

**NOTICE OF EMERGENCY TIMBER OPERATIONS**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY  
AND FIRE PROTECTION  
NOTICE OF TIMBER OPERATIONS THAT ARE EXEMPT  
FROM TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN REQUIREMENTS  
RM-67 (05/2023)

**Valid for one year from date validated by CAL FIRE.  
Operations cannot commence for five working  
days from date of receipt and a notice of  
acceptance is received from CAL FIRE.**

FOR ADMIN. USE ONLY

EM No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Receipt \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Validated \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 1052.3 to remove timber on an emergency basis. The Registered Professional Forester (RPF) should complete required Items 1-9 below and shall sign the Declaration of Emergency.

**1. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*I declare, under penalty of perjury, that an emergency exists requiring immediate timber harvest activities within the meaning of 14 CCR §§ 1052-1052.3:*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER RETAINED TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ADVICE THROUGHOUT TIMBER OPERATIONS**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. LICENSED TIMBER OPERATOR(S)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**4. TIMBERLAND OWNER(S) OF RECORD**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**5. TIMBER OWNER(S) OF RECORD**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

***I declare, under penalty of perjury, that any applicable timber yield taxes will be paid pursuant to Section 38115 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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: 88, California Department of Tax and Fees Administration, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0088; or see the CDTFA at <https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov>

Some small or low value harvests may be exempt from the Timber Yield Tax per Revenue and Taxation Code Section 38116. Timber Owners may be considered exempt if the value of the harvesting operations does not exceed \$3,000 dollars within a quarter, according to CDTFA's Timber Tax Harvest Value Schedules.

If the Timber Owner believes harvesting may be exempt (according to the timber tax exemption language above for low value harvests) please complete the volume and species information below. Otherwise proceed to the next item.

Final determination of tax-exempt status will be made by the Timber Tax Section of the California Department of Tax and Fees Administration.

**If the CDTFA timber tax section is to be consider a tax exemption based on projected harvest please complete the information below.**

A. Select the best estimate of 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 the percentage of timber to be removed during this harvest: (percentages provided should equal 100%)

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

C. Fuelwood over 150 cords? Yes  No

D. Christmas trees over 3,000 lineal feet? Yes  No

**6. Select the specific condition from the Forest Practice Rules which constitute the emergency:**

- Trees are dead or dying as a result of insect, disease, parasites, or animal damage (14 CCR §1052.1(a)(1))
  - Insect       Disease       Parasites       Animals
  
- Trees are fallen, damaged, dead or dying as a result of wind, snow, freezing weather, drought, fire, flood, landslides or earthquake (14 CCR §1052.1(a)(2))
  - Wind       Snow       Weather       Drought       Fire       Flood       Landslide       Earthquake
  
- Trees are dead or dying as a result of air or water pollution (14 CCR §1052.1(a)(3))
  - Air Pollution       Water Pollution
  
- Cutting or removing trees required for the following (14 CCR §1052.1(a)(4))
  - Emergency Road Construction       Emergency Road Repair
  
- Financial Loss (14 CCR §1052.1(b))
  - Financial Loss due to one or more of the following:
    - Previously Inoperable       Unmerchantable       Timber Volume
    - Access       Location       Condition
    - Other \_\_\_\_\_
  
- Describe the nature of the emergency and the need for immediate harvesting of trees. Indicate the extent and reason for the immediate commencement of timber operations:

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**7. Select all proposed Yarding Systems**

GROUND BASED

- Tractor, including end/long lining
- Rubber tired skidder, Forwarder
- Feller Buncher
- Shovel yarding

CABLE

- Cable, Ground Lead
- Cable, High Lead
- Cable, Skyline

OTHER

- Helicopter
- Other (explain):

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**8. Expected date of commencement** \_\_\_\_\_ **Estimated date of completion** \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Provide 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 area from which timber will be cut or removed, the legal description, roads and Class I, II, III, IV watercourses, and yarding systems if more than one will be used. 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. Attach additional supporting pages as necessary.**

Baseline Meridian	Township	Range	Section	County	Acreage (estimated) <i>Logging area</i>	Assessor's 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):**

1. This notice must be submitted to and received by CAL FIRE at one of the offices listed below. Timber operations may not commence for five working days after receipt by CAL FIRE unless waiting period is waived by the Director of CAL FIRE.
2. 14 CCR §§ 895.1 and 1052.1 define and list emergency conditions. Citing or paraphrasing of these sections does not satisfy the requirements of 14 CCR § 1052.2. 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. When the emergency is classified as financial, the following questions must be answered: What is the reason the timber has previously been inoperable or unmerchantable? Why is the harvest opportunity not economically feasible for more than one year? Why do the operations have only minimal impact on timberland resources? The financial emergency described in 14 CCR § 1052.1 means financial loss of timber and not loss of profit. Financial loss requires a loss of timber resource.
3. Timber operations conducted under this notice must meet minimum stocking standards at the completion of operations. 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. 14 CCR § 1052 describes how exceptions to the rules for non-financial emergencies can be addressed. If this is a financial emergency the conditions specified in 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(5)-(14) and 14 CCR § 1038.3(p) must be met.
4. This Notice of Emergency is valid for one year from the date validated by CAL FIRE. If timber operations are to extend beyond the one-year period, such operations must be described in an approved timber harvesting plan. If there is any doubt that a timber operation will not be completed in one year, a THP should be submitted to CAL FIRE early during the one-year operating period.
5. A Timber Operator with a valid state license must be designated upon submission of this notice.
6. 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].
7. An RPF shall be retained by the Timber Owner or LTO to provide professional advice throughout the Timber Operations and shall be present, or ensure that the RPF's Supervised Designee is present, on the Logging Area at a sufficient frequency to know the progress of operations and advise the LTO and Timberland Owner, but not less than once during the life of the notice per 14 CCR § 1052(f).

**The following suggestions may help ensure 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, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460; or from The California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection at <https://bof.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