above, excluding residual stand Dominant and Codominant trees and any dead branches on those trees, shall be spaced to achieve vertical clearance distance of eight (8) feet or three (3) times the height of the postharvest fuels and vegetation, excluding Dominant and Codominant trees, whichever is the greater distance, measured from the base of the live crown of the postharvest Dominant and Codominant trees to the top of the Surface or Ladder Fuels or vegetation, whichever is taller. (14 CCR § 1052.4(d)(4)(A)(1))

Please note the following treatment standards per 14 CCR § 1052.4(d)(4)(A)(2)(a)&(b)

Within one hundred fifty (150) feet of those structures identified within 14 CCR §§ 1052.4(c)(1) and (c)(2)(A), all Surface Fuels, Slash, Woody Debris, and brush that will promote the spread of wildfire, shall be chipped, burned, or removed within forty-five (45) days from the start of Timber Operations.

Except for those areas described in provision a. above, all Surface Fuels, Slash, Woody Debris, and brush, that will promote the spread of wildfire, within the Harvest Area, shall be treated to an average depth of less than nine (9) inches.

NOTE: Fuel treatments shall include chipping, removal or other methods necessary to achieve the fuel hazard reduction standards in this section, and, notwithstanding the requirements of 14 CCR § 1052.4(d)(4)(A)2.a., shall be accomplished within one (1) year from the start of operations, except for burning operations, which instead shall be completed within two (2) years from the date the Director receives the notice.

YARDING SYSTEMS					
GROUND BASED		CABLE		OTHER	
	Tractor, including end/long lining		Cable, Ground lead		Helicopter
	Rubber tired skidder, Forwarder		Cable, High Lead		Other:
	Feller Buncher		Cable, Skyline		
	Shovel yarding				

- Provide the expected dates of commencement _____ and completion _____ of timber operations. (required)
- Designate the legal land description of the location of the timber operation. Attach a titled USGS or equivalent topographic map(s) of scale not less than 2" to the mile or larger scale, showing the Harvest Area, the legal description, Logging Roads, Class I, II, III, IV Watercourses, and Yarding systems if more than one will be used. For Timber Operations conducted pursuant to 14 CCR § 1052.4 within those areas described by 14 CCR § 1052.4(c)(2)(A) through (F) (previous page), the map(s) shall include those features described within 14 CCR §§ 1052.4(c)(2)(A) through (F), as appropriate. It would be helpful to describe the access route to the timber operation so that it can be easily located, and/or include an assessor's parcel map for small areas. (1052.a)(4)required

					Logging area	
Base Meridian	Township	Range	Section	County	Acreage (estimated)	Assessors Parcel # (optional)

The following are limitations or requirements for timber operations conducted under a Notice of Emergency Timber Operations (Notice, Notice of Emergency, or Emergency Notice) for Fuel Hazard Reduction:

- This notice must be submitted to and received by CAL FIRE at one of the offices listed at the end of the form. Timber operations may not commence for 15 working days after receipt by CAL FIRE, unless the waiting period is waived by the Director of CAL FIRE (' Notice of Acceptance from CAL FIRE will constitute a waiver of the 15-day period).
- 14 CCR §§ 895.1 and 1052.1 define and list emergency conditions. Citing or paraphrasing of these sections does not satisfy the requirements of § 1052.2 or 1052.4. The registered professional forester (RPF) preparing the notice must accomplish the following to substantiate the emergency: Describe the nature of the emergency and the need for immediate cutting in sufficient detail so the reason for the emergency is clear.
- The timber operations shall also comply with all operational provisions of the Forest Practice Act and District Forest Practice Rules applicable to "Timber Harvesting Plan," "THP," and "plan." The requirements to submit a completion and stocking report apply. The conditions specified in 14 CCR §§ 1038.1 (c)(5)-(14) and 1038.3(p) must be met and, for operations in the Lake Tahoe Basin, 1038.1(b) is applied.
- Stocking shall meet the resource conservation standards for minimum Stocking within 14 CCR § 912.7 [932.7, 952.7](a)-(c), as applicable, immediately upon completion of Timber Operations. Because the lands treated pursuant to 14 CCR § 1052.4 are designated as defensible space or Fuelbreak areas, the wood production potential of these lands is compatible with the lowest Site Classifications and they shall be considered site IV Timberland for Stocking purposes.
- The resource conservation standards of the Rules may be met with Group A and/or Group B commercial species. The percentage of the stocking requirement met with Group A species shall be no less than the percentage of the stand basal area they comprised before harvesting. The RPF preparing the Notice shall provide information on how using Group B species to meet the resource conservation standards will meet the intent of 14 CCR § 1052.4. Such information shall be attached to this form. The discussion shall include at least:
 - The management objectives of the post-harvest stand

