

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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Dear Landowner:

The attached Notice of Intent to Harvest Timber is required by regulations to be sent to all landowners within 300 feet of a proposed timber harvesting operation. As a neighbor of the proposed operations, there are several things we want you to know about the regulations of commercial timber harvesting in California.

The commercial harvest of forest products is regulated by the state Forest Practice Act and the rules adopted by the State Board of Forestry. The Act and the rules of the Board are designed to assure continuous growth and harvest of commercial forest trees while protecting soil, air, fish, wildlife, and water resources. These detailed regulations are enforced by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and deal specifically with logging practices and related activities, including erosion control, road location and construction, watercourse and lake protection and hazard reduction, fire protection and reforestation.

The rules were designed to protect the environment. Comments and concerns of various agencies and interested parties were considered by the Board of Forestry during the rule adoption process. California is widely recognized as having the most stringent and comprehensive forest practice rules in the nation. Information about the rules may be obtained from the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Office.

The plan is reviewed in detail by a review team made up of representatives from the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of Fish and Game and Department of Regional Water Quality Control Board. Other participants may include representatives from the Department of Mines and Geology, Department of Parks and Recreation, Coastal Commission, and other agencies when appropriate. The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection may request input from geologists, archaeologists, hydrologists or other experts when needed. Comments from the public are also given careful consideration during the review period.

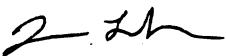
After a field evaluation of the proposed plan, if the review team determines that one is necessary, the team recommends approval, denial or approval with additional constraints or mitigation measures. Final determination on a plan rests with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. Once a Timber Harvesting Plan has been approved, it becomes an enforceable document, that, together with the Forest Practice Act and the rules of the Board, governs the conduct of the harvest operation. The Department of Forestry and Fire Protection foresters inspect the area during and upon completion to assure compliance with all requirements.

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The rules were not designed to cover matters of a civil nature or to prevent violations of other rules, regulations or statutes. For example, the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection cannot be responsible to verify ownerships or guarantee the accuracy of property lines. Additionally, the Forest Practice Rules do not contain provisions to protect personal property from damage by timber operations. The timber purchaser, timber operator or other responsible persons are obviously required to give proper legal attention to these matters and protections are provided through other laws.

The attached Notice of Intent lists the people to contact if you have questions or comments on the timber harvesting operations proposed in your area.

Sincerely,


Jim Laughlin, RPF#2426
Deputy Chief, Resource Management

Attachment

NOTICE OF PREPARATION TO HARVEST TIMBER

A Non-industrial Timber Management Plan or an amendment to an existing plan that may be of interest to you has been submitted to the California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection. The Department will be reviewing the proposed timber operation for compliance with various laws and rules. This review requires the addressing of any concerns you may have with what is being proposed. The following briefly describes the proposed timber operation and where and how to get more information.

The review times given to the Department to review the proposed timber operation are variable in length, but limited. To ensure the Department receives your comments please note the following:

The earliest date the Department may approve the plan or amendment is: 11-9-00
~~October 29, 2000~~

Note: THIS DATE IS PROBABLY NOT THE ACTUAL APPROVAL DATE AND CLOSE OF PUBLIC COMMENT. Normally, a much longer period of time is available for preparation of comments. Please check with the Department, prior to the above listed date, to determine the actual date that the public comment period closes.

The plan or amendment was sent to the Department on: 9-25-00
~~September 22, 2000~~

Questions about the proposed timber operation or laws and rules governing timber operations should be directed to **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
Forest Practice Program
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, CA 93710
(559) 222-3714

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The public may review the plan or amendment at the above Department office or purchase a copy of the plan or amendment. The cost to obtain a copy is 12.5 cents for each page, \$2.50 minimum per request. (To be completed by the Department upon receipt. The cost to obtain a copy of the plan or amendment is: 60¢.)

