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December 16, 2025

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Structure Protection (0 to 150 feet) v2019
No: 1-25EX-00914-HUM

Letter of Acceptance

This letter acknowledges acceptance of your "Notice of Exemption" per **Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 1038(a), (b), (c), (c)(6), (d), (e), (f), 1038.3, 1038.5, and 1038.6**, from plan preparation and submission requirements (PRC 4581) and from the completion and stocking report requirements (PRC 4585 and 4587).

This Exemption EXPIRES December 14, 2026. Timber operations shall comply with all operational provisions of the Forest Practice Act and District Forest Practice Rules. Note: in-lieu practices, exceptions to rules, and alternative practices are not allowed.

Regulatory rules may differ if the exemption is in a county with special rules or within a Special Treatment Area. The Timberland Owner and the Licensed Timber Operator are advised to be aware of the rules for the specific location of the exemption.

Other Agency Considerations:

- **Regional Water Quality Control Boards** (Regional Boards) regulate waste discharges from timber harvest activities. The Regional Boards may have special requirements for timber harvesting conducted under this exemption. Please contact your local Regional Water Control Board with any questions regarding compliance with the California Water Code.
- **Department of Fish and Wildlife** (DFW) may require notification if the timber operations will substantially divert or obstruct the natural flow of, or substantially change or use any material from the bed, channel, or bank of any river, stream, or lake. Information on the Lake and Streambed Alteration Program and other DFW programs can be found at the following internet address: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Conservation/Environmental-Review>

On-site inspection will be conducted by local CAL FIRE Unit Forest Practice Inspectors to evaluate compliance with all the provisions of the Forest Practice Act and Rules. For questions regarding the above referenced exemption, please contact the appropriate regional office listed above or contact the local CAL FIRE Unit for your County.

Sincerely,

Cale Lopez – RPF #3154
Timber Regulation & Forest Restoration Forester
Northern Region Headquarters – Santa Rosa
135 Ridgway Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95401
707-576-2940 (office)
707-608-8020 (cell)

cc: Unit, File

To view Exemption Notices, please visit: <https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/>



Timber Salvage Operations

Do I need a Water Board permit?

The purpose of this flyer is to make you aware of the water quality regulations and permitting that apply now that you have decided to conduct post-fire timber salvage activities on your property.

Now that your project has been authorized by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE), additional agency permits may be required or may automatically apply to you, including from one of California's nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCBs).



The map above shows the nine different RWQCB jurisdictions throughout the state. Links to each RWQCB can be found here:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterboards_map.html

Regions 1, 5 and 6 have permits that your project may be eligible for or are automatically subject to.

Wildfires and Water Quality

While impacts to the environment from wildfires can be significant, impacts can be positive or negative, and this is especially relative to the health of streams, rivers, and wetlands. Following a wildfire, the landscape can be extremely vulnerable to additional impacts from land use activities, including timber salvage operations and road and watercourse crossing management.

On private lands, landowners may choose to harvest merchantable timber following a wildfire in order to salvage the value of burned trees before they degrade. While conducting timber salvage operations, landowners, their consulting registered professional foresters (RPFs) and contracted licensed timber operators (LTOs) must all be aware of the regulations that apply to their activities and ensure that operations are conducted in a manner that is protective of the environment, including water quality.



Water Quality Regulations

The RWQCBs are the primary water-pollution control and prevention agencies for the state. In that role, the RWQCBs issue permits, conduct inspections, and in some circumstances take enforcement actions to address activities that cause or may cause pollutants to discharge into streams, lakes, or wetlands, or impact riparian vegetation.

To protect yourself, your property and the environment, you should work closely with your consulting RPF and LTO to ensure that post-fire salvage activities conform with all applicable regulations and permitting!

We encourage landowners, RPFs, and LTOs to contact their RWQCB's Forest Activities Program for guidance on applicable water quality regulations and permits. A list of the RWQCBs can be found at the following web address:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/publications_forms/publications/factsheets/docs/boardoverview.pdf



DROUGHT & WATER DRAFTING

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

ARE YOU DRAFTING WATER FOR YOUR TIMBER HARVESTING OR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROJECT?

