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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Post Fire Six Rivers 2022 Restoration Project Phase 3

Date Released: Monday, August 17, 2026

CLOSING DATE: Proposals must be received by Friday, August 28, 2026 by 5 p.m.

PROJECT TITLE: "Post Fire Six Rivers 2022 Restoration Project Phase 3"

CONTACT PERSON: Katrina Cole, Forest Health Program Manager
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SCHEDULE:

Release of Request for Proposal (RFP)	Mon., August 17, 2026
Non-mandatory Pre-proposal Meeting (on site)	Mon., August 24, 2026 at 11:00 am
RFP Questions Due	Tues., August 25, 2026 by 5pm
HCRCD Responds to Questions	Thurs., August 27, 2026 by 5pm
Proposal Due	Fri., August 28, 2026 by 5pm
Notice of Award	Wedn., September 2, 2026 by 5pm

Proposals for the Post Fire Six Rivers 2022 Restoration Project Phase 3 will be received by the Humboldt County Resource Conservation District (HCRCD) until 5 p.m. on Friday, August 28, 2026. Submit proposals by electronic submissions to katrina@hcrd.org. Hard copies may be received by coordinating hand delivery with Katrina Cole, Program Manager, at least 48 hours prior.

The HCRCD will conduct a non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting of the Project Areas on August 24, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. The meeting will commence at the Bigfoot Museum parking lot at 38949 Hwy. 299 in Willow Creek, CA. Please contact the HCRCD for detailed directions. All interested parties are required to R.S.V.P. to Program Manager, Katrina Cole by email at katrina@hcrd.org. Final questions need to be submitted no later than August 25, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. in email format to katrina@hcrd.org. Responses from the pre-proposal meeting to all questions submitted via email will be posted as an addendum to the RFP at the HCRCD website (www.humboldtrcd.org) no later than August 27, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

All interested firms are invited to submit a proposal in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the Request for Proposals which can be accessed at the HCRCD website (www.humboldtrcd.org).

BACKGROUND

The HCRCD is seeking proposals from qualified and experienced contractors to provide all labor,

materials and equipment necessary to carry out the Post Fire Six Rivers 2022 Restoration Project Phase 3.

The HCRCD intends to make an award using the evaluation criteria listed in the specification to determine the proposal with the best value for the HCRCD. This type of fuel reduction work is not currently considered a public works project under Labor Code 1720; therefore, this project is not considered a Public Works project and not subject to prevailing wage requirements.

The respondents are expected to identify the cost to complete the work and provide unit costs as identified in the **Schedule of Items/ Proposal Form (Exhibit B)** for each item specified. The actual quantities required may fluctuate up or down, the unit prices proposed by each respondent will remain firm and will not be negotiated. All unit prices shall include all necessary overhead and profit. Items not listed in the schedule of values such as preparation and submittal of necessary permits, profit, etc. shall be distributed throughout the respondent's unit process for the items listed. The respondent must submit pricing as requested in the RFP.

The respondents are advised that the maps, statement of work, and specifications included in this solicitation are intended to be the basis for performance of the Project and for the purpose of establishing a cost proposal for completing the mitigation. The maps, statement of work and specifications were prepared by the HCRCD and convey the general overall scope and nature of the Project, including descriptions of the environmental mitigation and protection requirements.

PROJECT SUMMARY

The Project will restore post fire habitat on approximately 31 acres total in Willow Creek to remove hazardous vegetation. These project areas will be filed under a CAL FIRE Forest Resilience Exemption. Commercial harvest activities will be a component of this project. Trees to be removed will be sample marked with spray paint or other methods by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) in at least 10% of each forest type within the project area. An LTO-A license is required to complete this work, and the LTO-A license will be recorded on the CAL FIRE exemption. Mechanical and manual treatments will be used. At the LTO-A's discretion, manual crews may be hired as subcontractors under the LTO-A. The objectives of this Project are to:

1. Significantly reduce hazardous vegetation from within the Six Rivers 2022 wildfire footprint and adjacent areas.
2. Increase overall forest health and resilience within local communities, including work completed and planned under the Greater Willow Creek Area Wildfire Resilience Project.

HCRCD contracted James L. Able Forestry Consultants, Inc. to provide RPF services in association with this project. HCRCD and the LANDOWNERS have a landowner agreement binding them to the terms and conditions of the project. LANDOWNERS will be given CONTRACTOR'S contact information and vice versa. The landowners relinquished all ownership of affected commercial forest products created during the project. HCRCD owns the forest products during the time period of the project.

The timeline for the project is approximately listed below. CAL FIRE exemption permits are valid for one year after filing and all project activities must be completed during that time. Grant funds for this project expire in March 2027 and all inspections must be completed by January 2027 at the latest.

September 2026: RPF to submit exemption paperwork and show log buyers the wood.

September/October 2026: Begin operations.

January 2027: Complete operations.
January 2027: Final inspection.
This plan is subject to change depending on weather.

PDF maps will be provided to the CONTRACTOR. All cultural and biological resource surveys will be completed prior to project implementation.

PROJECT AREA

The Post Fire- Six Rivers 2022 Restoration Project Phase 3 is located near Willow Creek in Humboldt County, California in **Sections 16, & 22, T7N; R5E; HB&M**. The project area is a mix of dense resprouting vegetation, and standing living/dead trees. The project occurs in the footprint of the Six Rivers 2022 wildfire and adjacent areas and is funded by the USDA Forest Service. The USDA Forest Service is an equal opportunity provider.

The project area has been defined as follows:

1) Coon Creek- 31 acres

- See Figure 1 for operational details on landings, infrastructure, and road access.
- A CAL FIRE Forest Resilience Exemption will be used to complete work.
- Mortality from the wildfire was low to moderate overall, but there are some isolated areas of severe mortality within the project area that will need to be treated.
- Unit treatments consist primarily of the removal of standing live and dead trees (heavy thinning), and understory fuels reduction to treat established ladder fuels as well as debris resulting from tree removal/thinning.
- Heavy vegetation and tree removal will occur by mechanical treatment (24 acres), and manual treatment (7 acres), where designated in the CAL FIRE Forest Resilience Exemption. Conifer and hardwood leave trees are identified in the majority of the unit (yellow paint), and in manual treatment areas a prescription has been provided based on project objectives and retention requirements. (Refer to attached Exemption draft)
- Cut and treat at least 80% of the shrubs, brush and non-merchantable trees in the understory down to 1" in diameter to reduce ladder fuels. (Also refer to specifications below.)
- Slash and debris will be disposed of by piling and burning, lop and scattering, mastication, chipping, or removal from the site. A minimum of 90% of the slash and debris shall be treated per acre.
- Merchantable logs will be commercialized and sent to a local mill or firewood operations (one or multiple). Merchantability of saw logs and firewood can be advised to the LTO by the RPF. However, the LTO should have a good understanding of what merchantability and merchandising standards for saw logs and firewood are.
- Conifer sawlog bucking specifications will likely need to meet North Fork Lumber standards with a minimum log length of 10'6", and a minimum diameter of 6". Additional details will be provided prior to commencement of work.
- CONTRACTOR will be responsible for all required road maintenance on haul roads and preparation/closeout of logging infrastructure, including tractor roads and landings. CONTRACTOR road work will be subject to all requirements of the CAL FIRE Exemption permit.
- Estimated load count for this unit is 10-15 loads of conifer sawlogs and 30-40 firewood

- log loads (log truck).
- Up to 20 cords of firewood logs must be left for landowner of northern parcel at designated landings.
- Utilization of a Feller Buncher is preferred for the majority of mechanical treatment.

SCOPE OF WORK

The CONTRACTOR is required to comply with all terms and requirements as defined in the Request for Proposals. The scope of work for this project includes the activities necessary to reduce hazardous fuels. This may include a variety of activities such as: clearing of standing and downed dead trees and debris, yarding of most logs and debris to piles or other locations where they will be burned or otherwise disposed of and yarding of designated trees to designated landings. All costs should be proposed on a treatment per acre basis.

There may also be downed logs that are still merchantable and will require treatment. Activities associated with these treatments include but are not limited to: manufacturing commercial sawlogs, manufacturing firewood logs, loading logs onto transportation, contracting transportation, documenting and reporting transportation of material to the HCRC and RPF. In addition to the treatment of slash and cutting of trees, fuels reduction activities will also require removal of ladder fuels, pruning of live trees, rehabilitation of disturbed areas to comply with state standards and laws such as installation of erosion control measures including but not limited to water bars, rolling dips, straw mulch, wattles, slash packing, etc.

Hazardous Fuels Treatment

CONTRACTOR will need to utilize manual and mechanical treatments with a variety of methods or equipment. CONTRACTOR can choose what equipment is used at each project site to maximize efficiency and reduce costs as allowed by the CAL FIRE Exemptions and California Forest Practice Rules. CONTRACTOR may choose to subcontract work for parts of the project, such as subcontracting a manual fuels crew. CONTRACTOR shall furnish fuel and all supplies for equipment maintenance. Equipment shall be cleaned before entering the Project Area to prevent spread of noxious weeds and pathogens. Equipment should be free of leaks, in good operating condition, and have spark arresting equipment or a supercharger.

CONTRACTOR will follow the prescription created by Registered Professional Forester. Trees to be cut or leave will be marked with spray paint or other methods and are not-negotiable. Some treatments may be described by species and size to be cut such as with small diameter and non-merchantable trees as well as larger wildlife trees and retention of certain species such as oaks and madrones. If any marked tree is not feasible to leave or cut, this should be discussed and approved by the RPF and HCRC representatives.

Harvesting of live, dead, diseased or dying trees may occur of all size classes. In areas where the existing canopy is too open to suppress re-growth of shrubs, established seedlings and saplings of tree species will be retained. Seedlings and saplings will be selected based on species and vigor and located where openings in the canopy exist. Extreme care must be exercised by the CONTRACTOR to not damage residual trees during operations. Failure to protect the residual trees may result in termination or revision of contract.

CONTRACTOR should provide rates for the following activities at a per acre or hourly basis:

1. Tree Felling and Yarding

This includes cutting of live standing trees, hazard trees, fallen dead trees, brush etc. so as to comply with the applicable CAL FIRE exemptions. All trees to be cut or leave will be marked with spray paint or other methods and are not-negotiable. Some treatments may be described by species and size to be cut such as with small diameter and non-merchantable trees and larger wildlife trees. Specifications for yarding of logs to landings will be provided to the CONTRACTOR at the pre-operations meeting. This also includes yarding of large woody material 4" and larger in diameter to designated landing locations. Yarding may be accomplished by ground-based tractor methods on slopes less than 50%, or with cable/winch/ing/manual-based methods on steeper terrain. Ground based mechanical operations may be conducted on stable roads that have adjacent slopes over 50% as directed by the RPF and HCRCD representatives. Manufacturing specifications of saw or firewood logs will be discussed at the pre-operations meeting as well.

Landowners have requested specific amounts of firewood to be left (see unit descriptions above) for personal use. In those instances, firewood quality limbs and logs larger than six inches diameter will be safely stacked at designated landings and will be kept separate from commercial logs. Logs will be left no longer than 16 feet. Wood chips will hauled off site to designated locations or broadcast onto forest floor.

