



## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION

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DATE: April 15, 2016

RE: 1-15-042 SON (Dogwood THP)

To Whom It May Concern:

**Timber Harvesting Plan (THP), 1-15-042 SON**, was originally submitted by Gualala Redwoods, Inc. on May 4, 2015 for property they owned. During the review process the property was sold. The new timberland owner and plan submitter is now Gualala Redwood Timber, LLC. The plan is located in Sonoma County and includes approximately 402 acres, of which 332 acres will be harvested. The plan is generally located along the main stem and south fork of the Gualala River; the northern most part of the plan is approximately one half mile east of the community of Gualala. The plan may also be described as occurring in portions of: Sections 25, 26 and 36 of Township 11 North, Range 15 West; Sections 30, 31 and 33 of Township 11 North, Range 14 West; and Sections 4, 5, 6, 8, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 27 of Township 10 North, Range 14 West; all based from the Mt. Diablo Base and Meridian. In addition some of the plan is located in the German Rancho. Named watercourses adjacent to the THP area include: the main stem, south fork and Wheatfield fork of the Gualala River; Buckeye Creek, and the Big and Little Pepperwood Creeks. The silvicultural prescriptions proposed in the plan include: Selection and Special Treatment Area (selection).

Subsequent to the May 4, 2015 submittal of the THP, information and changes which could be considered significant were added to the plan record. In accordance with, and/or as reference to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §21092.1, and Guidelines 14CCR §15088.5; and the Forest Practice Act PRC §4582.7, and Rules 14 CCR § 895.1- "Significant new information" and 14 CCR § 1037.3(e) & (f), **the public comment period will be reopened for 30 days for the specific review and comment on the additional and/or revised information identified below, revisions of which are located in the plan.** The close of public comment will be, **May 16, 2016** at the earliest.

Specific THP additions and/or revisions were contained in letters received from the Registered Professional Forester (RPF) on: June 2, July 3, 9, 20 & 27, and November 3, & 20, 2015. In addition, there are pre harvest inspection reports provided by CAL FIRE, the Department of Conservation-California Geological Survey (CGS), the North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (WQ), and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). There have been various changes to the plan which provide more clarity, are insignificant modifications, or provide additional or revised mitigations. The following includes changes and/or additions that may be considered significant new information to the THP.

This specific additional recirculation was triggered by the THP additions and/or revisions contained in a submittal from the Registered Professional Forester (RPF) dated April 8, 2016. The following list includes changes that may be considered significant new information:

- Additional information regarding the use of skid trails within the WLPZ and flood prone areas. (ref. pages 26 and 27)
- Revised maps showing the locations of skid trails within the WLPZ and flood prone areas. (ref. pages 77.1 through 77.9)
- Discussion regarding the avoidance of road and landing use. (ref. page 27)
- Revised discussion regarding Marbled murrelet to accurately reflect current information, and extensive discussion of survey efforts. (ref. pages 38.2, 183, and 183)

- Revised response to public comments and description of number of trees proposed of harvesting per acre. (ref. pages 441.8 through 441.13)

The recirculation on November 24, 2015 was for specific THP additions and/or revisions contained in letters and submittals from the Registered Professional Forester (RPF) dated: May 24, 2013, June 17, 2013, and August 9, 2013. Some of the changes to the plan provided more clarity, are insignificant modifications, or provided minor additional or revised mitigation. The following list included changes that may have been considered significant new information:

- A revised "Notice of Intent," and adjacent landowner list;
- A domestic water notice sent to the Sonoma County Regional Parks and the County of Sonoma, on August 13 and 31, 2015, respectively, ref. pages 268, 270.1 & 270.2.
- Identified that a portion of the THP is located within a Wild and Scenic River designated area, ref. pages 2, 7.1, & 97.
- Revised cumulative impacts discussions for Recreation, Visual, Recreation and Noise Assessment areas, ref. pages 213- 214.2.
- Updated THP Harvest History to reflect years 2005 - 2015, ref. pages 115 - 141.
- Added a discussion pertaining to "fog drip", ref. pages 160, 160.1.
- Acknowledged the occurrence of Marbled murrelet habitat on, and adjacent to the plan area, ref. pages 38, 39, 183, and 441 - 441.6.
- Updated various biological and stream monitoring reports, ref. pages 317 -318, 320-323, 325.1 - 328, 329.1 -331, & 332.1 -335.

All changes to date have been incorporated into the THP. The revised THP, and other documents pertaining to the review of the plan, may be reviewed and/or purchased for \$.37 per page at the forest practice office listed below.

CAL FIRE Forest Practice  
135 Ridgway Avenue  
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Alternatively, the revised THP and major documents associated with the THP may be viewed on a CAL FIRE ftp site: <ftp://thp.fire.ca.gov/THPLibrary> (instructions are included in the file titled "eposting Instructions"). To see the plan files click on: the "North Coast Region" file, then on "THPs 2015", and then on the above listed plan number (from the list on the screen). You may more directly access the plan by going to the following site: <ftp://thp.fire.ca.gov/THPLibrary/North Coast Region/THPs/THPs2015/1-15-042SON/>

The THP is arranged in Sections 1 – 6, and identified as such on the above ftp site. The following key will assist you in locating where the page numbers can be found:

Section 1	Pages 1 - 7
Section 2	Pages 7.1 – 95.1
Section 3	Pages 96 - 113
Section 4	Pages 114 - 250
Section 5	Pages 251 – 441.70
Section 6	Cover page reference to pages 442 - 487: a confidential Archaeological Addendum

**Note: All Public Comments must be sent specifically to:**

- Attn.: Forest Practice  
California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection  
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- Or, emailed to: [santarosapubliccomment@fire.ca.gov](mailto:santarosapubliccomment@fire.ca.gov)

To be considered by the Department, comments must be submitted in writing, and must be received **no later than 5:00 pm on May 16, 2016**. Comments received after the close of the public comment period will not be considered.

Upon the close of the public comment period, the Director's representative shall have 15 working days, or a longer period mutually agreed upon by the Director and the person submitting the plan, to review the public input, to consider recommendations and mitigation measures of other agencies, to respond in writing to the issues raised and to determine if the plan is in conformance with the applicable rules adopted by the Board and the Forest Practice Act, ref. PRC §4582.7(a).

If you have any questions or require additional assistance, please contact (707) 576-2959.

Sincerely,



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cc: Unit, File, RPF, Plan Submitter, adjacent landowners, commenters  
CDFW, RWB, CGS, DPR. CP,CC (through [http://thp.fire.ca.gov/THPLibrary/North\\_Coast\\_Region/](http://thp.fire.ca.gov/THPLibrary/North_Coast_Region/))