

REMOVAL OF FIRE HAZARD TREES  
WITHIN 150 FEET OF A STRUCTURE 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(1038c) (11/02)

Ex. #  
Date of Receipt  
Date Accepted by CDF  
Date Expires

**VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF RECEIPT BY CDF  
OPERATIONS MAY NOT COMMENCE FOR FIVE WORKING DAYS FROM DATE OF RECEIPT BY CDF**

The Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection is hereby notified of timber operations under the requirements of 14 CCR 1038(c) to cut or remove trees in compliance with Public Resources Code Sections 4290 and 4291.

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 pine/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. EXPECTED DATE TIMBER OPERATIONS WILL COMMENCE:

If this date is unknown so state, but the timber operator must notify, by phone or mail, the appropriate **CDF Unit Headquarters** within a 15 day period before the actual commencement date for the start of operations.

5. Designate the legal land description of the location of the timber operation. Attach two maps showing the location of the timber operation. One map shall be a 7 1/2 minute quadrangle or equivalent. The second shall be a larger scale map such as an assessor's parcel map showing the location of the timber operation. Describe the access route to the timber operation so that it can be easily located.

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

**The following are limitations or requirements for timber operations conducted under this Removal of Fire Hazard Trees Within 150 Feet of a Structure Exemption (Notice, Notice of Exemption, Exemption Notice, Exemption).**

1. Timber operations may not commence until five days after the date of receipt of this notice by the appropriate CDF office as listed below. If CDF acts within five days of receipt of the notice, timber operations cannot be conducted unless a copy of the Director's notice of acceptance of the exemption is on hand at the operating site. The timber operator must notify the appropriate CDF Ranger Unit, by phone or mail, of the actual commencement date within a 15 day period before timber operations begin.
2. 14 CCR 1038(b)(1-10) places certain limits on the harvesting of trees under this exemption. These limits need to be examined to assure compliance.
3. Only trees within 150 ft. of an approved and legally permitted structure 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 harvested under this Notice of Exemption. Clearcutting, seed tree removal step or shelterwood removal step are not allowed under this Notice of Exemption.
4. 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.
5. 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 CDF.
6. All surface fuels created by timber operations under this exemption which could promote the spread of wildfire, including logging slash and debris, deadwood, branches exceeding one inch in diameter, and brush (killed by the timber operation), shall be chipped, burned, or removed within 45 days of the start of timber operations.
7. In addition to the treatment described in 6. above the areas of timber operations must meet the vegetation treatment standards in PRC4584(j)(1)-(2)(A) as illustrated in *Board of Forestry Technical Rule Addendum No. 4* within one year from receipt of the Notice of Acceptance issued by CDF.
8. 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 CDF, Forest Practice Section, P.O. BOX 944246, Sacramento, CA 94244-2460; or from CDF's Web Page on the Internet at <http://www.fire.ca.gov>.

**FILE THIS NOTICE WITH THE NEAREST CDF OFFICE BELOW FOR THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE OPERATION WILL OCCUR:**

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| Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Sonoma, Marin, Lake, Napa, Colusa, Solano, Alameda,<br>San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Contra Costa, and western Trinity Counties.          | => 135 Ridgway Avenue<br>=> Santa Rosa, CA 95401  |
| Siskiyou, Modoc, Shasta, eastern Trinity, Lassen, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Sutter, Plumas,<br>Yuba, Sierra, Nevada, and Placer Counties.   | => 6105 Airport Road<br>=> Redding, CA 96002      |
| El Dorado, Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne, Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Tulare,<br>Kern, Stanislaus, San Benito, Monterey, King, San Joaquin and Sacramento Counties. | => 1234 East Shaw Avenue<br>=> Fresno, CA 93710   |
| Ventura, Los Angeles, San Bernadino, Orange, Riverside, Inyo, Mono, San Diego and<br>Imperial Counties.   | => 2524 Mulberry Street<br>=> Riverside, CA 92501 |

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE:** Must be completed by timberland owner or timber operator as listed on Page One. ***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.***

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: