

**DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION**

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## **TREE REMOVAL INFORMATION**

### **STATE REGULATIONS**

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is responsible for administering Timber Harvesting Regulations conducted throughout California on all non-federal timberland. The removal of naturally occurring California native "commercial" timber species from forested lots, areas of pending new construction, and from around existing structures is included under these regulations. In Modoc, Lassen and Plumas Counties, qualifying timber species includes Ponderosa Pine, Jeffrey Pine, Sugar Pine, Western White Pine, White Fir, Red Fir, Douglas Fir, and Incense Cedar. These exemptions are free of charge from CAL FIRE and are submitted to CAL FIRE in Redding for review and approval. These exemption documents are to be used in those situations that are exempt from the requirement of a Timber Harvesting Plan. The four most commonly used exemption documents are:

1. Removal Of Fire Hazard Trees Within 150 Feet Of A Structure Exemption

This exemption is required for the removal of selected trees which are located up to 150 feet from around existing structures that are deemed by the landowner to be a potential hazard to any structures that have been permitted through the County Building permit process. This exemption is required only if the wood is sold, bartered, exchanged, or traded. **Licensed Forester services are not required.** A Licensed Timber Operator must be listed on the exemption and is responsible for all logging activities. Clearcutting, Shelterwood Removal and Seed Tree Removal cutting methods are not allowed. CAL FIRE has up to 5 days to approve the exemption. This exemption is valid for 1 year.

2. Christmas Tree; Dead, Dying, Or Diseased; Fuelwood Or Split Products Exemption

This exemption is required when removing trees that are dead or are obviously dying from insect attack or disease, or when removing fuelwood or other miscellaneous products such as Christmas trees, chips, fencing, etc. The harvest cannot exceed 10% of the volume per acre. Otherwise, a Timber Harvesting Plan is required. **Licensed Forester services are not required.** A Licensed Timber Operator must be identified on the exemption and is responsible for all logging activities. This exemption is required only if the wood is sold, bartered, exchanged, or traded. This exemption is valid for 1 year. This exemption is **NOT** required for personal firewood use.

3. Less Than 3 Acre Conversion Exemption

This exemption is required for property owners who intend to clear for structures and other needed improvements (i.e. residences, driveways, utility lines, outbuildings, septic systems, etc) in preparation for such development. **This exemption is required whether or not the trees are sold, bartered, exchanged, or traded. This exemption must be prepared by a Registered Professional Forester** and timber operations must be conducted by a Licensed Timber Operator. The Licensed Timber Operator must have an approved copy on-site at the time of operations and has one year to complete timber operations. The landowner must submit to CAL FIRE in Redding a Work Completion Report within one month of completion of timber operations. California Licensed Timber Operators are required to possess one million dollar Liability Insurance for their work. Building contractors are ineligible to perform this work unless they are a Licensed Timber Operator. CAL FIRE has up to 15 days to approve the exemption. This exemption is valid for 1 year.

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## LICENSED TIMBER OPERATORS

The following are "A" Licensed Timber Operators. One million dollar liability insurance required; all types solid wood forest products allowed for commercial cutting and/or removal.

Shaun Lemnah	283-2727	Quincy	A9577
Steve Gordon	258-9354	Quincy	A1303
Clint Pearson	394-8157	Quincy	A10663
Jim West	283-1172	Quincy	A10113
Stoy Logging Company	284-1024	Greenville	A10377
D.C. Construction	284-6779	Greenville	A9301
Wesly Hardy	836-0983	Graeagle	A9875
Folchi Logging & Construction	832-5214	Portola	A8689
Holt Logging	256-3104	Westwood	A40
Clint Tissot	816-0994	Chester	A11146
Tantardino Logging Inc.	596-4539	Lake Almanor	A1319
Almanor Tree Removal	249-1303	Lake Almanor	A8750
Almanor Tree Service	596-4111	Lake Almanor	A9729
Preferred Tree Service	258-1669	Lake Almanor	A11027
Turner Excavating, Inc.	596-3953	Lake Almanor	A11122
Impact Resources	335-4065	Burney	A1295
Tubit Enterprises, Inc.	335-5085	Burney	A9785
Michael Corliss	589-4029	Forbestown	A107

The following are Limited ("B") Licensed Timber Operators. One million dollar liability insurance not required; NOT allowed to commercially cut and/or remove sawlogs, veneer logs, poles, piling, and pulp logs. Commercial cutting and/or removal of the following minor forest products only is allowed: fuelwood, posts and split products, root crown burls, tanbark, and Christmas trees.

Woods Fire & Emergency, Inc.	832-5577	Portola	B10434
Ken Roper	283-2078	Quincy	B10954
Claude Sanders	836-1923	Cromburg	B2728
Kim Kalbaugh	836-2507	Blairsden	B10534
Curtis Hartwig	836-0393	Clio	B2875
Mike Smith	993-1352	Chilcoot	B10622
Alberto's Firewood	258-7598	Portola	B11190