

NOTICE OF INTENT TO HARVEST TIMBER/DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLY INQUIRY

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A Timber Harvesting Plan (Plan) or Amendment WILL SOON BE SUBMITTED to the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). CAL FIRE will be reviewing the proposed timber operation for compliance with State law and rules of the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The following briefly describes the proposed timber operation and where and how to get more information. THIS NOTICE WITH MAP IS PROVIDED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION OF THE THP SO THAT THE PLAN SUBMITTER MAY BE ADVISED OF SURFACE DOMESTIC WATER SUPPLIES TAKEN FROM THE WATERCOURSES WITHIN 1,000 FEET DOWNSREAM OF THE PROPOSED HARVEST. Please send such information to CAL FIRE Forester, Colin Noyes, whose address and phone number are listed at the bottom of the page within 10 days of the postmarked date on this notice. In accordance with the timeline stated under Public Resources Code Section 4582.7, you may submit written public comments on the Plan or Amendment for CAL FIRE to consider.

This notice applies to (select one below):

- New Timber Harvesting Plan
- Amendment to an Approved Timber Harvesting Plan

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Applicant Information (Timberland Owner(s), Registered Professional Forester who prepared the plan and Plan Submitter should match those listed in the plan or amendment.)

1. The name(s) of the Timberland Owner(s) where timber operations are to occur: State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Soquel Demonstration State Forest

2. Registered Professional Forester who prepared the plan or amendment: Colin Noyes, RPF#2960

Registered Professional Forester Phone (optional): (831) 475-8643

3. The name of the Plan or Amendment Submitter: State of California, Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Soquel Demonstration State Forest

Project Summary (County, legal description, acres proposed to be harvested and treatments to be used should match those listed in the plan or amendment.)

4. Location of the proposed timber operation (county, legal description, approximate direction & approximate distance of the timber operation from the nearest community or well-known landmark):
Portions of Section 5,6,7,8 & 12 T10S, R1E, MDB&M, Within the Shoquel Augmentation Rancho, USGS Quadrangle Laurel, CA 1978; Santa Cruz County, CA. The project area is located approximately 7.7 miles northeast from the town of Soquel, CA.

5. The name of, and distance from, the nearest perennial stream and major watercourse flowing through or downstream from the timber operation: The East Branch of Soquel Creek is adjacent to the Plan area. Several unnamed tributaries flow through the project area

6. Acres proposed to be harvested: 320

7. The regeneration methods and intermediate treatments to be used:
Selection per 14 CCR 913.8(a), 14 CCR 926.25(a)(2) and 912.7(e)(1)(E)

8. Yes No Is there a known overhead power line, except lines from transformers to service panels, within the plan area?

THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A PERIOD COMMENCING 6/30/2022 AND ENDING 7/30/2022

Public Information: The review times allowed for CAL FIRE to review the proposed timber operation are variable in length, but limited. To ensure CAL FIRE receives your comments please read the following:

The estimated earliest possible date CAL FIRE may APPROVE the Plan or Amendment is: August 11, 2022 (This date is 15 calendar days from receipt of the Plan or Amendment by CAL FIRE, except in counties for which special rules have been adopted where the earliest date is 45 calendar days after receipt.)

NOTE: THE ESTIMATED EARLIEST APPROVAL DATE IS PROBABLY NOT THE ACTUAL APPROVAL DATE. Normally, a much longer period of time is available for public comment and preparation of CAL FIRE's responses to public comments. Please check with CAL FIRE, prior to the above listed date, to determine the actual date that the public comment period closes.

The public may review, or purchase a copy of, the Plan or Amendment at either of the CAL FIRE Offices shown below. The cost to obtain a copy is 37 cents for each page, \$2.50 minimum per request. The cost to obtain a copy of this plan or amendment is: \$ 108.78 (to be completed by CAL FIRE upon receipt of plan).

Questions or concerns regarding this plan should be directed to either of the CAL FIRE Review Team Offices shown below or emailed to SantaRosaPublicComment@fire.ca.gov for incorporation into an Official Response Document. Please include the plan number on all correspondence.

Forest Practice Program Manager
CAL FIRE
135 Ridgway Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(707) 576-2959

CAL FIRE
San Mateo-Santa Cruz Unit
6059 Highway 9 (P.O. Drawer F-2)
Felton, CA 95018
(831) 335-6740

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The plan may be viewed online at <https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/caltrees.aspx>
A map showing the approximate boundary of the THP area, a map legend, and a scale is attached to help in locating where the proposed timber operation is to occur. The approximate property lines have been flagged or signed for review where truck roads, tractor roads, or harvest areas are within 100 feet of the property line. Once CAL FIRE has received the Plan it will be reviewed to determine whether it can be filed. If the department files the plan, you will be notified by mail of the THP number and filing dates of the Plan. You will be notified in a separate mailing of any public hearing. You should inquire with CAL FIRE for the date of the Review Team Meeting. If you would like to contact the Registered Professional Forester who prepared the plan, please call Colin Noyes, 3065 Porter Street, Suite 105, Soquel, CA 95073 (831) 475-8643.

