NOTES

1. This table provides a list of state permitting/noticing options landowners can use to conduct timber operations related to fuels treatment under the Forest Practice Rules (FPRs). Most options listed are exempt from the need to submit a timber harvesting plan required pursuant to PRC § 4581 because restrictions on harvesting operations minimize potentially significant adverse effects on environmental resources (see restrictions listed above).

2. Exemptions are identified in the FPRs under 14 CCR § 1038 - Exemptions and under 14 CCR §§ 1052.4, and 1051.3. It is important to remember these exemptions must comply with the most current FPRs.

3. Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) and landowners are advised to check with the county for any additional restrictions that may apply in the area of harvesting operations prior to choosing one of the options.

4. Further information, including the current Forest and Fire Protection Forest Practice Rules, associated forms and information relating to commercial timber harvesting permit options may be found at the CALFIRE Website: http://www.fire.ca.gov/sfc-mgt/forestpractice.php.

5. Regional Water Quality Control Boards may require waste discharge permit or compliance with permit waiver conditions. Further information on Regional Board Requirements is located on the State Water Resources Control Board Website at: http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/

6. The permit process within the Tahoe Basin requires a "Tahoe Basin Tree Removal Permit" issued by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA) and located on the TRPA Website at: http://www.trpa.org/

7. All Timber Operations require a Licensed Timber Operator (LTO).

8. PRC § 4537(b): For purposes of this section, the removal of trees less than 16 inches in diameter at breast height from a firebreak or fuelbreak does not constitute "timber operations" if the removal meets all of the following criteria:

   (1) It is located within 500 feet of the boundary of an urban wildland interface community at high risk of wildfire, as defined on pages 762, et seq. of Number 3 of Volume 66 (January 4, 2001) of the Federal Register, as that definition may be amended from time to time. For purposes of this paragraph, "urban wildland interface community at high risk of wildfire" means an area having one or more structures for every five acres.

   (2) It is part of a community wildfire protection plan approved by the department or part of a department fire plan.

   (3) The trees to be removed will not be processed into logs or lumber.

   (4) The work to be conducted is under a firebreak or fuelbreak project that has been subject to a project-based review pursuant to a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, or environmental impact report in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000)). For projects to be conducted on forested landscapes, as defined in Section 754, the project and the project-based review shall be prepared by or in consultation with a registered professional forester.

   (5) The removal of surface and ladder fuels is consistent with paragraph (9) of subdivision (k) of Section 4584.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

*14 CCR § 1038 (B)(1-10) - RESTRICTIONS:
(1) - No tractor operations on slopes >50%
(2) - No construction of new tractor roads on slopes >40%
(3) - Compliance with Special Treatment Area rule provisions
(4) - No tractor operations on slides or unstable areas
(5) - No new road construction or reconstruction
(6) - No heavy equipment operations in WLPZ except for road & drainage structure maintenance
(7) - No disturbance to known sites of rare, threatened, or endangered plants or animals
(8) - No timber operations within the buffer zone of a sensitive species
(9) - No timber operations within the standard width of a WLPZ except for sanitation salvage
(10) - No timber operations on a significant archaeological or historical site

ABBREVIATIONS

PRC = Public Resources Code
CCR = California Resource Code
FPR = Forest Practice Rules
RPF = Registered Professional Forester
LTO = Licensed Timber Operator
DBH = Diameter at Breast Height
WLPZ = Watercourse Lake Protection Zone
ASP = Anadromous Salmonids Planning
ARCH = Archaeological

A Landowner's Guide to Permitting Options when Harvesting Timber for Fuel Hazard Reduction

CALFIRE has prepared this guide to assist landowners living in forested areas in identifying the appropriate harvesting document required for tree removal associated with fuel hazard reduction projects on their private property in compliance with the Forest Practice Rules.

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**Conditions:**
- Fuel Wood Reduction
- Permitted for 1 year
- Approval required
- No surface limit
- No diameter limit
- No stooling limit
- No across acreage required
- No permit options