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Keith Gilles, Chairman
State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection
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Re: Slash Treatments Amendments, 2014

Dear Chairman Gilles:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) has reviewed the proposed regulation language included in the 15-day notice for the Slash Treatments Amendments, 2014. The amendments, as proposed, will provide regulatory relief to timberland owners and allow feasible options for Licensed Timber Operators (LTOs) to comply with the forest practice rules, while preventing certain wildfire risk from delaying fuel treatment.

I appreciate the Board accepting the suggested changes from CAL FIRE, and incorporating these revisions into the 15-day notice. CAL FIRE has no further comments on this rule package, and supports Slash Treatments Amendments, 2014 as presented.

Thank you for providing the Department an opportunity to comment on this important rule package. A representative from CAL FIRE will be at the hearing should any questions arise related to this proposed change to the regulations.

Sincerely,



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