

## **DIRECT PROTECTION AREA BOUNDARIES**

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## **ADJUSTMENTS**

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To provide a level of wildland fire protection for the intermingled lands “equivalent” to similar lands protected directly by the state or the federal agencies, the said intermingled and adjacent lands have been divided into practical “Direct Protection Areas” (DPAs) delineated by boundaries regardless of statutory responsibility, and this protection is assumed by administrative units of either the federal agencies or the state. The boundary will be reviewed annually during the process of developing operating plans. Proposed changes must be mutually agreed upon prior to forwarding for approval.

Both major and minor adjustments are encouraged based on changes in protection capability, changed land ownership or use, or Board of Forestry policy which states that "lands which can reasonably be more effectively protected by the state should not be contracted to the USFS for protection."

A minor pay protection boundary adjustment is defined as one wherein no change in facilities, equipment, or personnel is required for either agency. Once negotiated, these will be displayed on appropriate maps and forwarded to the Director for approval.

A major pay protection boundary adjustment is defined as one wherein either or both agencies will be closing, moving or exchanging facilities, relocating equipment or increasing or decreasing numbers of employees because of the adjustment. When negotiations for a major adjustment begin, the Sacramento Fire Protection staff will be involved from the outset to provide liaison with state control agencies and the federal agency(s) regional or state office.

## **FIRE RESPONSE**

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Response areas will be established for all areas within CDF direct protection areas following appropriate procedures in the Emergency Command Center Procedures [Handbook 8100](#). Using the philosophy of dispatching the closest available resources during initial attack phases, forces from the agencies on both sides of the direct protection boundary will be dispatched to insure the appropriate response level is achieved. Response of resources by one agency to another will be in accordance with the mutual aid and assistance by hire provisions of cooperative agreements currently in effect.

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