Californians are facing the second year of historic drought. Drought conditions in California's streams have the potential to affect aquatic species' movements and survival. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) helps landowners avoid impacts to fish, wildlife, native plants, and sensitive habitats, including California's rivers, streams, and lakes (waterbodies).

We encourage you to consult with CDFW **BEFORE** you begin your project. Failure to notify CDFW of any substantial diversion or obstruction of the natural flow of or a substantial change or use of any material from the bed, bank, or channel of any river, stream, or lake may result in a violation of the Fish and Game Code (see sidebar). See the next page for a preparation checklist.



Applicable Fish and Game Codes

§ 86: "Take" means to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill.

§ 1600 et seq. (LSA Program): Requires an entity to notify CDFW, and if required, obtain an Agreement, before substantially diverting or obstructing the natural flow of a river, stream, or lake; substantially changing or using any material from the bed, channel, or bank of a river, stream, or lake; or depositing or disposing debris, waste, or other material containing crumbled, flaked, or ground pavement where it may pass into any river, stream, or lake.

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Preparation Checklist

Before you begin your water drafting project, consider the checklist below to help determine if it may have the potential to affect fish and wildlife resources. CDFW is available to help answer these questions and provide assistance.

- Have you assessed current water flow and water quality conditions at each drafting location?
- Will your water drafting activities allow for enough water to flow downstream during drafting so fish and other aquatic species can survive?
- Do you have an alternative water source or dust abatement strategy if you must stop drafting or there is not enough water for drafting? These may include:
 - dust abatement products
 - road base materials
 - alternative water sources such as municipal water
- What methods will you use to determine when to stop drafting to avoid potential affects to fish and wildlife? This may include using:
 - an instream staff gauge
 - a measuring stick with water level markers
 - directly measuring flow
 - drafting logs or other ways to determine when drafting should stop
- Will your water drafting project result in a substantial diversion or obstruction of the natural flow of the water or change/alter the bed, bank or channel of any river, stream, or lake?
- Will construction or modifying your drafting site require vegetation trimming or removal, or ground-disturbing operations to access the site, potentially affecting wildlife?

NOTE! It is important for landowners, Registered Professional Foresters, Licensed Timber Operators, utility companies, or anyone drafting water to know what CDFW permits may be required. Even if you are working under a CAL FIRE Permitted Project, California Fish and Game Code must still be followed. Contact CDFW if you have any questions or to start a consultation. To locate the Fish and Wildlife office near you:

[Search CDFW Regions](#)

For more information on permits and water drafting visit the following web pages:

[CDFW Timber](#)

[CDFW Environmental Review](#)

[CDFW Water Drafting Workshop](#)

For more information on drought conditions:

[Drought Preparedness](#)

[Drought in California](#)

[California Water Board](#)

Applicable Fish and Game Codes

§ 2050 et seq. (CESA):

Prohibits unauthorized take of species listed or a candidate for listing under CESA.

§§ 5650 and 5652: Prohibits depositing in, permitting to pass into, or placing where it can pass into a water of the state any substance or material deleterious to fish, plant life, mammals, or bird life (§ 5650), or garbage, rubbish, litter, refuse, waste, and debris, among other materials (§ 5652).

§ 5901: Prohibits construction or maintenance of any device that prevents, impedes, or tends to impede upstream or downstream fish passage.

§ 5937: Requires the owner of a dam or other artificial obstruction to allow sufficient water at all times to pass over, around, or through the dam, to keep fish below the dam in good condition.



DROUGHT & WATER DRAFTING

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Admin Use Only

Exemption Number: 1-25EX-00914-HUM

Date Received: DEC 15 2025

Date Approved: DEC 16 2025

Date Expires: DEC 14 2026

STRUCTURE PROTECTION EXEMPTION

Removal of fire hazard trees from 0 to 150 feet of an
Approved and Legally Permitted Structure

VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE RECEIPT BY CAL FIRE.

