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2 **Proposed Changes to Title 14 CCR California Forest Practice Rules**

3 **Aspen Restoration, 2006**

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6 **Amend 14 CCR 939.15 and 959.15**

7 **939.15. Protection of Wildlife Habitat [Northern].**

8 All trees within aspen stands (defined as a location with the  
9 presence of living aspen (Populus tremuloides)), meadows and wet  
10 areas may be clearcut and these areas exempted from stocking  
11 provisions in order to ~~attain~~ restore, or retain, or enhance these  
12 areas for ~~wildfire and livestock~~ ecological or range values, and  
13 to balance the protection and regeneration of aspen stands,  
14 meadows and wet area habitats in California's forest ecosystems  
15 with the other goals of forest management as specified in 14 CCR  
16 § 897. These areas shall be shown on the plan map (OPTION 1) and  
17 Plan shall describe the extent of the area proposed for  
18 clearcutting. (OPTION 2) The RPF shall consult with DFG prior to  
19 plan submittal. If wet areas are proposed for clearcutting, the  
20 RPF shall also consult with the appropriate RWQCB in those  
21 locations where the applicable basin plan identifies wet areas as  
22 a beneficial use.

23 Note: Authority cited: Section 4551, Public Resource Code.  
24 Reference: Sections 4512, 4551.2, 4561.1, Public Resources Code.  
25 **CCR 959.15. Protection of Wildlife Habitat [Southern].**

1 (a) Where present at the time of timber harvest 400 square feet  
2 basal area of oak per 40 acres should be retained and protected,  
3 giving preference to deciduous oaks. Oaks should be retained on  
4 areas designated by Department of Fish and Game as deer migration  
5 corridors, holding areas, or key ranges when consistent with good  
6 forestry practices.

7 (b) All trees within aspen stands (defined as a location with  
8 the presence of living aspen (Populus tremuloides)), meadows and  
9 wet areas may be clearcut and these areas exempted from stocking  
10 provisions of the rules in order to restore, retain, or enhance  
11 these areas for ~~wildlife~~ ecological or range values, and to  
12 balance the protection and regeneration of aspen stands, meadows,  
13 and wet area habitats in California's forest ecosystems with the  
14 other goals of forest management as specified in 14 CCR § 897.

15 These areas shall be shown on the plan map (OPTION 1) and Plan  
16 shall describe the extent of the area proposed for clearcutting.

17 **(OPTION 2)** The RPF shall consult with DFG prior to plan  
18 submittal. If wet areas are proposed for clearcutting, the RPF  
19 shall also consult with the appropriate RWQCB in those locations  
20 where the applicable basin plan identifies wet areas as a  
21 beneficial use.

22 Note: Authority cited: Sections 4551 and 4561, Public Resources Code.  
23 Reference: Sections 4551, 4561 and 4561.1, Public Resources Code.

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