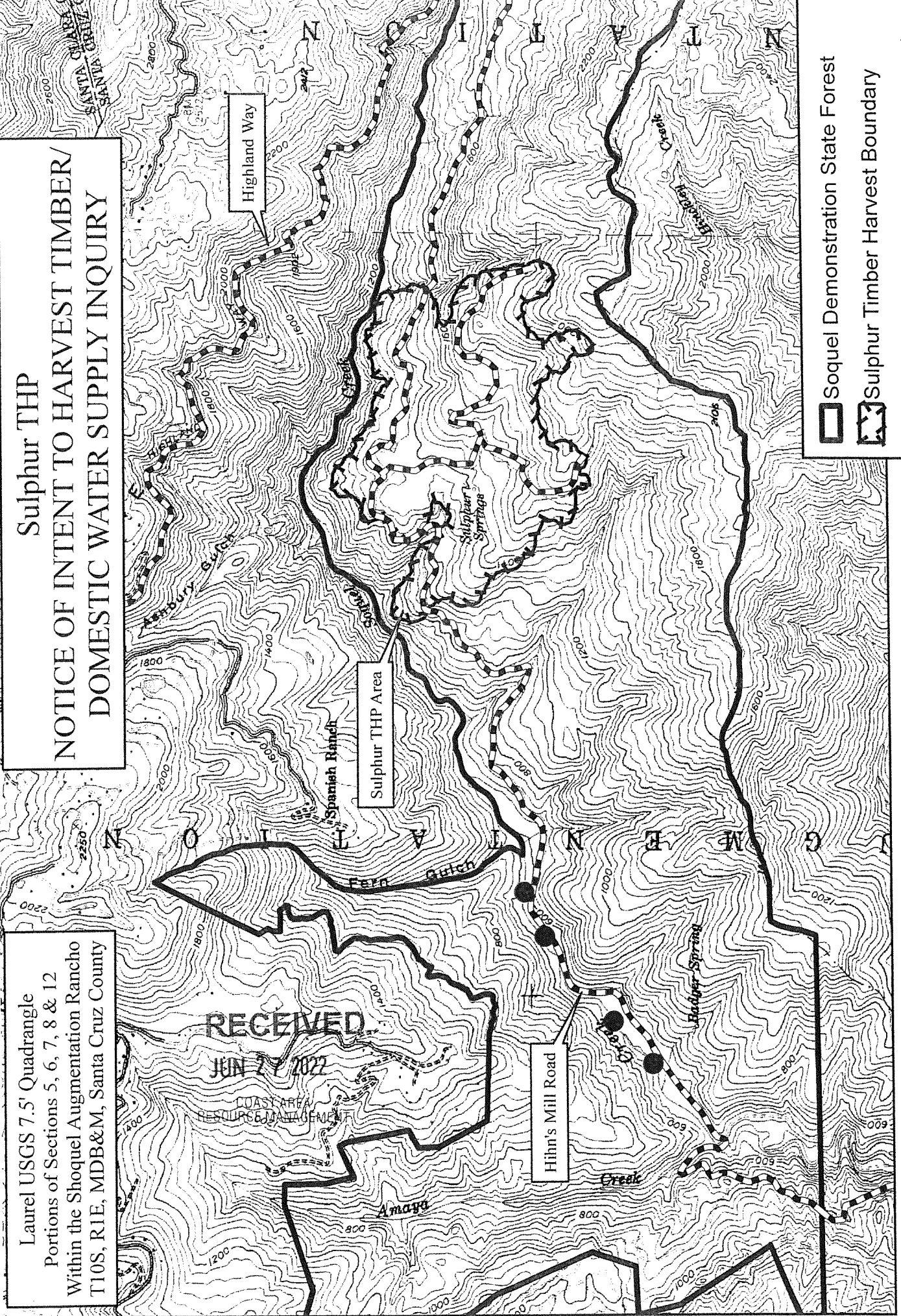
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Laurel USGS 7.5' Quadrangle
 Portions of Sections 5, 6, 7, 8 & 12
 Within the Shoquel Augmentation Rancho
 T10S, R1E, MDB&M, Santa Cruz County

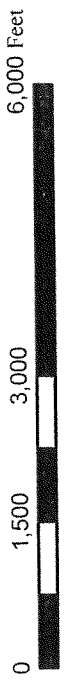
Sulphur THP
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Soquel Demonstration State Forest
 Sulphur Timber Harvest Boundary
 Instream Habitat Enhancement Locations
 Haul Route

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FACT SHEET ON TIMBER HARVEST REGULATION IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS

The enclosed Notice of Intent/Domestic Water Supply Inquiry ("Notice") is to inform you that either a Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) or a Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) is being prepared by a licensed forester for a private landowner whose property is near your property. **Although the forester has not yet submitted the THP/NTMP to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) for review, this FACT SHEET will clarify both how and when you can obtain information about the proposed timber operation and how you may participate in the review process once the plan has been accepted for filing by CAL FIRE.**

The forester is required to mail a copy of the enclosed Notice to owners of property within 300 feet of the property where timber harvesting is proposed, to the owners of property adjoining private roads proposed to be used for trucking logs, and to other owners within 1000 feet downstream of the harvest boundary **prior to the THP/NTMP being submitted to CAL FIRE**. If helicopter operations are proposed in Santa Cruz County, the forester must notify additional people. **If after receiving this Notice you want more information about the THP/NTMP, you should wait approximately 15 calendar days to allow time for the THP/NTMP to arrive at the CAL FIRE Region Office and copies to be sent to CAL FIRE Felton before calling CAL FIRE. Prior to this time, CAL FIRE will not have any information about the THP/NTMP. You should contact the private forester as soon as possible if there are concerns which you believe should be included in the THP/NTMP.**

California's forest practice regulations, comprised of more than 1,000 regulations, are the most stringent and comprehensive to be found anywhere in the nation. They govern all aspects of the commercial harvest of forest products including the licensing of timber operators, preparation of timber harvesting plans, cutting intensity, harvest practices, road construction, erosion control, stream and watershed protection, hazard reduction, and fire protection. In addition, special local rules address such things as hours of work, traffic safety, and erosion control maintenance. Regulations for our area prohibit clear cutting. Only selective harvesting is permitted allowing just a portion of the standing timber to be cut.

The state's forest practice regulations are enforced by CAL FIRE. Enforcement includes the interdisciplinary environmental review by local (including water districts), state and federal agencies of all written harvest plans and inspection of both active and completed harvest operations to ensure compliance with the regulations. All harvest plans are prepared by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), licensed to practice in the state, which also is responsible for on-the-ground supervision of harvest activities.

There are several ways you may learn more about this THP/NTMP and participate in its evaluation:

1. **Approximately 15 days from the date of the enclosed Notice, you may wish to confirm the availability of the THP/NTMP by calling the CAL FIRE Felton office at (831) 335-6740.**
2. Once CAL FIRE has received the THP/NTMP, you may obtain information, review the THP, or purchase a copy of it by writing CAL FIRE (P.O. Drawer F-2; Felton, CA 95018) or calling (831) 335-6740. You may also download a copy of the plan at our CALTREES site at:

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You will need the THP number assigned to this plan to download a copy. That number can be obtained at the Felton office.

3. During the minimum 45 day review period, CAL FIRE may hold a public hearing on the harvest plan. **If a hearing is scheduled, you will be notified of the time and place in a separate mailing within a few weeks.** The purpose of the hearing is to give you an opportunity to provide any information, especially site-specific factors, you believe CAL FIRE should consider when evaluating the proposed plan. Examples include the location of water lines, uptakes, and landslides; local traffic patterns, etc. No decision regarding the THP/NTMP is made at this public hearing. CAL FIRE's responsibility is to document the concerns that are presented.
4. **If you are unable to attend a scheduled public hearing, please send us your comments in writing. *Written comments receive the same consideration as testimony received at the public hearing.*** Written comments should be addressed to Dominik Schwab at 135 Ridgway Avenue; Santa Rosa, CA 95401, where the official THP/NTMP documents are maintained, or sent via email to SantaRosaPublicComment@fire.ca.gov. The Santa Rosa office sends a copy of all public correspondence to the Felton office so that it can be considered during the review of the THP/NTMP.
5. Review of the THP/NTMP is carried out by CAL FIRE and representatives from the Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Geological Survey, local water districts, and County Planning Department. The review includes a field inspection of the proposed operation called the Preharvest Inspection (PHI) and Preharvest Inspection Reports which discuss the THP/NTMP's provisions and make recommendations, where necessary, to ensure that the THP/NTMP conforms to the rules. These reports are discussed at the 2nd Review Team Meeting (chaired by CAL FIRE) at which time "Review Team Recommendations" are developed. These final recommendations, along with all CAL FIRE and other agency documents, and any public correspondence received at the Felton office, are submitted to CAL FIRE's regional office in Santa Rosa, where the Director's representative makes the final decision on the THP/NTMP. You may review these documents at the CALTREES site (see above) or at the CAL FIRE Felton office. Please call the CAL FIRE Felton office to confirm availability and any cost if you wish a printed copy from Felton.

If you have questions, please contact the RPF who will be submitting the THP/NTMP or contact a CAL FIRE forester at the Felton office (831) 335-6740.

Sincerely,

Nate Armstrong
Unit Chief
CAL FIRE San Mateo & Santa Cruz Unit

By: Richard Sampson
Division Chief-Resource Management
RPF #2422

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