Timber Operations pursuant to the notice of exemption may not commence for five (5) working days from the date of the Director's receipt of the notice unless this delay is waived by the Director. If the Director does not act within five (5) working days of receipt of the notice of exemption, Timber Operations may commence. [ref. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(13)]

The Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is hereby notified of Timber Operations under the requirements of 14 CCR § 1038(c)(1) to cut or remove trees within one-hundred-fifty (150) feet from any point of an Approved and Legally Permitted Structure that complies with the California Building Standards Code in compliance with Public Resources Code (PRC) § 4290 & 4291. Complete all items on this notice; when responses do not fit in the space provided, so state, and add additional pages as necessary.

1. **LICENSED TIMBER OPERATOR(S)** When more than one LTO is on the Plan, please provide a detailed description of timber operation responsibilities for each.

Name: Sherwood Inc Lic. No.: 4013227 ✓ Phone: 707-496-8995

Address: P.O. Box 5987 City: Eureka State: Ca Zip: 95502

Email: Sherwood Excavation@gmail.com

I acknowledge the responsibilities as the Licensed Timber Operator for this plan.

Signature: (optional) [Signature] Date: _____

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

Name: Robert Scarlett Phone: 707-223-8668

Address: P.O. Box 91 City: Garberville State: CA Zip: 95542

Email: robertscarlett461@gmail.com

I acknowledge the responsibilities as the Timberland Owner for this plan.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 12/11/2025

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

Name: Robert Scarlett Phone: 707 223 8668

Address: P.O. Box 91 City: Garberville State: CA Zip: 95542

Email: robertscarlett461@gmail.com

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 Fee Administration, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0088; or visit 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 Fee Administration.

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

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

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

Redwood 100 % Ponderosa/Sugar Pine _____% Douglas-fir _____% Other Conifer _____%

Cedar _____% Port-Orford Cedar _____% Fir _____% Other Hardwoods _____%

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

4. Is it anticipated that a tree existing before 1800 AD greater than 60 inches in diameter at stump height for Sierra or Coastal Redwoods, or 48 inches in diameter at stump height for all other tree species will be harvested? [ref. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(15)] Yes No

NOTE: If "Yes", refer to 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(15)(A-C). An RPF is required to prepare an explanation and justification per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(15)(B)(1-3) to be included at submission unless 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(15)(C) applies.

5. Will timber harvesting occur within the standard width of a Watercourse or Lake Protection Zone (WLPZ)? Yes No

If "Yes", trees to be harvested shall be marked by, or under the supervision of, a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) prior to Timber Operations [ref. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(12)]. Include the name, license number, and signature of the RPF [ref. 14 CCR § 1602.1]:

RPF Name: _____

License number: _____

Signature: _____

If "Yes" to harvesting in the WLPZ, indicate the exception permitted per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(12):

- Sanitation-salvage harvesting, as identified in 14 CCR § 913.3 [933.3, 953.3], shall meet the Stocking Standards of 14 CCR § 912.7 [932.7, 952.7](b)(2) immediately after completion of operations.
- The removal of dead or Dying Trees where consistent with 14 CCR § 916.4 [936.4, 956.4](b).

6. Will Timber Operations occur in a WLPZ, or within any equipment limitation zone (ELZ) or equipment exclusion zone (EEZ) designated for Watercourse or lake protection, **within a watershed with listed anadromous salmonids**? Yes No

If "Yes", indicate the exception(s) permitted by 14 CCR § 916.9 [936.9, 956.9](s):

- Hauling on existing roads.
- Road maintenance.
- Operations conducted for public safety.
- Construction or reconstruction of approved Watercourse crossings.
- Temporary crossings of dry Class III Watercourses that do not require notification under Fish and Game Code §1600 et seq.
- Harvesting recommended *in writing* by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to address specifically identified forest conditions (attach a copy of the written recommendation from CDFW).

7. Have significant archaeological sites been identified within the project area? Yes No

NOTE: No Timber Operations are allowed on any site that satisfies the criteria listed in 14 CCR § 895.1 for a Significant Archaeological or Historical Site except under conditions described in 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(3)(A) & (B).

