

BOARD OF FORESTRY 2024 CALL FOR REGULATORY REVIEW (FOREST PRACTICE COMMITTEE)

Topics for Board Consideration	Committee	Priority (scale 1-3)
<p>SB 2276: This was bill was mentioned in the CFA Comments as emergency regulations This bill would (1) repeal the Small Timberland Owner Exemption, (2) rename the Forest Fire Prevention Exemption the Forest Resilience Exemption, revise the standards and criteria for qualifying for that exemption, and extend that exemption until January 1, 2031, and (3) extend until January 1, 2031, the other exemption described above. The bill would also make conforming changes.</p>	FPC-Forest Resilience	1
Treatment of Vegetation and Fuels in the WLPZ	FPC	1
Review of Harvest Permitting Processes	FPC	1
Geospatial Completion Reporting Requirements - Evaluate the value of required improved geospatial reporting for timber harvesting activities to allow state agencies and research institutions an opportunity for improved assessment of ecological performance measures.	FPC	1
Amendments to 1034(r)-- remove reference to 1032.7(f)	FPC	1
Use of Exemptions within overlapping Plan Areas	FPC	2
Work Completion reports on Notice of Emergency Timber Operations (Emergency Notices)	Existing FPC priority (No current work)	2

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Changes to mapping standards for the Notice of Exemption and Emergencies. Review if the public road mapping requirement of Section 1038.2(g) should be applied to all Exemption types.	Existing FPC priority (No current work)	2
“Operational provisions” as used in Exemptions (14 CCR § 1038) and Emergency Notices (14 CCR §§ 1052(b) and 1052.5(b)), and “applicable provisions” as used in Conversion Exemptions (14 CCR 1104.1) -- potential definition of above terms	FPC	2
14 CCR § 1034, Contents of Plan -- The Board may want to consider a rule package that consolidates all required plan contents under 14 CCR §§ 1034, 1051, 1090.5, and 1092.09.	FPC	2
Review the roles and responsibilities of Licensed Timber Operators.	FPC	2
Department receives harvest documents with multiple LTOs listed, however the specific area of responsibility for each LTO is not specified in many instances. This leads to confusion and difficulty in ascertaining the responsible parties if Forest Practice Act and Rule violations are observed.		
Consider a requirement that an LTO be designated on every harvest document as specifically responsible for road maintenance.	FPC	2
Tighter rules for timber slash treatment associated with timber harvest plans.		

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<p>Lop & scatter as typically implemented leaves too much fuel on the ground. Regulations could recommend removal, chipping, pile burning or have the forester propose a treatment.</p> <p>If lop and scatter is appropriate in certain areas, contact with ground should be required with spacing of materials away from trunks of leave trees, slash no higher than 12" (unless a large log), should be able to see the ground between slash - or something similar.</p>	Existing FPC priority (No current work)	2
<p>Review of PRC Sec. 4428 defining "operating Area" specific to the term "at a point accessible in the event of a fire"</p> <p>Licensed Timber Operators are unclear of the distance requirements of "operating area"</p> <p>near any forest, brush, or grass-covered land between April 1 and December 1 of any year, or at any other time when ground litter and vegetation will sustain combustion permitting the spread of</p>	FPC	3
<p>Extend THP Terms. Make THP's effective for 7 years or provide a 2-year automatic extension without requiring minor commencement activities.</p>	FPC	3
<p>Review of Regulations pertaining to Archaeological Training, Identification and Protection of Sites</p>	FPC	3
<p>Consider rule amendments to distinguish between non-confidential and confidential portions of archaeological documents associated with harvesting permits.</p>	Existing FPC priority (No current work)	3

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Simplify Archaeological Survey Requirements: Allow updates to past surveys older than 5 years without requiring a new full survey.	FPC	3
Board Policy Review	FPC	3
Review Assessment and Mapping Standards for Spawning and Rearing Habitat for Anadromous Salmonids (14 CCR § 916) -- Review the necessity and utility of assessing and mapping standards of 14 CCR § 916.4 for spawning and rearing habitat for anadromous salmonids. Review and consider revision of watershed restoration standards in 14 CCR § 916.4.	FPC	3