Slash and Ladder Fuel Treatment Specifications (per CAL FIRE Exemption Permit)

- Slash and Woody Debris shall be treated to achieve a maximum post-harvest depth of eighteen (18) inches above the ground except within one hundred fifty (150) feet from any point of an approved and legally permitted structure that complies with the California Standards Building Code per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(1).
- All surface fuels within one-hundred-fifty (150) feet of an Approved and Legally Permitted Structure, which could promote the spread of wildfire, shall be chipped, burned, or removed within forty-five (45) days from the start of Timber Operations per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(2).
- Slash and woody debris, created during operations, within 50 feet of a public road or critical infrastructure, shall be chipped, burned, or removed per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(3).
- Vertical spacing shall be achieved by treating dead fuels, excluding dead branches on the trees retained for Stocking, to a minimum clearance distance of eight (8) feet measured from the base of the live crown of the post-harvest Dominants and Codominants to the top of the dead surface or ladder fuels, whichever is taller per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(4).

All permits required for pile burning are the responsibility of HCRCD. CONTRACTOR may be requested to assist with details in a Smoke Management Plan. Piles shall be neat, compact and sufficiently free of dirt to allow consumption of the piled debris when burned. A portion of the pile shall be covered with paper to enhance ignition.

2. Loading and Transportation

This involves the loading of large woody debris in the form of logs onto transportation. Landings are designated by RPF at pre-operations meeting but may be located in other locations with consultation of RPF or HCRCD representatives. Loading can occur anywhere that saturated soil conditions do not exist and outside of watercourse protection zones. Log size and quantity will be determined with the CONTRACTOR. Loading and transportation are listed at a per hour rate to reflect the unknown amount of material and destination trip durations. Longer lengths will be prioritized for saw log truck transport. Firewood logs will be left in lengths so as to fit into the transportation method. Destinations for

firewood logs is likely to be in Arcata and Samoa. New destinations may be added during the course of operations and travel time adjusted and paid accordingly. All trucking and loading fees will be paid for by HCRCD per an hourly basis.

All state laws and regulations such as the Forest Practice Rules, Fire Protection, Water Quality and Wildlife protections, as well as HCRCD stated BMPs shall be followed during conducting of operations on this project. This also includes all road maintenance such as water barring, erosion control installation, grading and repairing of roads that are excessively damaged by operations, and watering of roads where necessary.

HCRCDC Inspections

HCRCD contracted Registered Professional Foresters (RPF) through James L. James Forestry Consultants, Inc. to inspect all work and ensure that the services are acceptable. The inspection does not relieve the CONTRACTOR of the responsibility for maintaining quality control.

Inspections and a submitted report from the RPF will be required prior to HCRCD accepting invoices from the CONTRACTOR. Invoices will be accepted monthly or quarterly. Inspections for payment will be made on completed items/treatment units only. Payments of the CONTRACTOR's invoices will be based on unit pricing provided by the CONTRACTOR in their proposal. **Please note that payments of the CONTRACTOR's invoices are subject to the reimbursement schedule dictated by the funding source and may be delayed up to 90 – 120 days from HCRCD's receipt of CONTRACTOR's invoice and submission of reimbursement request.** HCRCD may withhold up to 5% percent of the invoice amount until contract completion.

Identification of Protected Species or Other Critical Resources

With all environmentally sensitive areas, identification and avoidance during project implementation is important. Should any sensitive resources be found during project implementation, the area should be avoided until the appropriate agencies and HCRCD staff review the situation. Examples include raptor nests and cavities used as nests, mammal ground nests and burrows etc.

CONTRACTOR shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and policies governing the funds and scope under this agreement.

Winter Operating Plan

The project may be conducted during the winter period. The Winter Operating Plan applies to the period November 1 to April 1.

- a. Heavy equipment shall not be used under saturated soil conditions as directed by the supervising RPF. Saturated soil conditions may be indicated by potential for significant sediment discharge or equipment inoperability under its own power (see Forest Practice Regulations 895.1).

Best Management Practices (Standard Operating Procedures)

The project is designed to avoid or minimize impacts to cultural and biological resources and Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be implemented to avoid any erosion during project activities.

CONTRACTOR will comply with CAL FIRE Exemption standards and in addition, the standards listed below.

General:

- CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for ensuring protection of structures, fences, power lines and other utilities, including underground water lines, power lines, communication lines, septic systems and drainage structures. The RPF will provide information on the location of infrastructure prior to operations.
- Burn piles will be located outside of any Watercourse Lake and Protection Zone (WLPZ). Burn piles will be located at least 25 feet from the dripline of any residual trees.

Noise:

- Hours of operation will be limited to the hours of 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday to minimize the potential for noise impacts on residences near and within the project area. Weekend work may be approved with written permission from HCRCD.
- All equipment used in site preparation will meet or exceed State standards for noise control.

Fire Prevention:

- HCRCD will coordinate with the CONTRACTOR to stop or reduce work hours during periods of increased predicted fire risk based on local fuel and weather data. CONTRACTOR should anticipate work stoppage to occur during Red Flag Warnings or days with Adjective Ratings of Very High or Extreme.

Cultural Resources:

- Surveys were conducted to determine if cultural resources are located on participating parcels. If present, survey results are confidential. All known cultural resources will be flagged or otherwise indicated in the field. A monitor may be necessary during operations and the monitor will be designated by HCRCD.
- If previously unknown cultural resources are discovered during operations, all work in the area shall cease and the RPF and HCRCD staff shall be notified immediately. Any cultural sites discovered during operations will be flagged for avoidance.

Traffic:

- Warning signs will be posted in work areas to alert oncoming traffic to the safety hazards associated with the operation. Signs are the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

GENERAL

1. It is not the intent of the specifications to cover each and every detail. Any problems that may arise must be promptly reported to the HCRCD or Partners and will be subject to the decision of the HCRCD. The CONTRACTOR is expected to carefully examine the size and scope of the proposed work prior to submitting its proposal. The CONTRACTOR certifies it has checked carefully all the quantities, specifications, maps and figures, and understands that the HCRCD nor Partners will not be responsible for any errors or omissions on the part of the CONTRACTOR in compiling and submitting this proposal.
2. The CONTRACTOR agrees that they will provide the materials and/or perform the work herein under the terms and conditions set forth in the awarded contract; and shall furnish and be responsible for all the labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, insurance, notifications, licenses, permits, and all other services and facilities necessary, including all incidental work and appurtenances as may be reasonably implied and as described in the specifications and other Contract documents. All costs incidental to these requirements will not be paid for separately but shall be included in the work, including testing, if needed. CONTRACTOR shall be responsible to pay all costs for permits, licenses, fees

and insurance which may be required to perform the work required.

3. CONTRACTOR will obtain and maintain in full force and effect throughout the term of this Project, and thereafter as to matters occurring during the term of this Project, the insurance coverage as specified in Exhibit C. Agreement Template.

4. Any portion or aspect of the property, including but not limited to roads, trails, gates, fences, culverts and/or drainage structures, or signs or other improvements damaged by CONTRACTOR will be repaired to a like or better condition at the end of the project as that found prior to the start of work. Repairs may include repairing or replacing drainage control features. Upon notice from HCRCD, significant damage to existing roads, trails or other improvements, caused by CONTRACTOR, must be repaired by CONTRACTOR at CONTRACTOR's expense within ten (10) working days of the notification by the HCRCD.

5. CONTRACTOR will obtain any and all permits required for transporting and hauling activities on state and county roads. Haul routes must be planned, prior to proposing, observing load limits on bridges or roadways, existing roadway conditions, and Federal, State and local governmental regulations regarding truck traffic and truck routes. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all legal load restrictions in hauling of materials on public roads. Permits as required must be obtained by the CONTRACTOR at its cost. Permits will not relieve the CONTRACTOR of liability for damage which may result from moving equipment. The operation of equipment of such weight or so loaded as to cause damage to roadways or to structures or to any type of construction will not be permitted. Hauling of materials over unpaved roads shall be only as directed by the HCRCD. The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for all damage done by his hauling equipment.

6. The work site should be left in a safe manner at the end of every workday, and the CONTRACTOR will take all reasonable precautions to avoid injury to the public.

7. Before daily acceptance, all areas occupied by the CONTRACTOR in connection with the work shall be cleaned of all CONTRACTOR garbage, excess materials, temporary structures, and equipment, and all parts of the work area shall be left in a neat and presentable condition.

8. Coordinate all work as necessary to complete the project, avoid damages to utilities and maintain utility service with each affected utility company.

9. Current federal Internal Revenue Service mileage rate will be accepted. In 2026 the rate is \$0.76/mile.

Proposal Submission Guidelines

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The schedule is tentative and may be subject to change by the HCRCD.

Award of Contract

The HCRCD may reject any and all proposals and re-issue this RFP. The HCRCD may waive any minor irregularities or immaterial defects in a proposal. The HCRCD reserves the right to request additional written or oral information from CONTRACTOR to obtain clarification on their proposals. All proposals become the property of the HCRCD and become a public record. All costs associated with development

of the proposal in response to the RFP shall be the sole responsibility of the CONTRACTOR and shall not be charged in any manner to the HCRCD.

Selection of the contract will be made within two weeks after the proposal due date to the proposal that meets the required qualifications, scope of work and selection criteria.

Proposal Submission

Complete submissions shall be emailed to Katrina Cole, Program Manager, katrina@hcrd.org. Hard copies will be accepted by appointment. Submissions must be received no later than 5pm, Friday, August 28, 2026. Receipt of the submission will be acknowledged via email. No submittals will be accepted after this deadline.

Any changes to this RFP are invalid unless specifically modified by the HCRCD and issued as a separate addendum document. Should there be any question as to changes to the content of this document, the HCRCD's copy shall prevail.

Proposal Format

Please use the **Schedule of Items/ Proposal Form** provided as **Exhibit B** to submit CONTRACTOR's Proposal. A word document will also be included for download on the HCRCD's website. All sections must be filled out unless noted as "optional" in Exhibit B. Proposals that do not furnish information organized according to the Schedule of Items/ Proposal Form or do not include the content specified in this RFP may be rejected as non-responsive. Responses may be handwritten or typed, and additional pages may be included to convey required information.

CONTRACTORS shall describe the methodology to be used to accomplish the tasks required for the scope of services. The HCRCD relies on the professional expertise and competence of the selected contractor and expects the contractor to be knowledgeable of the specific services identified in the scope of work and to include in its proposal all tasks required to implement the scope of services. The Schedule of Items/ Proposal Form includes the following sections:

1. Budget (20%)

HCRCD seeks the lowest responsible proposal that implies a realistic and achievable budget without burden to either party. Cost control measures will be evaluated. Points will be awarded for attendance at the bid walk.

2. Project Understanding and Approach (40%)

HCRCD seeks to ensure CONTRACTOR has access to equipment and workforce necessary to support project implementation and to meet the HCRCD's desired timeline for completing the project. Timely completion of this project is of utmost importance.

3. Prior experience and past performance (30%)

HCRCD requires evidence that the CONTRACTOR has the ability and capacity to successfully perform the Scope of Services. HCRCD and Partners will examine whether the firms have done similar work before, particularly in the Eastern Humboldt region, and how well they have performed that work. HCRCD and Partners consider each firms' performance records and professional reference reviews.