If "Yes", will operations occur within these identified archaeological sites? Yes No

NOTE: If "Yes", provide written concurrence from a Department Archaeologist with the exemption submission per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(3)(C).

8. Tentative commencement date of Timber Operations: January 1st, 2026 per 14 CCR § 1038.1(a)(5)

NOTE: Prior to Timber Operations, the Timber Operator shall notify the Department of the actual commencement date of operations. The notification shall be directed to the appropriate CAL FIRE Unit Headquarters, Forest Practice Inspector, or other designated personnel. If the notification is provided by mail, Timber Operations may not commence until three (3) days after the postmark date of notification per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(14).

9. Check all Yarding methods to be utilized per 14 CCR § 1038.2:

	GROUND - BASED		CABLE		OTHER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tractor, including end/long lining	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cable, ground lead	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand thinning and removing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rubber tire skidder, forwarder	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cable, high lead	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (describe below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Feller buncher	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cable, skyline		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shovel yarding				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Tethered operations				

NOTE: If more than one yarding method is selected, they must be identified on accompanying maps.

10. Provide the legal land description of the location of the Timber Operation [ref. 14 CCR § 1038.1(a)(4)]. Attach a USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle map or equivalent map, per 14 CCR § 1038.2 depicting:

- Boundaries of the Harvest Area.
- Location of all Watercourses and Lakes with Class I, II, III or IV waters.
- A larger scale (detailed) map such as an assessor's parcel map showing the location of Timber Operations shall be included with the exemption submission.
- Color coding shall not be used.

Additional maps, which may be topographic or planimetric, may be used to provide additional information, to show details, and improve map clarity. **A legend shall be included indicating the meaning of the symbols 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*	Assessor's Parcel # (optional)
H&M	04S	03E	10	Humboldt	0.43	077-072-007-00

*Acres are estimated and are for the Harvest Area

11. CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE: Per 14 CCR § 1038(c)(5), Timber Operations conducted under this exemption subsection shall conform to the applicable city or county general plans, city or county implementing ordinances, and city or county zoning ordinances within which the notice of exemption is located. The following must be completed by the LTO, Timberland Owner, or if applicable the RPF, as listed in this exemption.

(select agent thereof)

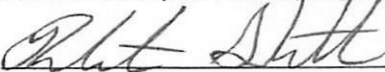
LTO Timberland Owner RPF

Name: Robert Scarlett Phone: 707 223 8668

Address: P.O. Box 91 City: Garberville State: CA Zip: 95542

Email: robert.scarlett461@gmail.com

I certify that the city or county within which this exemption is located has been contacted and the exemption is in conformance with all city and county regulatory requirements in accordance with 14 CCR § 1038(c)(5).

Signature:  Date: 12/11/2025

The following are limitations or requirements for Timber Operations conducted under this Notice of Exemption for Fire Hazard Trees within 0-150 feet of a legally permitted structure that complies with the California Building Code:

- This notice must be submitted to and received by CAL FIRE at the appropriate office listed below prior to the commencement of Timber Operations.
 - Coastal Special Treatment areas and Marin County:** the Director shall have ten calendar days from date of receipt to accept or reject the notice of Timber Operations.
- 14 CCR § 1038(c) places certain limits on the harvesting of trees under this exemption. These limits need to be examined to assure compliance.
- 14 CCR § 1038 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." Timber operations must conform to applicable city or county general plans, city or county implementing ordinances, and city or county zoning ordinances within which the exemption is located. The requirements to submit a completion and stocking report do not normally apply within the 0 to 150-foot zone.
- Only trees within 150 feet of an Approved and Legally Permitted Structure (14 CCR § 895.1) that complies with the California Building Code (includes only structures designed for human occupancy, garages, barns, stables, and structures used to enclose fuel tanks) may be cut and removed. [ref. 14 CCR § 1038(c)(1)]
- Clearcutting, seed tree removal step or shelterwood removal step are not allowed under this Notice of Exemption. 14 CCR § 1038(c)(2)
- All surface fuels created by Timber Operations, within 150 feet of an approved or legally permitted structure, that could promote the spread of wildfire, including slash and woody debris, exceeding one (1) inch in diameter, and brush, shall be chipped, burned, or removed within 45 days from the start of operations. 14 CCR § 1038(c)(3)
- In addition to the surface fuel treatment described in 14 CCR § 1038(c)(3), the Harvest Area must meet the vegetation treatment standards in PRC § 4584(i)(1) to (2)(A) illustrated in Board Technical Rule Addendum No.4 within one (1) year from the receipt of issuance of notice of acceptance. 14 CCR § 1038(c)(4)
- There are special requirements for Timber Operations conducted in Coastal Commission Special Treatment Areas and in counties with special rules adopted by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. Timber Operations shall comply with the rules associated with the specific Special Treatment Area Timber Operations are within. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(6). These rules should be reviewed prior to submitting this notice to CAL FIRE.
- All Timber Operations conducted in the Lake Tahoe Region must have a valid Tahoe Basin Tree Removal Permit, as defined by TRPA,

