



Where and How to Review a Timber Harvest Plan (THP)

Where to find a Timber Harvest Plan (THP)

- ✦ A Timber Harvest Plan, commonly referred to as a THP, is essentially the blueprint for a timber harvest in California.
- ✦ THP documents can be found online at <https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/Default.aspx>
 - In the “For Everyone” box, click on “Search Plans”;
 - Type in the name of the THP you are interested in reviewing under “Project Name” (for example, Caspar 500), then click “Search”;
 - From the list of results, look for “Timber Harvest Plan” in the “Type” column and click on the green linked “Document Number”;
 - You now have access to the entirety of the THP.

I found it, now what am I looking at?

- ✦ The “Attachment Name” is the clickable link to the PDF document, and the title will tell you what the document consists of i.e. 20200505_1-20-00006MEN_Sec2_App.pdf gives you the official identification of the plan “1-20-00006MEN” (aka Caspar 500) and “Sec2” is Section 2.
- ✦ Section 2 is essentially the What/Where/How of the plan;
 - This Section contains all enforceable language and is what is provided to the Timber Operator (LTO/logger).
 - It’s a very dense portion of the plan that includes a lot of legal and technical terminology, but it details what is happening in the THP.
- ✦ Section 3 is essentially the Why of the plan;
 - This Section contains the supporting documents for Section 2.
- ✦ Section 4 is the cumulative impact report, which basically means this is where to find topics such as recreation, wildlife, greenhouse gasses, aesthetics, etc.;;
 - You could consider Section 4 to be the equivalent of CEQA.
- ✦ Section 5 is supporting documents for the entire plan;
 - Northern Spotted Owl (NSO), geology reports, etc.
- ✦ Section 6 is the confidential Archeology information;
 - This is a legal requirement for all THPs,
 - Reviewed by CAL FIRE but not made available to the public to prevent disclosure of sensitive resource locations,
 - Forwarded to the appropriate Information Center of the California Historical Resources Information System so information can be added to database of cultural resources and benefit future management/research on the property.

Still have questions/need help?

- ✦ Just want the highlights and not 400-500 pages of reading? Try the “Info Sheets” under “More Info” on the JDSF website: <https://www.fire.ca.gov/programs/resource-management/resource-protection-improvement/demonstration-state-forests/jackson/>
- ✦ Contact the office (707) 964-5674 and speak with a Forester.