3. Social, Environmental, and Community Benefit (10%)

HCRCD values building local workforce capacity in forest health and wildfire resilience careers. Applicants who employ crew members from the local area, defined as Humboldt, Trinity, or Siskiyou counties, will be positively evaluated.

Evaluation Process

HCRCD staff will evaluate all proposals received for completeness and the CONTRACTOR's ability to meet all specifications as outlined in this RFP. The following evaluation criteria and weight of importance will be used in evaluating and selecting a contractor. Cost proposal criteria points will be awarded on a relative scale as described below.

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Budget	
Reasonable contractor rate and expenses	15
Meaningful cost control measures	5
Project Understanding and Approach	
Contractor equipment and workforce support and meets anticipated schedule	40
Prior Experience and Past Performance	
Demonstrated competence in the desired qualifications and experience outlined in this RFP	20
Thoroughness, quality, and responsiveness of submission	5
Quality and relevance of references	5
Social, Environmental, and Community Benefit	
Employment of local crew members	10

QUESTIONS/ ADDENDA

Any questions about this RFP shall be submitted in writing to the following email address: katrina@hcrd.org. To be considered, questions must be received by the HCRCD no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 19, 2026. The HCRCD may, if deemed necessary, respond to questions by issuance of formal addenda, interpreting or clarifying the requirements of this RFP. Any addenda processed shall be made part of this RFP request and binding upon each CONTRACTOR. All addenda will be posted on the HCRCD's website. Each bidder is solely responsible for obtaining all addenda posted on the HCRCD's website. The HCRCD may also direct attention to specific provisions of the RFP which cover the subject of the inquiry.

ATTACHMENTS:

EXHIBIT A – Project Area Map

EXHIBIT B – Proposal Template & Schedule of Items

EXHIBIT C – Agreement Template

EXHIBIT D – Draft Forest Resilience Exemption for Coon Creek Unit

EXHIBIT A – Project Area Map

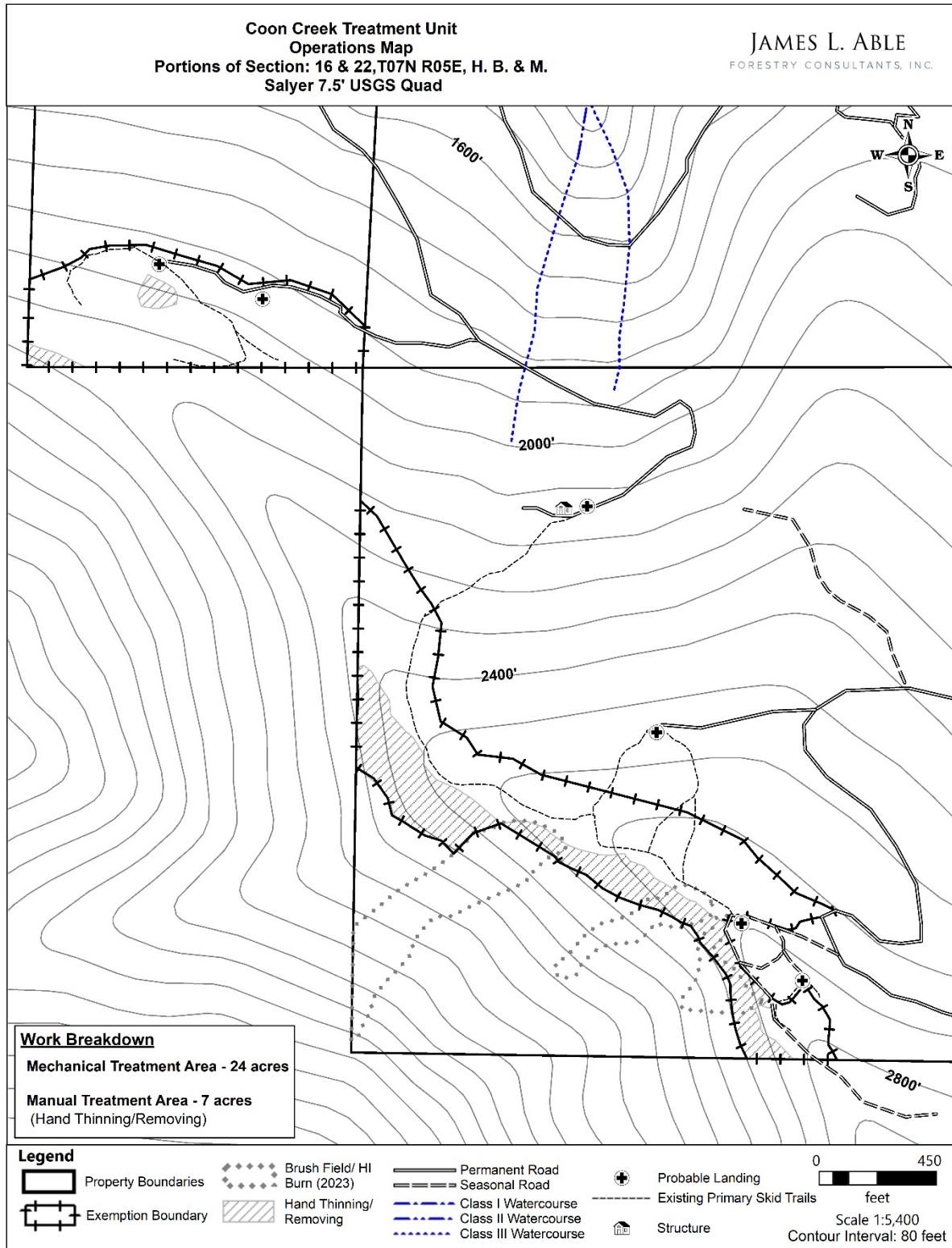


Figure 1: Project Area Specifications Map.

EXHIBIT B – Proposal Template & Schedule of Items

Project Name: Post Fire- Six Rivers 2022 Restoration Project Phase 3

Contractor Information:

Company Name	
Contact Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email	

Project Understanding and Approach: Provide a response in the space provided below. Please attach additional page(s) if required.

Equipment to be utilized: provide make and model for each piece of equipment	
Key staff required; please note if you will subcontract any portion of this work (ex: LTO-A, mechanical or manual crews)	
California Contractor License No. or other licenses as pertinent:	
LTO-A License No.	
Proposed schedule (start and end dates)	
Estimated number of workdays to complete project (range of days)	
Additional information (Optional):	

Experience and Qualifications: Provide a general description of CONTRACTOR's experience and qualifications regarding similar projects. Please attach relevant photos if available (maximum 2 photos).

Key Projects			
Project 1			
Project 2			
Key Staff Names & Qualifications			
Professional Reference 1	Name	Affiliation	Telephone Number
	Email Address		
Professional Reference 2	Name	Affiliation	Telephone Number
	Email Address		
Additional information (Subcontractors, Optional):			

Cost Proposal: Submit a unit price and total price for the work outlined in the **Schedule of Items**, below. The Cost Proposal will be submitted based on the Schedule of Items. Estimated quantities are based upon the best available information at the time of advertisement of the RFP. The actual acreages treated will be the basis of payment for fuel treatments. Please provide cost per hour for both loading and transportation, as number of loads is undetermined; payment for these items will be based on the actual hours worked. The unit prices will remain firm and will not be negotiated. In case of discrepancy between unit prices and totals, unit prices will prevail.

Schedule of Items: Project is available for treatment upon Notice to Proceed.

Coon Creek Project Area- 31 Acres (Figure 1)				
TREATMENT	QUANTITY	UNIT	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL PRICE
Mechanical Fuels Treatment	24	Acres	\$	\$
Manual Fuels Treatment	7	Acres	\$	\$
Loading	TBD	Hours	\$	Undetermined
Transportation	TBD	Hours	\$	Undetermined
\$				

EXHIBIT C – Agreement Template

HUMBOLDT COUNTY RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT

This Agreement is made as of _____ by and between _____, hereinafter referred to as “CONTRACTOR” and **Humboldt County Resource Conservation District**, hereinafter referred to as “DISTRICT” to provide contractor services for the Post Fire- Six Rivers 2022 Restoration Project, hereinafter referred to as “PROJECT”.

SCOPE OF WORK: DISTRICT is retaining CONTRACTOR to conduct the Project as defined in the Request for Proposal released by the DISTRICT on August 17, 2026 and hereby incorporated into this agreement as *Exhibit 1*.

The HCRCD contracted James L. Able Forestry Consultants, Inc. to provide Registered Professional Forester (RPF) services in association with this project.

NOTICE TO PROCEED: DISTRICT will issue a NOTICE TO PROCEED to the CONTRACTOR authorizing CONTRACTOR to proceed with PROJECT work upon receiving the following:

1. Insurance certificates naming Humboldt County Resource Conservation District, its directors, officers, agents, and employees, as additionally insured as required by Section 3 of *Exhibit 2*.

COMPENSATION: The total value of this Agreement shall not exceed \$. Compensation is based on the following unit prices and actual acres treated:

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TERMINATION DATE: This Agreement terminates on January 31, 2027 or expiration of insurance certificate, whichever comes first.

INVOICING: Invoices for services rendered and any fees due shall be submitted to the DISTRICT at 5630 South Broadway, Eureka, CA 95503 or katrina@hcrd.org. CONTRACTOR may submit invoices for payment no more often than once a month and no less often than quarterly. Invoice(s) must include the following additional documentation:

- a. Inspection by HCRCD designated Registered Professional Forester.

FUNDING AND PAYMENTS: This Agreement is funded under federal funding awards from USDA, Forest Service, Region 5, State and Private Forestry, Federal Award Number 22-DG-11052021-206 or other funding sources as may be determined by DISTRICT. This Agreement is funded in whole or in part by federal funds and subject to the following federal requirements under the terms of the funding agreement(s) between DISTRICT and the federal agency or agencies providing federal funds, hereby

incorporated into this agreement as *Exhibit 3*. Inspections for payment will be made on completed items/treatment units only. Payments of the CONTRACTOR's invoices will be based on unit pricing provided by the CONTRACTOR in their proposal. DISTRICT will provide payment to CONTRACTOR within 30 days of receipt of payment from the funder and will withhold up to 10% percent of the invoice amount until contract completion.

NOTICES: Any notice required to be given pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall be in writing and sent via first-class mail. Notices shall be deemed effective two (2) days after mailing to the following addresses:

CONTRACTOR:

DISTRICT:

For:

CONTRACTOR

Humboldt County Resource Conservation District

By: _____

By: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

Exhibit 2: Required Terms

CONTRACTOR agrees with the DISTRICT that:

1. CONTRACTOR is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to be insured against liability for workers' compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that code, and CONTRACTOR will comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the work of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR and any sub-contractors will keep workers' compensation insurance for their employees in effect during all work covered by this Agreement.
2. CONTRACTOR waives all claims and recourse against the DISTRICT, including the right to contribution or indemnity for any claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses or liabilities for death or injury to persons or damage to property arising from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incident to CONTRACTOR'S performance of this contract, except claims arising from the negligence of the DISTRICT, its directors, officers, agents, or employees. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify and hold DISTRICT, the landowners, its directors, officers, agents, and employees harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, costs expenses, or liabilities from third parties arising from, growing out of, or in any way connected with or incident to CONTRACTOR'S performance of this contract, except claims arising from the negligence of the DISTRICT, its directors, officers, agents, or employees.
3. CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of the contract insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder and the results of that work by the CONTRACTOR, its agents, representatives, employees, or subcontractors.