- or shall be conducted under a valid TRPA memorandum of understanding, when such a permit is required by TRPA, 14 CCR § 1038.1(b)(1)
10. Timber Operations may not be conducted without a copy of the Directors notice of acceptance of the notice of exemption at the operating site, except where the Director has failed to act within the five (5) working day review period. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(13)(A)
 11. No helicopter yarding shall be allowed 14 CCR § 1038.1(b)(3)
 12. In-lieu practices within WLPZs as specified under Article 6 of these rules, exception to the rules, and alternative practices are not allowed 14 CCR § 1038.
 13. No Tractor or heavy equipment operations on slopes greater than 50%. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(5)
 14. No construction of new tractor roads on slopes greater than 40%. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(5)
 15. No Tractor or heavy equipment operations on known Unstable Areas. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(7)
 16. No new road construction or reconstruction, as defined by 14 CCR § 895.1. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(8)
 17. No heavy equipment operations within the standard width of a WLPZ, as defined in 14 CCR § 916.4[936.4, 956.4](b). 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(9)
 18. **No timber harvesting within the standard width of a Watercourse or Lake Protection Zone**, as defined in 14 CCR § 916.4 [936.4, 956.4](b), except sanitation-salvage harvesting, as defined in 14 CCR § 913.3 [933.3,953.3], where immediately after completion of operations, the area shall meet the stocking standards of 14 CCR § 912.7 [932.7,952.7](b)(2), except for the removal of dead or dying trees where consistent with 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(12). Trees to be harvested within a WLPZ shall be marked by, or under the supervision of, an RPF prior to Timber Operations. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(12)
 19. **ASP watersheds** – No Timber Operations are allowed in a WLPZ, or within any ELZ or EEZ designated for Watercourse or Lake Protection, under exemption notices except (1) Hauling on existing roads (2) Road maintenance (3) Operations conducted for public safety (4) Construction or reconstruction of approved watercourse crossings (5) Temporary crossings of dry Class III watercourses that do not require notification under Fish and Game Code §1600 et seq. (6) Harvesting recommended in writing by CDFW to address specifically identified forest conditions.
 20. Operations conducted under a notice of exemption are not permitted in known sites of rare, candidate, threatened or endangered plants and animals if the sites will be disturbed or damaged. No Timber Operations may occur within a buffer zone of a listed, or sensitive species as defined by 14 CCR § 895.1. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(10)(11)
 21. If any activities related to Timber Operations, as defined by PRC 4527, are to include any of the following activities in any river, stream or lake, including episodic and perennial waterways, a notification to the California Department Fish and Wildlife is required pursuant to Fish and Game Code §1602: 1) A substantial alteration of the bed, bank, or channel 2) A substantial diversion (i.e. water drafting) or obstruction of the natural flow; or 3) Use of material from or deposit of material into the Watercourse. Information on the Lake and Streambed Alteration Program, as well as notification forms, may be found at the following link: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/lisa>.
 22. **Completion and Stocking reports are required for areas when operations occur within the COAST DISTRICT, COASTAL COMMISSION SPECIAL TREATMENT AREAS and/or MARIN COUNTY.** The landowner shall submit to CAL FIRE a RM-71 Completion and Stocking report per PRC 4585 and PRC 4587.
 23. This Notice of Exemption is valid for one year from the date of receipt by CAL FIRE.
 - **Marin County** the exemption is valid for the calendar year of acceptance.
 24. A Timber Operator with a valid state license must be designated upon submission of this Notice.

