

1 **Fire Prevention Precautions, 2009**

2 **[Adopted August 5, 2009]**

3 **Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR)**

4 **Amend**

5 **§ 938.8 Inspection for Fire**

7 **Amend 14 CCR § 938.8. Inspection for Fire.**

8 **(a)** The timber operator or his/her agent shall conduct a diligent aerial or ground inspection
9 within the first two hours after cessation of felling, yarding, or loading operations each day
10 during the dry period when fire is likely to spread. The person conducting the inspection shall
11 have adequate communication available for prompt reporting of any fire that may be detected.

12 The LTO shall implement 14 CCR § 938.8 (a)(1)(A)- (D) below as appropriate for the operation:

13 **(1)** On operations utilizing rotating metal blade mechanical felling (RBMF) machines
14 (either "hot saw" or intermittent, excluding chainsaw type bars or shears), requirements listed
15 below in 14 CCR § 938.8 (a)(1)(A)-(D) shall apply:

16 **(A)** The patrol for operations utilizing RBMF machines must inspect operating
17 areas on foot. Their vehicle shall be parked within or as closely as possible to the area being
18 patrolled, and shall be equipped to fight fire , with the following, 1) a serviceable 5 gallon
19 backpack pump filled with water, 2) A shovel or McLeod fire tool, and 3) either a double bit ax,
20 or a serviceable chainsaw with a minimum 20 inch bar, and 4) shall have communications
21 equipment capable of summoning additional fire suppression resources or contacting the
22 agency responsible for fire suppression. The patrol shall carry a round point shovel with an
23 overall length of at least 46 inches during the foot patrol.

24 **(B)** The patrol for the areas where RBMF machines are being used will inspect all
25 areas that day felled by RBMF machines. The inspection shall occur for at least two hours after

1 cessation of RBMF operations, documenting areas covered during the patrol and approximate
2 times of the coverage in each area.

3 (C) The patrol will conduct inspection using an approach capable of detecting
4 small, smoldering fires.

5 (D) The LTO shall ensure that if wood debris or chips are accumulating in the
6 cutting head, then equipment operators will clean out blade guards no less frequently than every
7 two hours during operations to prevent the build-up of vegetative material that could ignite and
8 be discharged to start a fire.

9 The portions of this regulation adopted by the Board in 2009 will expire on December 31,
10 2012.

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12 Note: Authority cited: Sections 4551 and 4553, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section
13 4551.5, Public Resources Code.