- 1) Specifically, CONTRACTOR will file with the DISTRICT before beginning work, certificates of insurance and policy endorsements satisfactory to the DISTRICT evidencing:
 - i. Commercial General Liability (CGL) and Loggers Broad Form (LBF). CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain insurance applicable to third party claims related to performance of the Scope of Work, either through CGL or LBF or a combination of both. Such coverage shall be on an "occurrence" basis, including products and completed operations, property damage, bodily injury and personal & advertising injury with limits no less than \$2,000,000 per occurrence. If a general aggregate limit applies, either the general aggregate limit shall apply separately to this project/location or the general aggregate limit shall be twice the required occurrence limit. The CGL and LBF insurance shall name and include DISTRICT, and their officers, directors, agents and employees, and the landowner as Additional Insureds using ISO additional insured endorsement CG 20 10 04 13 or its equivalent, which coverage shall be maintained for the benefit of the Additional Insureds for a period of one year following completion of the Scope of Work. Additional insured coverage as required in this paragraph shall apply as primary insurance with respect to any other insurance or self-insurance program available to the any of the Additional Insureds.
 - ii. Comprehensive Automobile Liability Insurance. Comprehensive automobile

liability insurance (Bodily Injury and Property Damage) on owned, hired, leased and non-owned vehicles used in conjunction with CONTRACTOR's business of not less than \$2,000,000 combined single limit per occurrence.

iii. Workers' Compensation insurance as required by the State of California, with Statutory Limits, and Employer's Liability Insurance with limit of no less than \$1,000,000 per accident for bodily injury or disease.

- 2) If the CONTRACTOR maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the DISTRICT requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or the higher limits maintained by the CONTRACTOR. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the DISTRICT.
 - 3) Self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the DISTRICT. At the option of the DISTRICT, the CONTRACTOR shall provide coverage to reduce or eliminate such self-insured retentions as respects the DISTRICT, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers; or the CONTRACTOR shall provide evidence satisfactory to the DISTRICT guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigations, claim administration, and defense expenses. The policy language shall provide, or be endorsed to provide, that the self-insured retention may be satisfied by either the named insured or DISTRICT.
 - 4) Each insurance policy required above shall provide that coverage shall not be canceled, except with notice to the DISTRICT.
 - 5) Insurance is to be placed with insurers authorized to conduct business in the state with a current A.M. Best rating of no less than A: VII if admitted in the State of California.
 - 6) If any of the required coverages expire during the term of this Agreement, the CONTRACTOR shall deliver the renewal certificate(s) including the general liability additional insured endorsement to the DISTRICT at least ten (10) days prior to the expiration date.
4. Any change in the Scope of Work, method of performance, nature of materials or price thereof, or to any other matter materially affecting the performance or nature of the work will not be paid for or accepted unless such change, addition or deletion is approved in advance, in writing by a supplemental agreement executed by the DISTRICT.
5. Permits required by governmental authorities will be obtained by the CONTRACTOR and at the CONTRACTOR's expense, and CONTRACTOR will comply with local, state and federal regulations and statutes including the Cal/OSHA requirements.
6. CONTRACTOR warrants that it is not currently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs under Executive Order 12549, "Debarment and Suspension".
7. CONTRACTOR warrants that during the performance of this Agreement it shall not unlawfully discriminate against, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because or any reason covered under law nor unlawfully deny family-care leave, medical care leave, or pregnancy-disability leave. CONTRACTOR further warrants that it will comply with the provisions of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (Gov. Code §12990 (a-f) et seq.) and the applicable regulations thereunder (California Code of regulations, title 2, Section 7285 et seq.)

The applicable regulations of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission implementing California Code of Regulations Section 12990 (a-f) set forth in Chapter 5 of Division 4 of Title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, are incorporated into this Agreement by reference and made a part hereof as if set forth in full. Subcontractors shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other Agreement.

8. CONTRACTOR asserts that they are in compliance with California's Drug Free Workplace Act of 1990 and that they will provide a drug-free workplace by doing all of the following:

- 1) Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the person's or organization's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violations of the prohibition; and
- 2) Establishing a drug-free awareness program to inform employees about all of the following: a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace, b) the CONTRACTOR's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace, c) any available drug counseling, rehabilitation and employee assistance programs, and d) the penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations; and
- 3) Requiring that each employee engaged in the performance of the contract or grant be given a copy of the statement required by subdivision (a) of the act and that, as a condition of employment on the contract or grant, the employee agrees to abide by the terms of the statement.

9. CONTRACTOR shall maintain acceptable management systems of financial accounts, documents, and records relating to this Agreement during the term of this Agreement. Such systems shall provide accurate, current and complete disclosure of the financial activity under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall retain these records for a minimum of three (3) years following the date of final disbursement by the DISTRICT under this Agreement, regardless of the termination date.

10. CONTRACTOR agrees to allow auditor(s) from the DISTRICT, United States of America, State of California, or their designated representative the right to review and to copy any records and supporting documentation pertaining to the performance of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR agrees to allow access to such records during normal business hours and to allow interviews of any employees who might reasonably have information related to such records. CONTRACTOR agrees to maintain such records for possible audit for a minimum of three (3) years after final payment.

Exhibit 2: Federal Contract Provisions

Federally Funded Projects. This Project is funded in whole or in part by federal funds and subject to the following federal requirements under the terms of the funding agreement(s) between District and the federal agency or agencies providing federal funds. Copies of any funding agreement between District and a funding agency will be made available upon request.

1. Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. In addition to the California state law requirements, Contractor and each subcontractor must comply with the requirements of the federal Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (“CWHSSA”), as set forth in 40 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3708, as supplemented by the regulations set forth in 29 CFR Part 5, including 29 CFR § 5.5(b), as may be amended from time to time.

2. Suspension and Debarment. This Contract is a covered transaction for purposes of 2 CFR Part 180 and 2 CFR Part 3000. Contractor is required to verify that none of its principals, as defined at 2 CFR § 180.995, or its affiliates, as defined at 2 CFR § 180.905, are excluded or disqualified, as defined at 2 CFR §§ 180.935 and 180.940. Contractor must comply with 2 CFR Part 180, subpart C and 2 CFR Part 3000, subpart C, and must include a provision requiring compliance with these regulations in any subcontract of any tier. If it is later determined that the Contractor did not comply with the applicable subparts, in addition to the remedies available to District, the federal government may pursue available remedies, including, but not limited to, suspension and/or debarment. By submitting a bid and entering into this Contract, Contractor agrees to comply with these requirements.

3. Procurement of Recovered Materials. The requirements of § 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 at 42 U.S.C. § 6962, apply to this Contract and are fully incorporated into the Contract Documents by this reference. For individual purchases of \$10,000 or more, Contractor will make maximum use of products containing recovered materials that are EPA-designated items unless the product cannot be acquired (A) competitively within the Contract schedule, (B) in conformance with Contract performance requirements, or (C) at a reasonable price. Information on this requirement, including a list of EPA-designated items, is available at the EPA’s Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines website: <https://www.epa.gov/smm/comprehensive-procurement-guideline-cpg-program>.

4. Prohibition on Covered Telecommunications. Federal loan or grant funds must not be obligated or expended to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services, extend or renew a contract to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services, or enter into a contract (or extend or renew a contract) to procure or obtain covered telecommunications equipment or services, as further specified in 2 CFR § 200.216, which is fully incorporated into the Contract Documents by this reference. “Covered telecommunications equipment or services” means any of the following: telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities); video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities); telecommunications or video surveillance services

provided by such entities or using such equipment; or telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of the National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country. The term “covered telecommunications equipment or services” also includes systems that use covered telecommunications equipment or services as a substantial or essential component of any system, or as critical technology as part of any system. Contractor will include this provision in all subcontracts or purchase orders in connection with the Work.

5. Domestic Preferences for Procurements. The District should, to the greatest extent practicable and consistent with the law, provide a preference for the purchase, acquisition, or use of goods, products, or materials produced in the United States, as further specified in 2 CFR § 200.322, which is fully incorporated into the Contract Documents by this reference, including, but not limited to, iron, aluminum, steel, cement, and other manufactured products, as specified therein. The requirements of 2 CFR § 200.322 must be included in all subcontracts and purchase orders for work or products under the federal award.

6. Small and Minority Businesses. The Contractor will consider small businesses, minority businesses, women’s business enterprises, veteran-owned businesses, and labor surplus area firms for subcontracts, as set forth in 2 CFR § 200.321, when possible and subject to the limitations of law. Consideration means:

- (A) These business types are included on solicitation lists;
- (B) These business types are solicited whenever they are deemed eligible as potential sources;
- (C) Dividing procurement transactions into separate procurements to permit maximum participation by these business types;
- (D) Establishing delivery schedules that encourage participation by these business types;
- (E) Utilizing organizations such as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and
- (F) Requiring subcontractors to apply this section to lower-tier subcontracts, if any.

EX Notice Number: _____

Date Received: _____

Date Accepted: _____

Date Expires: _____

FOREST RESILIENCE EXEMPTION

Valid for one year from the date of receipt by CAL FIRE

Timber Operations pursuant to this notice may not commence for ten (10) working days from the date of the Directors receipt of this notice unless this delay is waived by the Director. If this notice is not complete and accurate, the Director shall notify the submitter within five (5) working days from the date of the Director's receipt, and Timber Operations may not commence. If the Director does not act within ten (10) working days of receipt of this notice, Timber Operations may commence. Timber Operations may not be conducted without a copy of the Director's notice of acceptance of this notice at the operating site per 14 CCR § 1038.3(y).

The Director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is hereby notified of Timber Operations pursuant to 14 CCR § 1038.3 for the purpose of harvesting trees to eliminate the vertical continuity of vegetative fuels and the horizontal continuity of tree crowns, for the purpose of reducing flammable materials to reduce fire spread, duration and intensity, fuel ignitability, or ignition of tree crowns. These operations are exempt from the plan preparation and submission requirements (PRC § 4581) and from the completion report and Stocking report requirements (PRC §§ 4585 and 4587) of the Forest Practice Act (FPA). Complete all Items on this notice, when responses do not fit in the space provided, so state, and add additional pages as necessary.

NOTES:

- This Notice of Exemption shall only be used on Timberlands that are considered moderate, high, or very high fire threat within the most recent version of the Department's Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map, located at: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones> per 14 CCR § 1038.3(b).
Harvest Area shall not exceed five hundred (500) acres per 14 CCR § 1038.3(c).
- Only trees less than 30 inches in diameter at breast height (dbh) may be removed per 14 CCR § 1038.3(h), except dead or dying trees up to 36 inches dbh pursuant to 14 CCR § 1038.3(j).

The Notice of Exemption shall be prepared, signed and submitted by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF). The RPF shall be retained to oversee all construction of Roads and Landings and provide for necessary mitigation to avoid potential impacts per 14 CCR § 1038.3(v).

1. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER

Name: Carter Krewson Lic. No.: 3110 Phone: (707) 445-4130

Mailing Address: 1410 2nd Street City: Eureka State: CA Zip: 95501

Email Address: ckrewson@ableforestry.com

I, the RPF, certify the post-harvest slash treatment and stand conditions will lead to more moderate fire behavior pursuant to 14 CCR § 1038.3(w)(7)], and the level of residual stocking shall be consistent with maximum sustained production of high-quality timber products per 14 CCR § 1038.3(x)(1), and affirm that the construction or reconstruction of Temporary Roads is necessary to provide access to Harvest Areas when no other feasible alternatives exist per 14 CCR § 1038.3(x)(2), and acknowledge the responsibilities as the RPF for this notice.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Per 14 CCR § 1038.3(f) the RPF responsible for submission of the Notice of Exemption shall designate Temporary Road locations, Landing locations, Tractor Road crossings of Class III Watercourses, Unstable Areas, or Connected Headwall Swales on the ground prior to submission of the notice.

Per 14 CCR § 1038.3(p) the RPF shall comply with 14 CCR § 1035.2 relating to the interaction between LTO and RPF. After approval of the notice preparation process but before commencement of Timber Operations by each LTO assigned to the notice, the responsible RPF or Supervised Designee, shall meet with either the LTO, or their representative, who will be on the ground and directly responsible for Timber Operation. The purpose of the meeting shall be for the RPF to familiarize the LTO with the notice, the notice area, and specific applicable requirements of the notice. The meeting shall be on-site if requested by either the RPF or LTO. An on-site meeting is required between the RPF or supervised designee familiar with on-site conditions and LTO to discuss protection of any archaeological or historical sites requiring protection if any such sites exist within the Site Survey Area pursuant to 14 CCR § 929.2 [949.2,969.2](b).

2. LICENSED TIMBER OPERATOR(S) When more than one LTO is on the notice, please provide a detailed description of Timber Operation responsibilities for each.

Name: _____ Lic. No.: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

3. TIMBERLAND OWNER(S) OF RECORD

Name: refer to attachment Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

I certify, as the legal Timberland Owner, that I have read and understand the information contained within this Notice of Exemption and acknowledge the responsibilities for this notice.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. TIMBER OWNER(S) OF RECORD

Name: Humboldt County Resource Conservation District Phone: (707) 832-5594

Mailing Address: 5630 S. Broadway St. City: Eureka State: CA Zip: 95503

Email Address: jill@hcrd.org

TIMBER TAX NOTICE: The **TIMBER OWNER** is responsible for payment of a yield tax.

For timber yield tax information or for assistance with these questions call 1-800-400-7115, or write: Timber Tax Section, MIC: 88, California Department of Tax and Fee Administration, P.O. Box 942879, Sacramento, CA 94279-0088; or see the CDTFA at <https://www.cdtfa.ca.gov>.

Some small or low-value harvests may be exempt from the Timber Yield Tax per Revenue and Taxation Code Section 38116. Timber Owners may be considered exempt if the value of the harvesting operations does not exceed \$3,000 dollars within a quarter, according to CDTFA's Timber Tax Harvest Value Schedules.

If the Timber Owner believes harvesting may be exempt (according to the timber tax exemption language above for low-value harvests) please complete the volume and species information below. Otherwise, proceed to the next item.

Final determination of tax-exempt status will be made by the Timber Tax Section of the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration.

If the CDTFA timber tax section is to be considered a tax exemption based on projected harvest, please complete the information below.

A. Select the best estimate of total volume for this harvest, in thousands of board feet (MBF - Net Scribner short log):

☐ Under 8 MBF ☐ 8 – 15 MBF ☐ 16 – 25 MBF ☒ Over 25 MBF

B. Estimate the percentage of timber to be removed during this harvest: (percentages should equal 100%)

Redwood _____% Ponderosa/Sugar Pine _____% Douglas-fir 10 % Other Conifer _____%
Cedar _____% Port-Orford Cedar _____% Fir _____% Other Hardwoods 90 %

C. Fuelwood over 150 cords? ☐ Yes ☒ No

D. Christmas trees over 3,000 lineal feet? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5. Will dead or dying trees over 30 inches dbh be harvested per 14 CCR § 1038.3(j)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

NOTE: Only dead or dying trees up to 36 inches dbh may be harvested in amounts less than ten (10) percent of the average volume per acre as described in 14 CCR § 1038.3(j).

If “Yes”, All dead or dying trees over 30 inches dbh that are harvested shall be marked by, or under the supervision of, a RPF before felling operations begin per 14 CCR § 1038.3(j)(1).

If “Yes”, the RPF shall consult with the Director and attach a summary of the consultation, including any recommendations provided by CAL FIRE, to the submitted notice of exemption per 14 CCR § 1038.3(j)(2).

6. Will timber harvesting occur within the standard width of a Watercourse or Lake Protection Zone (WLPZ)?
☐ Yes ☒ No

If “Yes”, trees to be harvested shall be marked by, or under the supervision of, a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) prior to Timber Operations per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(12).

If “Yes” to harvesting in the WLPZ, indicate the exception permitted per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(12):

- ☐ Sanitation-salvage harvesting, as identified in 14 CCR § 913.3 [933.3, 953.3], shall meet the Stocking Standards of 14 CCR § 912.7 [932.7, 952.7](b)(2) immediately after completion of operations, **or**
- ☐ The removal of dead or Dying Trees where consistent with 14 CCR § 916.4 [936.4, 956.4](b).

7. Will Timber Operations occur in a WLPZ, or within any equipment limitation zone (ELZ) or equipment exclusion zone (EEZ) designated for Watercourse or lake protection, **within a watershed with listed anadromous salmonids**? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If “Yes”, indicate the exception(s) permitted by 14 CCR § 916.9 [936.9, 956.9](s):

- ☐ Hauling on existing roads.
- ☐ Road maintenance.
- ☐ Operations conducted for public safety.
- ☐ Construction or reconstruction of approved Watercourse crossings.
- ☐ Temporary crossings of dry Class III Watercourses that do not require notification under Fish and Game Code §1600 et seq.
- ☐ Harvesting recommended *in writing* by California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to address specifically identified forest conditions (attach a copy of the written recommendation from CDFW).

8. **Description of the preharvest stand structure per 14 CCR § 1038.3(w)(6):** The information can include but is not limited to: species, basal area, and diameter distributions. (Add additional pages as needed)

Preharvest stand structure estimates:

Description		
Species	Basal Area	Diameter Distribution
Douglas-fir	60	<1" to 50" +
Tanoak/Madrone	500	<1" to 50" +

9. **QMD as required by 14 CCR § 1038.3(g).** QMD of trees 8 inches dbh or greater in the pre-harvest stand shall be increased in the post-harvest stand. The submitted Notice of Exemption shall report the expected post-harvest increase in QMD per 14 CCR § 1038.3(w)(7).

➤ Pre-harvest QMD: 17" Post-harvest QMD: 20" Expected Post-harvest QMD Increase: 3"

10. **Timber Marking per 14 CCR § 1038.3(i).** All trees that are harvested or all trees that are retained shall be marked or sample marked by, or under the supervision of a RPF before felling operations.

➤ Completed by: ☐ RPF ☐ Supervised Designee ☒ Both

➤ Trees marked: ☒ Leave trees ☐ Harvest trees ☐ Both

➤ Harvest area marked: ☒ Entire area

☒ Sample area: ☒ 10% ☐ up to 20 acres per stand type ☐ Both

NOTE: Sample marking shall be limited to homogeneous forest stand conditions typical of plantations.

When trees are sample marked, the prescription for unmarked areas shall be in writing per 14 CCR 1038.3(i). The RPF shall provide a written prescription describing how trees will be designated in the unmarked areas.

➤ RPF Prescription for unmarked areas: (Add additional pages as needed.)

refer to attachment

11. **Provide the selection criteria for the trees to be removed or the trees to be retained per 14 CCR § 1038.3(x)(3).** The RPF shall consider retaining elements, where feasible, including, but not limited to ground level cover necessary for the long-term management of local wildlife populations. Selection criteria shall specify how the trees to be removed, or how the trees to be retained, will be designated.

➤ Describe how trees will be designated for removal or retention: (Add additional pages as needed.)

refer to attachment

12. **Certify post-harvest Stocking level will be consistent with maximum sustained production of high quality timber products per 14 CCR § 1038.3(x)(1).** Will the residual stand consist primarily of healthy and vigorous Dominants and Codominants from the preharvest stand? ☒ Yes ☐ No

NOTES:

- Trees retained to meet the basal area stocking standards shall be selected from the largest trees available on the project area prior to harvest. In no case shall Stocking be reduced below the standards found within 14 CCR § 913.3 [933.3, 953.3](d)(1)(A)(1)-(4) Commercial Thinning Stocking Standards or 14 CCR § 913.2 [933.2, 953.2](a)(2)(A)(1)-(4) Selection Stocking Standards.
- Within the Coast District, if the preharvest crown canopy of dominants and codominants is occupied by trees less than fourteen (14) inches in dbh, a minimum of one hundred (100) trees over four (4) inches in dbh shall be retained per acre for Site I, II, and III lands, and a minimum of seventy-five (75) trees over four (4) inches in dbh shall be retained per acre for Site IV and V lands per 14 CCR § 1038.3(i)(1).
- Within the Northern District and Southern District, if the preharvest dominant and codominant crown canopy is occupied by trees less than fourteen (14) inches in dbh, a minimum of sixty-five (65) trees over four (4) inches in dbh shall be retained per acre on lands of all Site Classifications per 14 CCR § 1038.3(i)(2).
- Dead and dying trees in amounts less than ten (10) percent of the average volume per acre for trees up to

thirty-six (36) inches dbh may be harvested per 14 CCR § 1038.3(j).

- The six trees with the largest dbh per acre within the boundaries of a Notice of Exemption shall not be harvested per 14 CCR § 1038.3(k).
- No trees of the genus *Quercus* that are greater than twenty-two (22) inches in dbh shall be harvested per 14 CCR § 1038.3(l).
- The postharvest composition of tree species shall be representative of the preharvest stand condition and demonstrate progression towards climax forest conditions, unless otherwise explained by the RPF per 14 CCR § 1038.3(m).
- The minimum post treatment Canopy closure of Dominant and Codominant trees shall be 30% for all forest types on approximately 80% of the Harvest Area per 14 CCR § 1038.3(n).

- 13. Identify the designated postharvest stocking per 14 CCR § 1038.3(x)(1)(B)** . The selected stocking shall be applicable to, and consistent with, silviculture that would apply to the preharvest stand condition provided.

refer to attachment

- 14. Describe the preharvest stand conditions per 14 CCR § 1038.3(x)(1)(C)**. The information shall include but is not limited to stand ages, stand structure, past management activities, and landowner goals and objectives.

refer to attachment

- 15. Site Classification** (select all that apply): ☐Site I ☐Site II ☐Site III ☒Site IV ☐Site V

NOTE: The location of boundaries of timber-site classes needed for determination of Stocking Standards to be applied, down to at least a twenty (20) acre minimum, or as specified in the District Rules shall be provided per 14 CCR § 1038.4(j).