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 2006, San Francisco, CA 94126, CAL FIRE, Forest Practice, P.O. Box 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460; or CAL FIRE's website 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 online with CalTREES (<https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/>) or send to the CAL FIRE Forest Practice Manager at the 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.	135 Ridgway Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95401 santarosareviewteam@fire.ca.gov (707) 576-2959
Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, eastern Trinity and Yuba Counties.	6105 Airport Road Redding, CA 96002 reddingreviewinbox@fire.ca.gov (530) 224-2454
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.	1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93710 fresnoreviewinbox@fire.ca.gov (559) 243-4107

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

Humboldt-Del Norte Unit
118 S. Fortuna Boulevard
Fortuna CA 95540-0425
Humboldt County
(707) 725-4413
Website: www.fire.ca.gov



November 10, 2025

Robert Scarlett
20 Ridgeway Dr
Redway, CA 95560

SERVICE RECORD REPORT

The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has permitting and enforcement jurisdiction over, among other things, the conduct of timber operations, including the conversion of timberland to uses other than growing timber, on timberland.

In the State of California, the conduct of timber operations is strictly regulated pursuant to the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 4511–4629.13) (the Forest Practice Act) and the Forest Practice Rules (Title 14, Cal. Code of Regs., §§ 895–1115.3) adopted by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (the Board of Forestry) pursuant to the authority delegated to the Board in the Act.

Timber operations, as defined in the Forest Practice Act, means (i) the cutting or removal, or both (ii) from timberlands (iii) of timber or other solid wood forest products (iv) for commercial purposes. The commercial purposes of the cutting and removal may be either an intent to sell, barter, exchange, or trade the timber or an intent to convert timberland to a use other than growing timber, whether or not there is any intent to commercialize the timber. (Pub. Resources Code § 4527.) All timber operations must be conducted pursuant to a Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) approved by CAL FIRE. (Pub. Resources Code § 4581.) A landowner who intends to convert timberland must also secure a Timberland Conversion Permit (TCP) from CAL FIRE prior to the timberland conversion. (Pub. Resources Code § 4621.)

The Act defines “timberlands” to include all non-federal land that is available for, and capable of, growing a crop of trees of commercial species, as designated by the Board of Forestry. (Pub. Resources Code § 4526; see 14 CCR § 895.1.) A “crop of trees” includes any number of trees that may be harvested commercially. (14 CCR § 895.1.) It is important to note that timberlands are thus defined by their physical characteristics rather than their zoning, that some or all of a property may be timberlands, and that zoning restrictions may not preclude the conduct of timber operations and, therefore, the requirement of a THP or TCP.

In addition to local permit requirements (e.g. building, grading, cannabis cultivation, etc.), a THP is required prior to conducting timber operations on timberland and a TCP is required prior to converting timberland to a use other than growing timber. However, several exemptions are available should the eligibility requirements be met.

California State Law also requires that any person who conducts timber operations on timberland be a License Timber Operator (LTO). LTO's are persons who have been licensed under the Forest Practice Act law and are authorized to conduct timber operations on timberland. LTO's are required to work under a harvest document that has been accepted or approved by CAL FIRE prior to conducting timber operations.

Service Record ID: 25SR-00416
Date Services Performed: 11/10/2025 12:00:00 AM
Legal Description: HBM: T04S R03E S10 077-072-007
Site Address:

“The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection serves and safeguards the people and protects the property and resources of California.”

