

TIMBER REPORT FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Will Dorrell, our forester, contacted me with the following information in order to keep the membership current on our forest and timber harvest:

1. An updated timber harvest was conducted in the fall of 2000. The current standing volume is 9.9 million board feet – this is nearly 1 million board feet more than when the non-industrial management plan was approved in 1995. During the period from 1995 to 2000 we harvested 1.7 million board feet
2. Our forest is growing approximately 2% more timber a year than what is harvested
3. The harvest for 2001 will finish compartment 4 which was started last year and the west half of compartment 6 (note – this harvest was approved in 1999)
4. A mechanical thinning project under the California Improvement Program will be conducted to remove small non-productive trees, dead vegetation and clean up some of last year's harvest. It was scheduled to begin on May 21. It is an \$18,900 project of which we will pay \$4,725 as our share. Under the grant the state pays the rest. The chips will be sold to the Ultra-Power co-generation plant in Chinese Camp.

Our forest is important to us as a place of beauty and enjoyment as well as a source of income. It has contributed to the improvement of our roads the last few years and will continue to do so over the next few. It is important that we all respect and take care of it

Sorry to be absent from this important meeting – it is my mother's 80th birthday.

Fred Coleman
Timber Director