

FOREST REGULATION

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The program strives to maintain the maximum sustained production of high-quality timber products and water quality while protecting areas of recreation, watershed, wildlife, range, and fisheries. The program encourages the aesthetic enjoyment of wildland and the retention of good-quality timberland in timber growing, harvesting, and compatible forest-related uses.

Timber Harvesting Plans (THPs) are submitted to CDF for all commercial forest harvesting operations on nonfederal timberlands. Registered professional foresters must prepare plans, and licensed timber operators must carry out operations. Interagency review teams review the THPs to determine compliance with rules. Landowners are required to replant after harvesting, if necessary, to meet prescribed stocking standards. A Timberland Conversion Permit is required from the Director of CDF to convert timberland to nontimber-growing uses.

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