RECEIVED 12/15/2025
Coast Area Office
Resource Management

Notes:

On October 21st, 2025, I conducted a service inspection at 20 Oakridge Road in Redway CA. Onsite during the inspection was the new landowner Robert Scarlett and LTO Levi Cope. The landowner requested a site visit to evaluate several trees that he feels pose a safety hazard to the structures on his property and his neighbors. I have inspected this property several times in the past year under the previous owners who harvested several trees around the property and wanted to harvest several more trees after their house was damaged by dead material or tops of the trees breaking and damage the habitable structures.

During the inspection approximately five trees/ clumps were identified all within 30 feet of structures as having the defect and site conditions indicative of tree failure as described in Hazardous Tree Identification, Powerline Fire Prevention Field Guide as defined in the Forest Practice Rules under 895.1

Danger Tree means any tree located on or adjacent to a utility right-of-way or facility that could damage utility facilities should it fall where: the tree leans toward the right-of-way, or (2) the tree is defective because of any cause, such as: heart or root rot, shallow roots, excavation, bad crotch, dead or with dead top, deformity, cracks or splits, or any other reason that could result in the tree or a main lateral of the tree falling. See Chapter VII, Hazardous Tree Identification, Powerline Fire Prevention Field Guide-1977, A Joint Publication of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, U.S. Forest Service, and U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

These identified trees have already damaged the roof and deck of the main habitable structure and caused damage to the adjacent shed and adjacent property and continue to pose a safety threat.

The property in question is in the Lower Redway Q Zone as delineated by Humboldt County Building and Planning Department. In this zone trees over 12 inches at DBH are not allowed to be harvested unless in an emergency situation, and tree(s) are threatening people or property. In the County ordinances it states a Special Permit is necessary. On Thursday November 6th I had a phone conversation with Warren Black with the County of Humboldt, and he didn't think the County was requiring a permit within the Redway Zone to harvest select safety hazard trees but was going to investigate zoning further.

Also, trees existing before 1800 AD greater than 60 inches in diameter at stump height for Sierra or Coastal Redwoods, or 48 inches in diameter at stump height for all other tree species will be harvested. Based on the safety issues surrounding the proposed trees this RPF agrees that the selected trees pose a safety hazard to the habitual structures and may be harvested.

If trees are to be harvested and commercialized a harvest document from CAL FIRE is required. Based on my inspection, a Structure Protection Exemption which allows removal of fire hazard trees from 0-150 feet of an approved and legally permitted structure would be an exemption that could be used to harvest the select safety hazard trees identified during the inspection. I would also encourage the landowner to get written approval or documentation that no Special Permit from the County of Humboldt is required to harvest trees with the Lower Redway Q Zone.

Please call with any questions.

CAL FIRE encourages landowners to contact a Registered Professional Forester or their local CAL FIRE Unit Forester to assist in determining whether their land includes timberlands. Finally, other agencies may have jurisdiction related to your potential project and it is encouraged that you contact them.

