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To: Registered Professional Foresters  
Licensed Timber Operators  
Review Team Agencies  
Interested Public

This past year, California has experienced many lightning-caused fires that has resulted in damage to thousands of acres of productive commercial timberland. The attached CAL FIRE memorandum is intended to provide explanation and guidance to Registered Professional Foresters (RPFs) and Licensed Timber Operators (LTOs) regarding their responsibilities in conducting timber operations in areas where such damage has occurred. Excerpts from the governing laws and regulations are provided with some explanation of how CAL FIRE interprets and enforces these laws and regulations.

If further questions arise on these matters, please contact Duane Shintaku (530-224-2461) or Dennis Hall (530-653-9422).

Sincerely,

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