- 16. Fuel Treatment requirements per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(1)-(6):** Select the proposed fuel treatment method(s):

☒Chipping ☒Removing ☒Burning ☒Other (describe): Mastication

- Will any Timber Operations be within 150 feet of an Approved and Legally Permitted Structure?

☒Yes ☐No

- Will any Timber Operations be within 50 feet of a public road or critical infrastructure?

☐Yes ☒No

NOTES:

- Slash and Woody Debris shall be treated to achieve a maximum post-harvest depth of eighteen (18) inches above the ground except within one hundred fifty (150) feet from any point of an approved and legally permitted structure that complies with the California Standards Building Code per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(1).
- All surface fuels within one-hundred-fifty (150) feet of an Approved and Legally Permitted Structure, which could promote the spread of wildfire, shall be 10 chipped, burned, or removed within forty-five (45) days from the start of Timber Operations per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(2).
- Slash and woody debris, created during operations, within 50 feet of a public road or critical infrastructure, shall be chipped, burned, or removed per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(3).
- Vertical spacing shall be achieved by treating dead fuels, excluding dead branches on the trees retained for Stocking, to a minimum clearance distance of eight (8) feet measured from the base of the live crown of the post-harvest Dominants and Codominants to the top of the dead surface or ladder fuels, whichever is taller per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(4).

- All fuel treatments shall be completed within one (1) year from the date the Director receives the notice. This requirement does not apply to burning, which instead shall be completed within two (2) years from the date the Director receives the notice per 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(5).
- The requirements of this subsection shall not supersede the requirements of PRC § 4291. 14 CCR § 1038.3(d)(6).

17. The construction or reconstruction of temporary roads on slopes of 30% or less per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(5) shall be allowed if all of the following conditions are met:

- Temporary Roads or Landings shall not be located on unstable areas per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(1).
 - Temporary Roads shall be single lane in width per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(2).
 - Temporary Roads shall not be located across a Connected Headwall Swale per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(3).
 - Construction or reconstruction of Temporary Roads, Landings or Watercourse crossings shall not occur during the winter period per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(4).
 - No operations shall be permitted on roads that are not subject to Hydrological Disconnection or exhibit Saturated Soil Conditions per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(4)(A).
 - No Logging Road or Landing construction, or re-construction, activities shall occur within 200 feet of a Class I and II watercourse or within 50 feet of a Class III Watercourse per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(4)(D).
 - No Logging Road or Landing Construction, or re-construction, activities shall occur within 50 feet of a Class III watercourse per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(7).
 - Temporary Road construction or re-construction, shall be limited to no more than two (2) miles of road per ownership within a single Planning Watershed (CALWATER 2.2) per any five (5) year period per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(5).
- Has temporary road construction or reconstruction within the Planning Watershed occurred within the last 5 years under the ownership as outlined in 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(5)(A)-(F)? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes" provide how many feet/miles: _____

NOTE: If total is greater than 2 miles, within the previous 5 years, no additional road construction may occur per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(5).

18. Temporary road construction and/or reconstruction shall not exceed: (select criteria to be applied to this Exemption and list the total length of temporary road(s) to be constructed or reconstructed per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(5)(A)-(C).

Description	Selection	Feet
Exemptions Less than 40 acres with cumulative length of 300 feet	☐	
Exemptions between 40 and 80 acres <u>not</u> to exceed 300 to 600 feet determined on a pro rata basis by total acreage affected by exemption.	☐	
Exemptions over 80 acres shall <u>not</u> exceed 600 feet	☐	

- Will any temporary roads constructed or reconstructed be connected to other temporary roads construction under previous or subsequent exemptions filed pursuant of 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(5)(D)?
- ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", then no additional road construction may occur.

NOTES:

- Prior to the completion of Timber Operations, all Temporary Roads constructed or reconstructed under this section shall undergo Abandonment in a manner which uses protective measures that will effectively remove them from the Permanent Road Network, as defined in 14 CCR § 895.1 per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(5)(E).
- The RPF responsible for submission of the Notice of Exemption shall designate Temporary Road locations, Landing locations, Tractor Road crossings of Class III Watercourses, Unstable Areas, or

Connected Headwall Swales on the ground prior to submission of the Notice of Exemption per 14 CCR § 1038.3(e)(5)(F).

August 1, 2026

19. Tentative Commencement Date of Timber Operations per 14 CCR § 1038.3(w)(4): _____

NOTE: Before beginning Timber Operations, the RPF responsible for submittal of the Notice of Exemption shall notify the Department, the appropriate RWQCB, the CDFW, and the CGS of the actual commencement date of operations per 14 CCR § 1038.3(z). The notification, by telephone, mail, or email, shall be directed to the appropriate agency personnel and contact information for the appropriate agency personnel shall be provided by the Department on the notice of exemption form (see Below). If the notification is provided by mail, Timber Operations may not commence for three (3) days after the postmark date of notification.

Region CDFW	Email	Region CRWQB	Email	Region CGS	Email
1-Inland	r1inland.timber@wildlife.ca.gov	1	RB1-Timber@waterboards.ca.gov	Sacramento	CGSTHP.Sacramento@conservation.ca.gov
1-Coast	ctp@wildlife.ca.gov	5	RB5R-Timber@waterboards.ca.gov	Eureka	CGSTHP.Eureka@conservation.ca.gov
2	R2Timber@wildlife.ca.gov	6	RB6-Timber@waterboards.ca.gov	Redding	CGSTHP.Redding@conservation.ca.gov
3	R3Timber@wildlife.ca.gov			Santa Rosa	CGSTHP.SantaRosa@conservation.ca.gov
4	R4Timber@wildlife.ca.gov				

20. Check all Yarding methods to be utilized per 14 CCR § 1038.2:

	GROUND - BASED		CABLE		OTHER
☒	Tractor, including end/long lining	☐	Cable, ground lead	☒	Hand thinning and removing
☒	Rubber tire skidder, forwarder	☐	Cable, high lead	☐	Other (describe below)
☒	Feller buncher	☐	Cable, skyline		
☒	Shovel yarding				
☐	Tethered operations				

NOTE: If more than one method is selected these must be identified on accompanying maps.

21. Provide the legal land description of the location of the Timber Operation as required per 14 CCR § 1038.3(w)(3). Attach a USGS 7.5-minute quadrangle map or equivalent topographic map containing:

- Boundaries of logging areas per 14 CCR § 1038.4(a).
- Boundaries of Yarding (logging) systems, if more than one system is used per 14 CCR § 1038.4(b).
- Location of all roads to be used for, or potentially impacted by, Timber Operations per 14 CCR § 1038.4(c).
 - Classification of all roads as proposed, Permanent, Seasonal, Temporary, Deactivated, or proposed for Abandonment per 14 CCR § 1038.4(c)(1).
 - Roads and Landings located in Watercourses, Lakes, WLPZs, Marshes, Wet Meadows and other Wet Areas, other than at road Watercourse crossings per 14 CCR § 1038.4(c)(2).
 - Logging Roads that provide access to rock pits and water drafting sites, and the location of water drafting sites per 14 CCR § 1038.4(c)(3).
 - Public Roads within one-quarter (1/4) mile of the Harvest Area per 14 CCR § 1038.4(c)(4).
 - The location of Significant or Existing Potential Erosion Sites on all Roads and Landings pursuant to 14 CCR § 923.1 (e) per 14 CCR § 1038.4(c)(5).
- For all constructed and reconstructed Logging Roads and Landings, the following shall be mapped per 14 CCR § 1038.4(d):
 - Location of Temporary Logging Road grades greater than fifteen (15) percent for over two-hundred (200) continuous feet or Logging Roads grades exceeding twenty (20) percent per 14 CCR § 1038.4(d)(1).
 - Location of Road Failures on existing Logging Roads to be Reconstructed per 14 CCR § 1038.4(d)(2).
 - Location of Landings, specifying those that require substantial excavation and those in excess of one-quarter acre in size per 14 CCR § 1038.4(d)(3).
 - Location of excess material disposal sites on slopes greater than forty (40) percent or on active Unstable Areas per 14 CCR § 1038.4(d)(4).

- Location of all Tractor Road Watercourse crossings of classified Watercourses per 14 CCR § 1038.4(e).
- Location of Erosion Hazard Ratings, if more than one rating exists per 14 CCR § 1038.4(f).
- Location of Watercourses and Lakes with Class I, II, III, or IV waters per 14 CCR § 1038.4(g)
- Location of known Unstable Areas per 14 CCR § 1038.4(h).
- Location of understocked areas prior to Timber Operations, and other areas not normally bearing timber to at least a 20-acre minimum, or as specified in the district rules per 14 CCR § 1038.4(i).
- Location of boundaries of timber-site classes needed for determination of Stocking Standards to be applied, down to at least a twenty (20) acre minimum, or as specified in the Forest Practice District Rules per 14 CCR § 1038.4(j).
- Location of any Special Treatment Areas per 14 CCR § 1038.4(k).
- Boundaries of any areas where Tractor Operations are proposed for use on areas designated for Cable Yarding per 14 CCR § 1038.4(l).
- Appurtenant Roads may be shown on a separate map which may be planimetric with a scale as small as one-half inch equals one mile. Color coding may not be used per 14 CCR § 1038.4.

Additional maps, which may be topographic or planimetric, may be used to provide additional information, to show details, and improve map clarity. **A legend shall be included indicating the meaning of the symbols used.** Please describe the access route to the timber operation so that it can be easily located, and/or include an assessor's parcel map for small areas. Attach additional supporting pages as necessary.

