

1 **Fire Prevention Precautions, 2009**

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3 **Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations (14 CCR)**

4 **Amend**

5 **§ 938.8 Inspection for Fire**

7 **Amend 14 CCR § 938.8. Inspection for Fire.**

8 **(a)** The timber operator or his/her agent shall conduct a diligent aerial or ground inspection  
9 within the first two hours after cessation of felling, yarding, or loading operations each day  
10 during the dry period when fire is likely to spread. The person conducting the inspection shall  
11 have adequate communication available for prompt reporting of any fire that may be detected.

12 The LTO shall implement 14 CCR § 938.8 (a)(1)(A)- (D) below as appropriate for the operation:

13 **(1)** On operations utilizing mechanical felling machines equipped with a rotating metal  
14 blade (either “hot saw” or intermittent, excluding chainsaw type bars or shears), requirements  
15 listed below in 14 CCR § 938.8 (a)(1)(A)-(D) shall apply:

16 **(A)** The patrol for operations utilizing mechanical felling machines must inspect  
17 operating areas on foot. Their vehicle shall be parked within or as closely as possible to the  
18 area being patrolled, and shall be equipped to fight fire , with the following, 1) a serviceable 5  
19 gallon backpack pump filled with water, 2) A shovel or McLeod fire tool, and 3) either a double  
20 bit ax, or a serviceable chainsaw with a minimum 20 inch bar, and 4) shall have  
21 communications equipment capable of summoning additional fire suppression resources or  
22 contacting the agency responsible for fire suppression. The patrol shall carry a round point  
23 shovel with an overall length of at least 46 inches during the foot patrol.

24 **(B)** The patrol for the areas where mechanical felling machines are being used  
25 will inspect all areas felled by hot saws that day. The inspection shall occur for at least two

1 hours after cessation of mechanical felling, documenting areas covered during the patrol and  
2 approximate times of the coverage in each area.

3 (C) The patrol will provide inspection of operating areas using an approach  
4 capable of detecting small, smoldering fires.

5 (D) The LTO shall ensure that if wood debris or chips are accumulating in the  
6 cutting head, then equipment operators will clean out blade guards no less frequently than every  
7 two hours during operations to prevent the build-up of vegetative material that could ignite and  
8 be discharged to start a fire.

9 The portions of this regulation adopted by the Board in 2009 will expire on December 31,  
10 2012.

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12 Note: Authority cited: Sections 4551 and 4553, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section  
13 4551.5, Public Resources Code.