Staff Overview: Completion Notices for Emergency Notice Timber Operations under 14 CCR §1052

CAL FIRE seeks clarification on whether Work Completion Reports are required for Emergency Notices. This has been standard practice, but the current Forest Practice Rules lack clear delegation.

**Proposed Solutions**

* **Option 1**: Amend the definition of “Plan” to include Emergency Notices.
  + May cause confusion, as Emergency Notices have different requirements than harvesting Plans.
* **Option 2**: Amend §1052 to directly require Work Completion Reports for Emergency Notices.
  + Clearer and more appropriate placement.
  + Easier for operators and staff to apply and enforce.
* **Option 3:** Create new rule section addressing necessary Work Completion Reports. Per 4585
  + Creates a clear, standalone rule that improves compliance by consolidating requirements in one place.

**4585. Report of completion of work described in plan; partial completion report.**

(a) Within one month after completion of the work described in the timber harvesting plan or nonindustrial timber harvest notice, excluding work for stocking, Site Preparation, or maintenance of drainage facilities and soil stabilization treatments on skid trails, roads, and Landings after the plan period, a report shall be filed by the Timber Owner or the owner’s agent with the department that all work, except stocking, Site Preparation, or maintenance of drainage facilities and soil stabilization treatments, has been completed.

(b) If all of the work described in the plan has not been completed, a report may be filed annually with respect to a portion of the area covered by the plan which has been completed. The portion completed shall be adequately identified on a map submitted with the report.

**Plan means:**

**(a)** Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) as described in PRC § 4582.

**(b)** Nonindustrial Timber Management Plan (NTMP) as described in PRC§ 4593.2(e).

**(c)** Program Timber Harvesting Plan (PTHP) as described in 14 CCR §§ 1092 and 1092.1.

(d) Working Forest Management Plan (WFMP) as described in PRC § 4597.1