Baseline Meridian	Township	Range	Section	County	Acreage*	Assessor's Parcel # (optional)
Humboldt	07N	05E	16	Humboldt	11	522-113-003-000
Humboldt	07N	05E	22	Humboldt	20	523-026-004-000

*Acres are estimated and are for the Logging Area

CA STATE PLANNING WATERSHED - CALWATER		
Watershed Name	Watershed Identification Number	CALWATER Version
Coon Creek / Brimer Creek	1106.110102 / 1106.120201	Calwater 2.2.1

The following are limitations or requirements for timber operations conducted under a Notice of Exemption for harvesting trees to eliminate the vertical continuity of vegetative fuels and the horizontal continuity of tree crowns for the purpose of reducing flammable materials to reduce fire spread, duration and intensity, fuel ignitability, or ignition of tree crowns:

1. Timber Operations conducted under this Notice shall comply with all operational provisions of the Forest Practice Act and District Forest Practice Rules applicable to "Timber Harvest Plan," "THP," and "plan." per 14 CCR § 1038.3.
2. This Notice of Exemption shall be prepared, signed, and submitted to the Department by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) per 14 CCR § 1038.3(v) and received by CAL FIRE at the appropriate office listed below prior to the commencement of timber operations.
 - **Coastal Special Treatment Areas and Marin County** the Director shall have ten calendar days from date of receipt to accept or reject the Notice of Timber Operations.
3. Timber Operations shall comply with all other applicable provisions of the Forest Practice Act and regulations, county general plans, zoning ordinances, State regulations and any implementing ordinances. Copies of the state rules and regulations may be found at <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/bills-statutes-rules-and-annual-california-forest-practice-rules/>
4. Regulations listed in 14 CCR § 1038.3(a)-(z) provide limits and conditions on the timber harvesting operations and should be reviewed for compliance prior to submitting this notice.
5. The requirements to submit a completion and stocking report normally do not apply. **However, Completion and Stocking reports are required for areas when operations occur within COASTAL SPECIAL TREATMENT AREAS and / or MARIN COUNTY.** The landowner shall submit to CAL FIRE a RM-71 Completion and Stocking report, per PRC § 4585 and 4587.
6. All Timber Operations conducted in the Lake Tahoe Region must have a valid Tahoe Basin Tree Removal Permit, as defined by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA), or shall be conducted under a valid TRPA Memorandum of Understanding, when such a permit is required by TRPA per 14 CCR § 1038.1(b)(1)

7. The logging area shall not exceed 500 acres in size per 14 CCR § 1038.3(c) and tree harvesting shall decrease fuel continuity and Increase the quadratic mean diameter (QMD) of trees greater than eight (8) inches dbh in the Harvest Area per 14 CCR § 1038.3(g).
8. No helicopter yarding shall be allowed per 14 CCR § 1038.3(l).
9. No tractor or heavy equipment operations on slopes greater than 50% per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(5).
10. No construction of new tractor roads on slopes greater than 40% per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(5).
11. No tractor or heavy equipment operations on known Unstable Areas per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(7).
12. **No timber harvesting within the standard width of a watercourse or lake protection zone**, as defined in 14 CCR § 916.4 [936.4, 956.4](b), except Sanitation-Salvage harvesting, as defined in 14 CCR § 913.3 [933.3, 953.3], where immediately after completion of operations, the area shall meet the stocking standards of 14 CCR § 912.7 [932.7, 952.7](b)(2), or, except the removal of dead or dying trees where consistent with 14 CCR § 916.4 [936.4, 956.4](b). **Trees to be harvested within a WLPZ shall be marked by, or under the supervision of, a RPF prior to timber operations** per 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(12).
13. **ASP watersheds** – No timber operations are allowed in a WLPZ, or within any ELZ or EEZ designated for watercourse or lake protection, under exemption notices except **(1)** Hauling on existing roads **(2)** Road maintenance **(3)** Operations conducted for public safety **(4)** Construction or reconstruction of approved watercourse crossings **(5)** Temporary crossings of dry Class III watercourses that do not require notification under Fish and Game Code §1600 et seq. **(6)** Harvesting recommended in writing by CDFW to address specifically identified forest conditions. 14 CCR § 916.9(s)
14. If a Notice of Exemption has been accepted by the Director and will use pesticides or herbicides on the Harvest Area within one (1) calendar year of the date of acceptance, the timberland owner shall notify the appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board within ten (10) days prior to application of pesticides or herbicides per 14 CCR § 1038.3(t).
15. Subsequent to the completion of Timber Operations operating under this section, the Department shall conduct an onsite inspection to determine compliance with this section. The Department shall notify the appropriate RWQCB, the CDFW, and the CGS seven (7) days prior to conducting the onsite inspection per 14 CCR § 1038.3(u).
16. Operations conducted under a Notice of Exemption are not permitted in known sites of rare, candidate, threatened or endangered plants and animals if the sites will be disturbed or damaged. No timber operations may occur within a buffer zone of a listed, or sensitive species defined by 14 CCR § 895.1. 14 CCR § 1038.1(c)(10)-(11).
17. If any activities related to timber operations, as defined by PRC 4527, are to include any of the following activities in any river, stream or lake, including episodic and perennial waterways, a notification to the California Department Fish and Wildlife is required pursuant to Fish and Game Code §1602: 1) A substantial alteration of the bed, bank, or channel; 2) A substantial diversion (i.e. water drafting) or obstruction of the natural flow; or 3) use of material from or deposit of material into the watercourse. Information on the Lake and Streambed Alteration Program, as well as notification forms, may be found at the following link: <https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/conservation/lisa>.
18. All activities conducted pursuant to this Notice of Exemption occur within the most recent version of the Department's "Fire Hazard Severity Zone Map in moderate, high, and very high fire threat zones per 14 CCR § 1038.3(b).
19. A Licensed Timber Operator with a valid license must be designated with this notice per 14 CCR § 1038.3(w)(1).
20. RPF shall include a Confidential Archaeological Letter (CAL) with the exemption notice submitted to the Director. The CAL shall include all information required by 14 CCR § 929.1 [949.1, 969.1](c)(2), (7)-(11), including site records, if required pursuant to 14 CCR §§ 929.1 [949.1, 969.1](g) and 929.5. The discovery of human remains requires immediate notification to appropriate agencies. 14 CCR § 929.3 [949.3, 969.3] requires notification to CAL FIRE. The area must not be further disturbed, and any area reasonably suspected to overlie adjacent human remains, until an evaluation is completed by the County Coroner pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 7050.5. If the human remains are determined to be Native American, the Native American Heritage Commission must also be notified pursuant to Public Resources Code § 5097.98.

The following suggestions may help ensure compliance with the Forest Practice Rules:

- Timber Owners, Timberland Owners and Timber Operators should review the Forest Practice Rules pertaining to this notice. Copies may be obtained from Barclays Law Publishers, P.O. Box 2006, San Francisco, CA 94126, or downloaded from the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection at <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/regulations/bills-statutes-rules-and-annual-california-forest-practice-rules/>
- Contact the CAL FIRE office listed below for questions regarding the use of this notice.

File this notice online with CalTREES (<https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/>) or send to the CAL FIRE Forest Practice Manager at the office below for the county in which the operation will occur:

Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Del Norte Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, western Trinity and Yolo Counties.	135 Ridgway Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95401 santarosareviewteam@fire.ca.gov (707) 576-2959
Butte, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, eastern Trinity and Yuba Counties.	6105 Airport Road Redding, CA 96002 reddingreviewinbox@fire.ca.gov (530) 224-2454
Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Imperial, Inyo, Kern, Los Angeles, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Orange, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Tulare, and Ventura Counties.	1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, CA 93710 fresnoreviewinbox@fire.ca.gov (559) 243-4107

Attachment: Forest Fire Resilience Exemption Project Discussion

Item 3.

TIMBERLAND OWNER(S) OF RECORD

1) Name: WC Grace LLC Co.

Phone: (707) 445-4130

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1285

City: Eureka State: CA Zip: 95502

Email Address:

I certify, as the legal Timberland Owner, that I have read and understand the information contained within this Notice of Exemption and acknowledge the responsibilities for this notice.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Timberland Owner for Parcel: 522-113-003-000

2) Name: Alaoudi Feras Trust & Phillips Jacob MS & Samantha W Phone: (707) 445-4130

Mailing Address: 12 Windflower

City: Lake Forest State: CA Zip: 92630

Email Address:

I certify, as the legal Timberland Owner, that I have read and understand the information contained within this Notice of Exemption and acknowledge the responsibilities for this notice.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Note: Timberland Owner for Parcel: 523-026-004-000

Item 10.

RPF Prescription for unmarked areas per 14 CCR § 1038.3(i):

All areas to be harvested mechanically, have been marked utilizing a leave tree mark, either by the RPF or their designee. Leave trees as identified will be retained while all other trees less than 30" DBH will be cut and removed from the stand. Within the harvest area, where slope limitations prevent mechanical harvesting or skidding, manual hand thinning and removal will take place. These areas have been designated as EEZ's on the ground. Manual treatment areas have been partially marked, with a 10% sample mark in these areas. Where no leave tree mark is present the prescription will be as follows:

- 1) Preference for removal will be given to sub-merchantable understory conifers or hardwoods, retaining all 30" DBH and greater trees.

- 2) Overstory trees and trees greater than 14" with high vigor, dominant and full crowns, and no structural or health issues will be left in the stand with an average of 20'x 20' spacing or greater.
- 3) If preharvest crown canopy of dominants and codominants is occupied by trees less than 14" DBH, a minimum of 65 trees greater than 4" DBH shall be retained per acre for Site IV timberlands.
- 4) In all cases, maintain a minimum of 50 square feet of basal area per acre (Northern District) on average across the project area, with a tree species composition representative of preharvest stand conditions.
- 5) Ladder fuels will be treated to achieve a vertical spacing of 8' or greater, by pile and burning or lopping and scattering slash to a maximum of 18" off the ground. This prescription should leave a well-stocked stand of healthy trees with a minimum 50% canopy closure or greater over 80% of the area (with a goal of exceeding the 30% canopy closure requirement). Overall, an improvement in horizontal and vertical spacing, and tree quality should meet the goals of wildfire risk reduction and resilience. Additionally, exceeding the canopy retention requirements should help minimize long-term understory maintenance for the landowner.

Item 11.

Describe how trees will be designated for removal or retention per 14 CCR § 1038.3(x)(3):

- 1) Trees to be retained in order of preference will be conifers equal to or greater than 30" DBH, then hardwoods equal to or greater than 30" stump DBH. In no case will trees, either hardwood or conifer, larger than 30" stump height diameter be removed under this exemption.
- 2) Trees less than 30" in diameter, but greater than 14", where possible, will be selected where larger trees are not present, or not present with enough frequency, to achieve the 50 square feet of basal area, 65 trees per acre, and the maintenance of 30% crown closure minimum requirements.
- 3) If preharvest crown canopy of dominants and codominants is occupied by trees less than 14" DBH, a minimum of 65 trees greater than 4" DBH shall be retained per acre for Site IV timberlands.
- 4) Overstory trees and trees greater than 14" with high vigor, dominant and full crowns, and no structural or health issues will be left in the stand with an average of 20'x 20' spacing or greater.
- 5) Young conifer or hardwood regeneration may be left in the harvest area if there is adequate spacing in the understory, and ladder fuels are removed.
- 6) In areas, with significant tree mortality, all dead trees will be removed, with thrifty dominant and co-dominant trees left around the perimeters of these areas, these areas will not make up more than 20% of the completed harvest area.

Item 13.

Identify the designated postharvest stocking per 14 CCR § 1038.3(x)(1)(B):

Minimum stocking requirements to be met;

1) Trees retained to meet the basal area stocking standards shall be selected from the largest trees available on the project area prior to harvest. In no case shall Stocking be reduced below the standards found within 14 CCR § 913.3 [933.3, 953.3](d)(1)(A)(1)-(4) Commercial Thinning Stocking Standards or 14 CCR § 913.2 [933.2, 953.2](a)(2)(A)(1)-(4) Selection Stocking Standards.

2) Within the Northern District, if the preharvest dominant and codominant crown canopy is occupied by trees less than fourteen (14) inches in dbh, a minimum of sixty-five (65) trees over four (4) inches in dbh shall be retained per acre on lands of all Site Classifications per 14 CCR § 1038.3(i)(2).

It is estimated that the average post-harvest basal area stocking will be approximately 200 basal area per acre of conifer and hardwood trees, 8" and up, throughout the completed harvest area. Estimated post-harvest stand conditions should be well above the minimum standards, but see a significant reduction from pre-harvest densities, and an overall increase in QMD.

