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NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO HARVEST TIMBER

A Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) or Amendment has been submitted to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). CAL FIRE Forest Practice will be reviewing the proposed timber operation for compliance with State law and rules of the California Board of Forestry and Fire Protection. The following briefly describes the proposed timber operation and where and how to get more information. Prior to submission of the THP or Amendment, this Notice, including a map as described in 14 CCR § 1032.7(d)(8) shall be posted at a conspicuous location on the public road nearest the Plan, be on colored paper or identified with colored flagging per 14 CCR § 1032.7(d)(10)(h) and adhere to any special county rules.

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This Notice applies to: New Timber Harvesting Plan

Applicant Information: The names of the Timberland Owner(s), Registered Professional Forester and Plan Submitter must match those listed in the THP or Amendment.

1. Timberland Owner(s): Roger A. Burch and Michele Burch, as Trustees, or their Successors, of the RMB REVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST dated February 5th, 1999.
2. Plan Submitter(s): Redwood Empire Sawmills
3. Registered Professional Forester: Michael J. Duffy
Registered Professional Forester Phone: (831) 464-8789
4. The name of the THP: Olive Springs 2024

Project Summary: Acres proposed for harvest, county, legal description, silviculture, treatments, special or alternative prescriptions, and regeneration methods must match those listed in the THP or Amendment.

5. Acres proposed for harvest: 513 6. County: Santa Cruz

7. Legal Description of the Public Land Survey System (Section, Township, Range, Baseline and Meridian)

Within the Shoquel Augmentation Rancho (Township 10S, R1W, MDB&M)

8. Location of the proposed timber operation with approximate direction and approximate distance of the timber operation from the nearest community or well-known landmark:

Four miles northeast of the town of Soquel.

9. 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 and Hinckley Creek are adjacent to the project.

10. List the Silvicultural Systems to be used, including Regeneration Methods, Intermediate Treatments, Special Prescriptions, and Alternative Prescriptions:

Selection (913.8(a) and 926.25) and Special Treatment Area (913.8(a) and 926.25)

11. Are there overhead electrical power lines within the Plan area (Except lines from transformers to service panels) or overhead powerlines within 200 feet outside the Plan boundary? Yes No

12. Have approximate property lines been flagged for review where truck roads, tractor roads or harvest areas are within 100 feet of the property line? Yes No

Public Information: In accordance with the timeline stated under Public Resources Code Section 4582.7, written public comments may be submitted for the THP or Amendment for CAL FIRE to consider. The review times allowed for CAL FIRE to review the proposed timber operation are variable. To ensure CAL FIRE receives submitted comments please read the following: The estimated earliest possible date CAL FIRE may approve this THP or Amendment is: November 8, 2024 (This estimated date is 15 calendar days from receipt of the THP 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. Often, there is more time available for public comment submittals. Please check with CAL FIRE Forest Practice to determine the actual date that the public comment period closes.

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Anyone may review or purchase a copy of the THP or Amendment from the CAL FIRE Review Team office shown below. The copying cost is **37 cents** for each page, \$2.50 minimum per request.

Questions, concerns, and public comments regarding this THP, Amendment, or Notice should be directed to the CAL FIRE Review Team office shown below which may be incorporated into an Official Response Document. Please include the Timber Harvesting Plan number on all correspondence.

Direct comments to the *CAL FIRE Forest Practice Program Manager* of the marked submitted office below:

Santa Rosa (Coast District)

CAL FIRE Forest Practice Program Manager
135 Ridgway Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95401
(707) 576-2959
SantaRosaPublicComment@fire.ca.gov

NOTE: To view the contents of this THP or Amendment or submit public comments online go to the CAL FIRE Forest Practice permit website "CalTREES" at <https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/>

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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

San Mateo/Santa Cruz Unit

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(831) 335-6740
Website: www.fire.ca.gov



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.**

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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:

<https://caltreesplans.resources.ca.gov/caltrees/Default.aspx>

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
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	Property
	Harvest Boundary
	Permanent road
	Proposed Seasonal road
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	Skid Trail
	Landings
	Proposed Landings
	WLPZ_Landings
	Class I Watercourse
	Class II Watercourse
	Class III Watercourse
	Class IV Watercourse
	Unclassified Swale
	Seeps & Wet Areas
	Sag Ponds
	Structures

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