

# **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

of a  
**Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report (PTEIR)**  
for the  
**Mattole Forest Futures Project**

in compliance with the  
**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**

**TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

**FROM: California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE)**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, as lead agency, has drafted a **Program Timberland Environmental Impact Report**, in compliance the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the California Forest Practice Rules, as described below.

**Project Name: Mattole Forest Futures Project** (State Clearinghouse Number 2008012106)

**Project Description:** The Project aims to facilitate beneficial forest management in the Mattole River Basin through "light touch" timber harvest that can be approved by simplified agency review tiering to this programmatic EIR under the California Forest Practice Rules and CEQA. Light touch can be summarized as 1) generally using only selection silviculture, 2) growing larger trees and increasing the proportion of conifer to hardwood stocking, 3) retaining old-growth, 4) maintaining or enhancing late seral conditions, 5) tractor logging restrictions, 6) generous riparian buffers, and 7) road upgrade requirements. Any future timber harvesting will occur following the submittal of a Program Timber Harvesting Plan to be reviewed and approved by CAL FIRE only where it is found to be within the scope of the analysis in this PTEIR.

**Project Location:** Timber harvesting provided for in this PTEIR may occur on privately owned timberlands within the Mattole River Watershed, Humboldt and Mendocino Counties.

**Public Comment:** If you wish to comment, you may do so by sending your written comments to CAL FIRE at the Sacramento address or email address below by the close of the **review period ending July 5, 2011**. **Be sure to state the project name and on all correspondence.**

**Mail Comments to:**

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**A Public Hearing Will Be Held at:**

Mattole Grange Hall  
36512 Mattole Road, Petrolia  
Monday, June 13, 2011 at 5 PM

The CEQA document may be reviewed at addresses below or may be viewed on the CAL FIRE web site at [http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource\\_mgt/resource\\_mgt\\_EPRP\\_PublicNotice.php](http://www.fire.ca.gov/resource_mgt/resource_mgt_EPRP_PublicNotice.php).

**PTEIR Available for Viewing**

The Mattole Restoration Council  
29230 Mattole Road, 2nd floor, Petrolia  
Monday - Friday 9 AM to 3 PM

Humboldt County Public Library  
715 Cedar St., Garberville  
Wed 12 to 7 PM, Thur & Fri 12 to  
6 PM, and Saturday 12-4 PM

CAL FIRE  
Humboldt-Del Norte Unit  
118 S. Fortuna Blvd, Fortuna  
8 AM – 4 PM

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