In areas where, pre-harvest stand composition favors hardwood species, hardwood will likely be used to meet stocking requirements post-harvest, minimal to no conifer species will be cut in these areas and the overall goal will be to increase relative conifer dominance across the whole completed harvest area. It is estimated that average post-harvest conifer basal area relative to hardwood basal area will increase by approximately 10%.

Item 14.

Describe the preharvest stand conditions per 14 CCR § 1038.3(x)(1)(C):

Species and Stand Composition: Conifer component of primarily Douglas-fir. Dominant hardwood component of tanoak, madrone, and true oak, with minor amounts of California bay laurel, big-leaf maple, and chinquapin. Species distributions are primarily a hardwood dominated mix, with some areas of pure hardwood and some scattered pockets of dense to moderately stocked conifer. In areas with a heavy hardwood component, the postharvest composition of tree species shall be representative of the preharvest stand condition and demonstrate progression towards climax forest conditions. In areas, with a moderate conifer component, conifer stocking will be maintained and improved relative to the hardwood component.

Conifer Basal Area: approximately 60 square feet per acre on average.

Hardwood Basal Area: approximately 500 square feet per acre on average.

Diameter distributions and age: diameters of conifers at breast height (DBH) range from less than 1" up to 50" or greater. The majority of conifer stocking is in the 20–50-year range, and

range from 8" to 18" DBH, with an average DBH of 14". There are some scattered pockets of larger Douglas-fir in the 60–80-year range, which range from 20" to 30" DBH. There are also some isolated and scattered occurrences of residual (2nd Growth) Douglas-fir.

Hardwood diameters range from less than 1" to 50" and greater. The majority of hardwood stocking is in the 10–40-year range, with a number of older trees scattered throughout the project area.

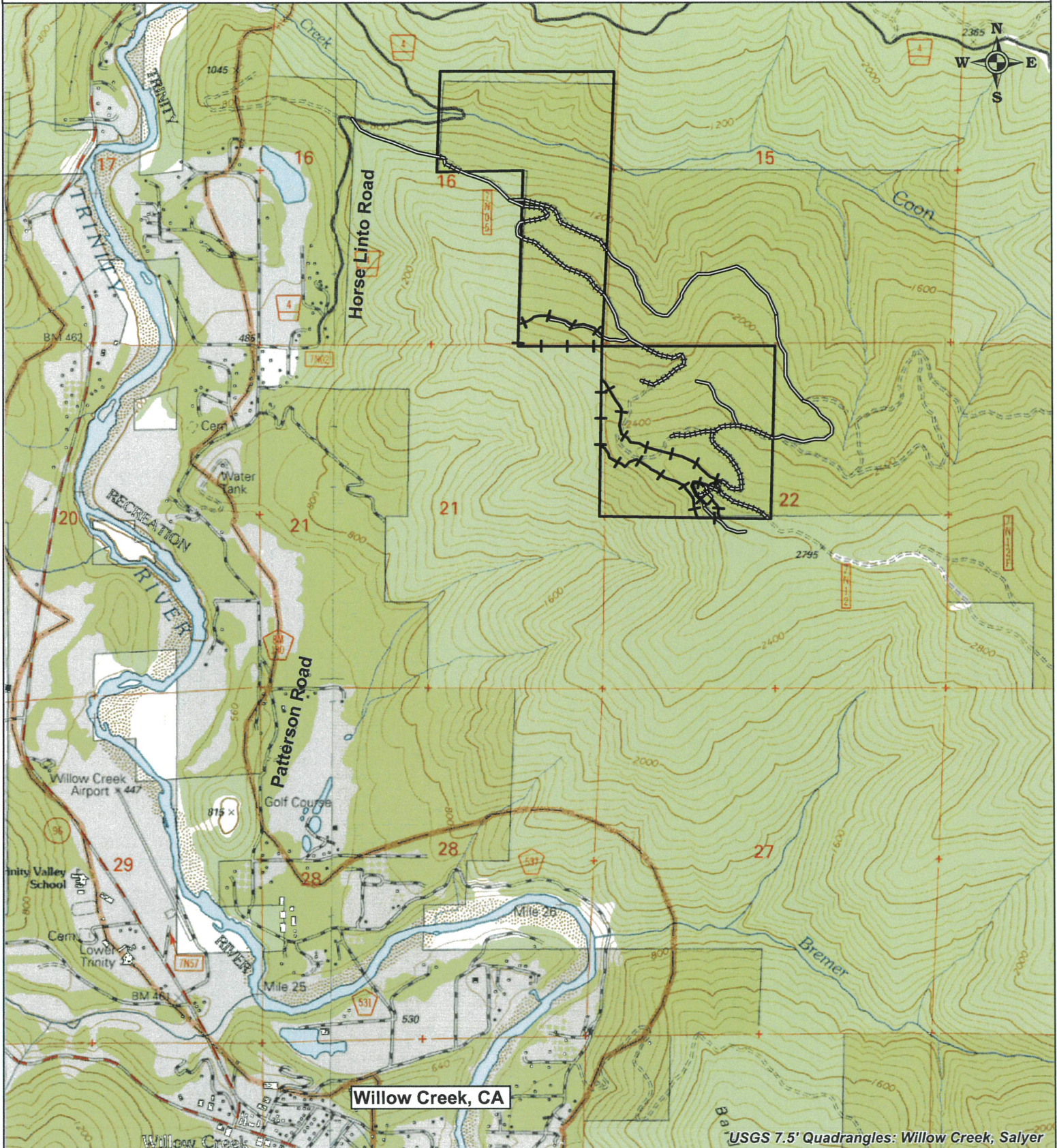
Past management: the current stand has developed through past commercial timber harvest, other land uses, and fire suppression/prevention activities over the last hundred years. The most recent commercial harvest activity would have occurred in the 1960's. More recently, salvage logging and small-scale harvest has taken place in portions of the project area and adjacent to it. Past silviculture would have varied from clear-cutting to individual tree or small group selection.

Landowner goals and objectives: the landowner's primary objective is to improve forest health, clean-up post-fire stand damage, and reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire on the ownership, through the establishment of a large ridgeline fuel break. The long-term goal is the maintenance and expansion of fuels reduction across the ownership and around this project area, as well as coordination with adjacent ownerships (including federal land) to connect additional fuels reduction work and create a large-scale fuel break on the landscape.

Erosion Hazard Rating: Low and Moderate (refer to erosion hazard map).

Grace-Phillips Forest Resilience Exemption
 General Area and Appurtenant Road Map
 Portions of Section: 16 & 22, T07N R05E, H. B. & M.
 Salyer 7.5' USGS Quad

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Willow Creek, CA

USGS 7.5' Quadrangles: Willow Creek, Salyer

Legend



Property Boundaries



Exemption Boundary

Access Roads

Appurtenant Roads

**Roads within the Exemption area are Appurtenant.*

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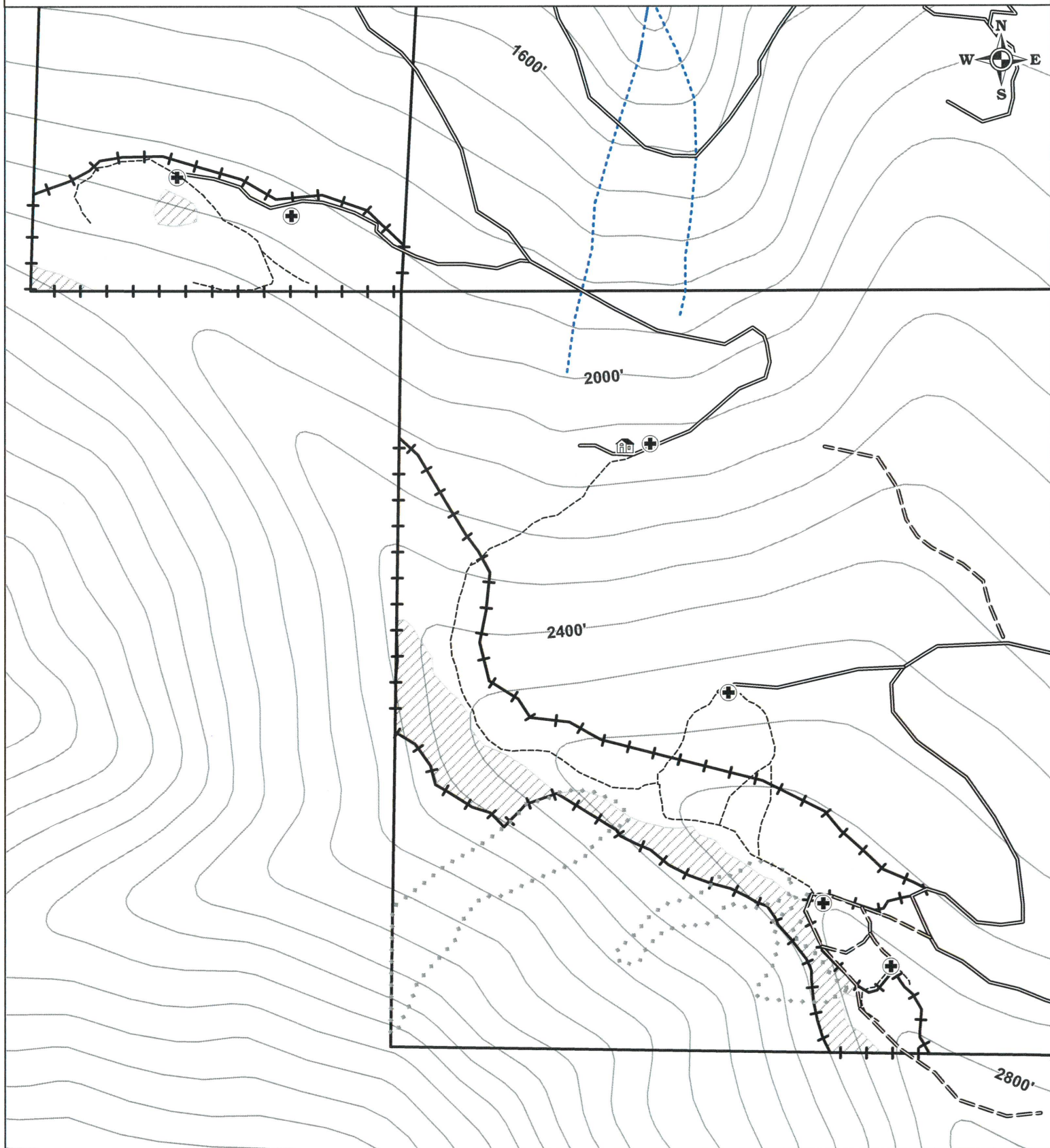


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Grace-Phillips Forest Resilience Exemption
Operations Map
Portions of Section: 16 & 22, T07N R05E, H. B. & M.
Salyer 7.5' USGS Quad

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Legend

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| Property Boundaries | Brush Field/ HI Burn (2023) | Permanent Road | Probable Landing |
| Exemption Boundary | Hand Thinning/ Removing | Seasonal Road | Existing Primary Skid Trails |
| | | Class I Watercourse | Structure |
| | | Class II Watercourse | |
| | | Class III Watercourse | |
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Grace-Phillips Forest Resilience Exemption
Erosion Hazard Rating Map
Portions of Section: 16 & 22, T07N R05E, H. B. & M.
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