

1 DEFENSIBLE SPACE, 2005

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3 on January 5, 2006

4 Adopt 14 CCR, Division 1.5, Chapter 7 Fire Protection, Subchapter 3.,

5 Article 3. Fire Hazard Reduction Around Buildings and Structures

6 Defensible Space. § 1299

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8 **§ 1299. Defensible Space.**

9 The intent of this regulation is to provide guidance for
10 implementing the defensible space criteria of Public Resources Code
11 4291(a) and (b) and minimize the spread of fire within a 100 foot zone
12 around a building or structure.

13 (a) A person that owns, leases, controls, operates, or maintains
14 a building or structure in, upon, or adjoining any mountainous area,
15 forest-covered lands, brush-covered lands, grass-covered lands, or any
16 land that is covered with flammable material, and is within State
17 Responsibility Area, shall do the following:

18 (1) Within 30 feet from each building or structure maintain
19 a firebreak by removing and clearing away all flammable vegetation and
20 other combustible growth pursuant to PRC § 4291(a).

21 (2) Within the 30 feet to 100 feet zone (Reduced Fuel
22 Zone) from each building or structure(or to the property line,
23 whichever is nearer to the structure), provide a fuelbreak by
24 disrupting the vertical and/or horizontal continuity of flammable and
25 combustible vegetation with the goal of reducing fire intensity,

1 inhibiting fire in the crowns of trees, reducing the rate of fire
2 spread, and providing a safer environment for firefighters to suppress
3 wildfire.

4 (b) Any vegetative fuels identified as a fire hazard by the fire
5 inspection official of the authority having jurisdiction, shall be
6 removed or modified provided it is required by subsection (a)(1) &
7 (a)(2).

8 (c) Within the intent of the regulations, the fire inspection
9 official of the authority having jurisdiction may approve alternative
10 practices which provide for the same practical effects as the stated
11 guidelines.

12 (d) Guidance for implementation of this regulation shall be
13 consistent with procedures contained in the publication: "General
14 Guidelines to Implement for Performance Based Creating Defensible Space
15 Regulations under PRC 4291" as adopted published by the Board of
16 Forestry and Fire Protection by resolution adopted on XXXXX XX, 200X.

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19 Note: Authority cited: Section 4102, 4291, 4125-4128.5, Public
20 Resource Code. Reference: 4291, Public Resource Code.

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