Information about the plan or amendment follows:

1. Timberland Owner where the timber operation is to occur: Odd Fellows Sierra Park
2. Registered Professional Forester who prepared the plan or amendment: William E. Dorrell
3. Name of individual who submitted the plan or amendment: Odd Fellows Sierra Park
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):
Tuolumne County. Portions of Sections 30, 31, T3N, R17E . Approximately 1 miles northeast of Sierra Village.
5. The name of and distance from the nearest perennial stream and major watercourse flowing through or downstream from the timber operation:
Sugar Pine Creek runs through the property.
6. Acres included in the plan: 420 * This Amendment revises growth information & changes allowable cut.
7. The regeneration methods and/or intermediate treatment to be used:
Individual tree selection, group selection.
8. Is there a known overhead power line, except lines from transformers to service panels, within the plan area?
Yes X No

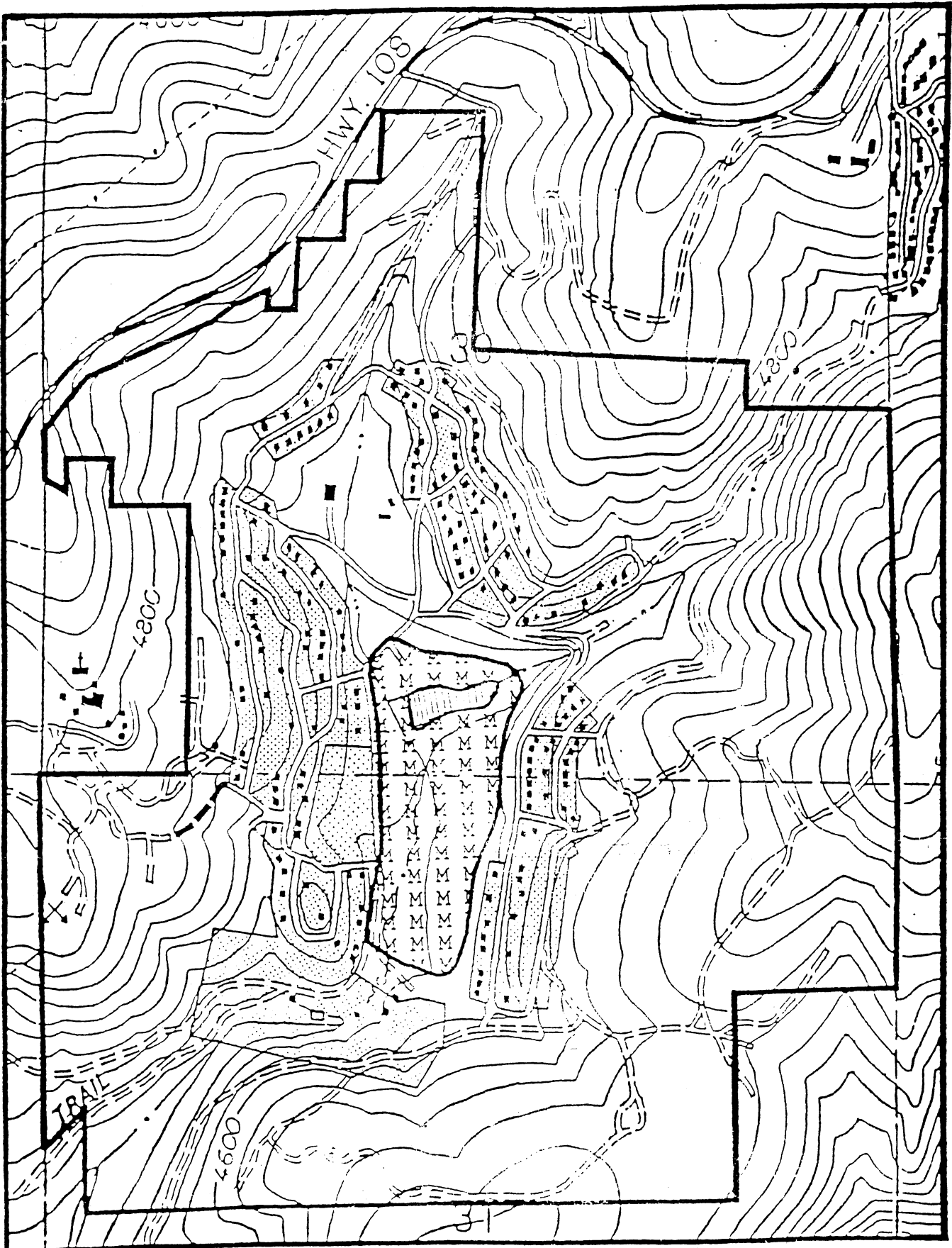
A map is attached to help in locating where the proposed timber operation is to occur.

FOR DEPARTMENT USE ONLY

TIMBER HARVESTING PLAN NO. N-4-95-2 DATE OF RECEIPT 9-25-00

AMENDMENT #4

ODD FELLOWS SIERRA PARK
SECTIONS 30 & 31, T.3N., R.17E., MDM
SCALE: 1 inch = 850 feet



Note: Shaded Areas are not Part of Odd Fellows Sierra Park.