

FOREST FIRE PREVENTION EXEMPTION

FOR ADMIN. USE ONLY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION
NOTICE OF TIMBER OPERATIONS THAT ARE EXEMPT FROM
TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN REQUIREMENTS
RM-73 (1038i) (12/12/08)

Ex. # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Receipt \_\_\_\_\_

Date Accepted by CAL FIRE \_\_\_\_\_

Date Timber Operation complete \_\_\_\_\_

TIMBER OPERATIONS MUST BE CONDUCTED WITHIN 12 MONTHS FROM DATE OF RECEIPT BY CAL FIRE. OPERATIONS MAY NOT COMMENCE FOR FIVE WORKING DAYS FROM DATE OF RECEIPT BY CAL FIRE.

The Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is hereby notified of timber operations under the requirements of 14 CCR § 1038(i) to cut or remove trees in compliance with Public Resources Code Sections 4584(k).

1. TIMBER OWNER(S) OF RECORD: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

TIMBER TAX EXEMPTION: Timber owners owe timber yield tax when they harvest trees unless the harvest is exempt (Revenue and Taxation Code sec. 38116). Some small or low value harvests may be exempt from timber yield tax: timber removed from an operation whose value does not exceed \$3,000 within a quarter, according to BOE Harvest Value Schedules, Rule 1024. If you believe your harvest may qualify for this exemption, please complete items A and B below. For timber yield tax information or for further assistance with these questions call 1-800-400-7115, or write: Timber Tax Section, MIC: 60, State Board of Equalization, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, California 94279-0060; or contact the BOE Web Page on the Internet at http://www.boe.ca.gov.

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 to be removed during this harvest will be:

Redwood \_\_\_\_\_%; Ponderosa/Sugar pine \_\_\_\_\_%; Douglas-fir \_\_\_\_\_%; Fir \_\_\_\_\_%;

Port-Orford Cedar \_\_\_\_\_%; Cedar (IC, WRC) \_\_\_\_\_%; Other, conifer \_\_\_\_\_%; Other, hardwood \_\_\_\_\_%.

2. TIMBERLAND OWNER(S) OF RECORD: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I have read and understand the information on the reverse of this form and that I am the timberland owner of record.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

3. LICENSED TIMBER OPERATOR(S): Name \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

4. Designate the legal land description of the location of the timber operation. Attach a map showing the location of the timber operation. Map shall be a 7.5 minute quadrangle or equivalent.

Section(s)    Township    Range    Base & Meridian    County    Logging Area Acreage    Assessors Parcel # (Optional)

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5. Description of pre-harvest stand structure: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

6. State the post-harvest stand stocking levels: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

7. Criteria for trees to be harvested or retained: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Method of designation: [ ] Leave tree mark [ ] Harvest tree mark [ ] Leave or harvest trees shall be marked by, or under supervision, of an RPF.

**The following are limitations or requirements for timber operations conducted under the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption (Notice, Notice of Exemption, Exemption Notice, and Exemption).**

1. Timber operations may not commence until five days after the date of receipt of this notice by the appropriate CAL FIRE office as listed below.
2. 14 CCR § 1038(b)(1-10), or 14 CCR § 1038(f)(1-16) in the Lake Tahoe Region, places certain limits on the harvesting of trees under this exemption. These limits need to be examined to assure compliance.
3. Harvesting under this Notice of Exemption is limited to those trees that eliminate the vertical continuity of vegetative fuels and the horizontal continuity of tree crowns, for the purpose of reducing the rate of fire spread, duration and intensity, fuel ignitability, or ignition of tree crowns.
4. The logging area shall not exceed 300 acres in size.
5. Timber operations conducted under this notice shall comply with all operational provisions of the Forest Practice Act and District Forest Practice Rules applicable to "Timber Harvesting Plan," "THP," and "plan." There are special requirements for timber operations conducted in Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas, the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency area, and in counties with special rules adopted by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. These rules should be reviewed prior to submitting this notice to CAL FIRE.
6. Surface fuels in the harvest area, including logging slash and debris, low brush, and deadwood, that could promote the spread of wildfire, shall be treated in accordance with 14 CCR § 1038(i)(10). Treatments shall include chipping, removing, piling, burning or other methods necessary to achieve the goal. Treatments, except for burning operations, shall be done within 120 days from the start of timber operations. Burning operations shall be completed by April 1 of the year following surface fuel creation. Treatment of surface fuels by burning shall be exempt from the one year time limitations described under 14 CCR § 1038.1
7. A timber operator with a valid state license must be designated upon submission of this notice.

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

Timber owners, timberland owners and timber operators should obtain and review copies of the Forest Practice Rules pertaining to the Notice of Exemption. 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>.

**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

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:** Must be completed by the registered professional forester preparing Notice of Exemption.

RPF Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

RPF Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ .City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ .Zip \_\_\_\_\_