Sincerely,

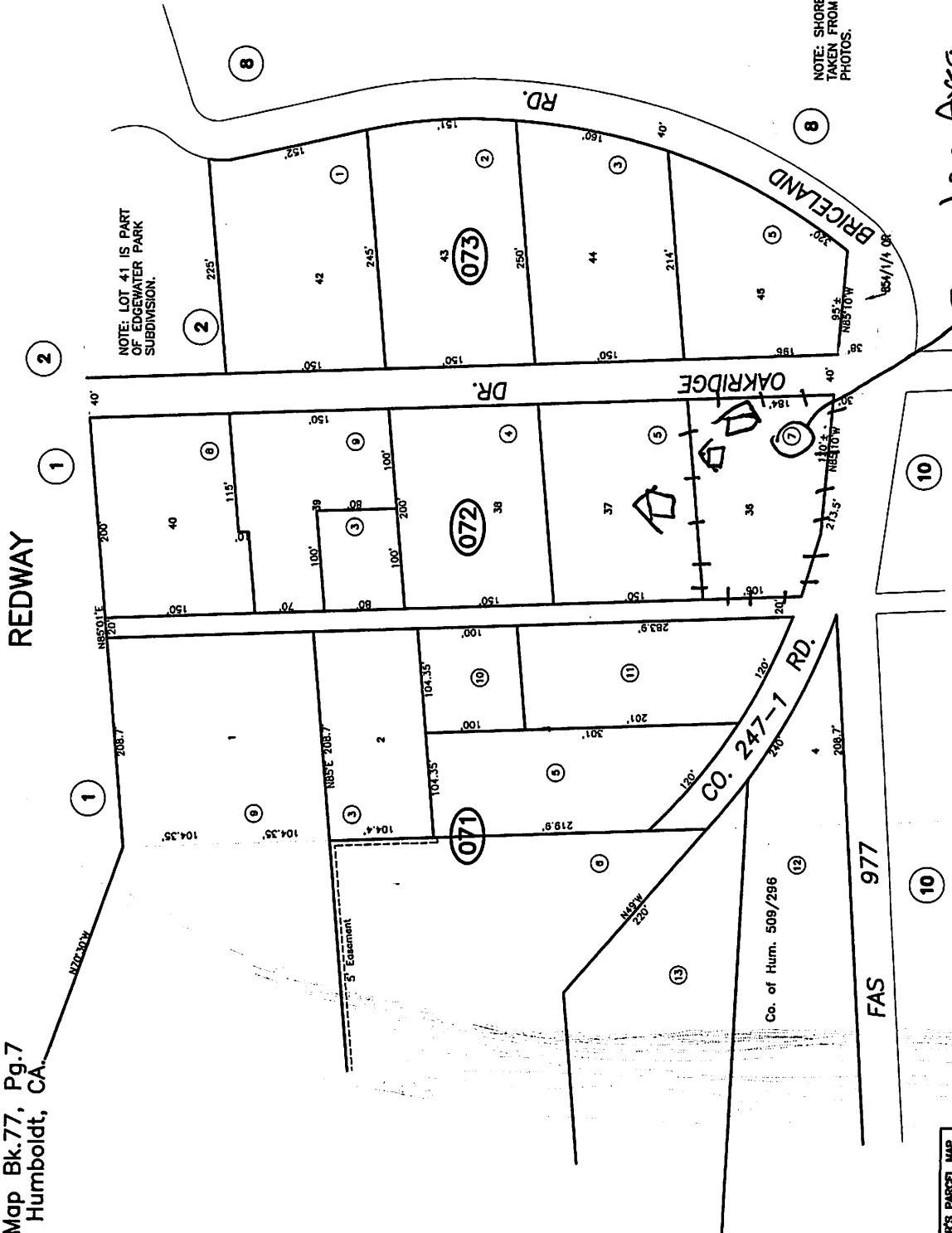
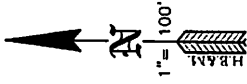


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Scarlett U-120 Assessor's Parcel Map

Assessor's Map Bk.77, Pg.7
County of Humboldt, CA.

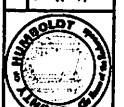
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NOTE: LOT 41 IS PART OF EDGEWATER PARK SUBDIVISION.

NOTE: SHORELINE EEL RIVER TAKEN FROM 1947 AERIAL PHOTOS.

ASSASSOR'S PARCEL MAP
1. THIS MAP WAS PREPARED FOR ASSESSMENT PURPOSES ONLY.
2. NO LIABILITY IS ASSUMED FOR ERRORS OR OMISSIONS.
3. ASSESSOR'S PARCELS MAY NOT COMPLY WITH LOCAL LOT-SPLIT OR BUILDING SITE ORDINANCES.



NOTE - Assessor's Block Numbers Shown in Ellipses
Assessor's Parcel Numbers Shown in Circles.

RM BK. 11, MAPS PG. 43-44

Exemption Area
⊠ = structure
--- - Boundary




Hazard Exemption

From Robert Scarlett <robertscarlett461@gmail.com>

Date Mon 12/15/2025 4:18 PM

To CAL FIRE Santa Rosa Review Team <santarosareviewteam@fire.ca.gov>

 1 attachment (3 MB)

Scarlett 0-150' Structure Protection Exemption.pdf;

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Good afternoon, here is the hazard tree exemption for 20 oakridge dr, Redway, California, 95560, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank You,

Robert Scarlett