- b. A description of the current stand, including species composition and current stocking levels within the area of Group B species. The percentage can be measured using point-count, basal area, or stocked plots.
 - c. The percentage of the post-harvest stocking to be met with Group B species. Post-harvest percentages will be determined on the basis of stocked plots. Only the methods provided for in 14 CCR §§ 1070 – 1075 shall be used in determining if the standards of PRC § 4561 have been met.
 - d. A description of what will constitute a countable tree, as defined by PRC § 4528 for Group B species and how such a tree will meet the management objectives of the post-harvest stand.
6. As part of the preharvest Project design, the RPF shall incorporate habitat requirements for fish, wildlife and plant Species in accordance with 14 CCR §§ 898.2, 916.9 [936.9, 956.9] and 919 [939, 959] *et. seq.*. Such evaluations shall include use of the California Natural Diversity Database (as referenced by the CDFW, <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Data/CNDDDB>) and local knowledge of the Planning Watershed. Consultation with CDFW personnel is recommended. Examples of habitat requirements to be incorporated into the Project include retention of large Woody Debris and Snags congruent with Emergency condition goals, and vegetative screening for wildlife cover and visual aesthetics.
 7. Before commencement of Timber Operations by each LTO directly responsible for Timber Operations identified on the Notice, the RPF who prepared the Notice, or their Supervised Designee, shall meet with either the LTO or their representative. The purpose of the meeting shall be for the RPF to familiarize the LTO with the Notice, the Harvest Area described within the Notice, and specific applicable requirements of the Notice. The meeting shall be on-site if requested by either the RPF or LTO. An on-site meeting is required between the RPF or Supervised Designee familiar with on-site conditions and the LTO to discuss protection of any archaeological or historical sites requiring protection if any such sites exist within the site survey area pursuant to Section 929.2[949.2, 969.2](b).
 8. Timber operations under this Notice of Emergency are valid for one year from date of acceptance by CAL FIRE(except for burning operations to treat fuels in accordance with 1052.4(d)(4) and (5), which instead shall be completed within two (2) years from the date the Director receives the notice). If timber operations are to extend beyond one year, such operations (except burning as noted above) must be described in an approved Timber Harvesting Plan. If there is any doubt that a timber operation will be completed by that date, a THP should be submitted to CAL FIRE as soon as possible.
 9. A Licensed Timber operator must be designated upon submission of this notice.
 10. For emergency notices covering three acres or more, the RPF shall include a Confidential Archaeological Letter (CAL) with the emergency notice submitted to the Director. The CAL shall include all information required by 14 CCR § 929.1 [949.1, 969.1](c)(2), (7), (8), (9), (10) and (11), including site records, if required pursuant to 14 CCR §§ 929.1 [949.1, 969.1](g) and 929.5. The discovery of human remains requires immediate notification to appropriate agencies. 14 CCR § 929.3 [949.3, 969.3] requires notification to CAL FIRE. The area must not be further disturbed, and any area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains, until an evaluation is completed by the County Coroner pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 7050.5. If the human remains are determined to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission must also be notified pursuant to Public Resources Code § 5097.98. Archaeology requirements shall be conducted by a Person possessing current certification pursuant to 14 CCR § 929.4 [949.4, 969.4].

The following suggestions may help ensure your compliance with the Forest Practice Rules:

1. Timber Owners, Timberland owners and Timber Operators should obtain and review copies of the Forest Practice Rules pertaining to the Notice of Emergency. Copies may be obtained from BARCLAYS LAW PUBLISHERS, P.O. BOX 3066, SO. SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94080. or from CAL FIRE, Forest Practice Section, P.O. BOX 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460; or from CAL FIRE's Web Page on the Internet at <http://www.fire.ca.gov>.
2. Contact the CAL FIRE office listed below for questions regarding the use of this notice.

FILE THIS NOTICE WITH THE CAL FIRE OFFICE BELOW FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE OPERATION WILL OCCUR:

Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, western Trinity and Yolo Counties.	=> =>	Forest Practice Program Manager CAL FIRE 135 Ridgway Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95401
Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, eastern Trinity and Yuba Counties.	=> =>	Forest Practice Program Manager CAL FIRE 6105 Airport Road Redding, CA 96002
Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Ventura Counties.	=> => =>	Forest Practice Program Manager CAL FIRE 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93710