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”

If you know the Timber Harvest Plan “Plan Number” i.e. 1-20-00006-MEN or see footnote 1 below:

- Adjust the “Search From Date” to be beyond your timber harvest plan search time (i.e., if you are searching for a 2019 plan, put 2017 as the date)
- In the “Plan Number” box
  - If you know the Plan Number, enter it here.
- Click on the Blue Search CalTREES button
- Click on the Blue Plan ID Number. This will bring you to the THP page with all the documentation

If you do not know the Timber Harvest Plan “Plan Number”:

- Adjust the “Search From Date” to be beyond your timber harvest plan search time (i.e., if you are searching for a 2019 plan, put 2017 as the year; if you do not know the year, put the year at 2000)
- In the “Plan Number” box
  - If you don’t know the plan number, type 1-%-%MEN (see footnote 2).
- In the “Plan Type” box, type Timber Harvest Plan
- If you know the County, CAL FIRE Region, Watershed, Parcel Number or Meridian, feel free to add those in – they can help further narrow the results, but are not necessary.
- Click the blue “Search CalTREES” button, then proceed to scroll down to a table
  - On the titles of the table, click the “Plan ID” to sort the numbers into ascending and descending order. You may need to click two times.
    - You can sort each title so if you want to look for plans that are Filed or Pending RPF Response, you will sort “Status”
- Each blue Plan ID number is a link to a Timber Harvest Plan. You will need to click on each one until you find the Timber Harvest Plan you are looking for. Project name will be under “Project Description”
  - Tips to make it easier to find:
    - If the plan you are searching has just been submitted, the third number i.e. 1-22-00001 will be higher
    - Check the ‘Status’ column – this will tell you where in the review process the Timber Harvest Plan is

If something goes wrong; go to the Home Screen and start over. Please direct problems with the CalTREES website to caltrees.support@fire.ca.gov.

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1 Every Harvest Plan submitted will be given a number to help with the tracking. Example: 1-15-125MEN. The first number (1) refers to the document being a timber harvest plan. The second number (15) refers to the year the plan was submitted. The third number (125) refers what number of timber harvest documents that have been submitted that year – this THP was the 125th timber harvest plan submitted in the State for 2015. The three-letter code (MEN) refers to the county which the timber harvest document was submitted.

2 The % are ‘wildcards’ if you don’t know the year or the individual number
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 with a JDSF Timber Harvest Plan?

- Just want the highlights and not 400-500 pages of reading? Try the “Timber Harvest” tab and “Timber Harvesting Resources on the JDSF website:
- Contact the office (707) 964-5674 and speak with a Forester.