

March 23, 2011

Cal-Fire Forest Practice 135 Ridgway Ave Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Re: Minor Amendment Updating Conditions Following the Lockheed Fire NTMP # 1-07NTMP-020 SCR

Dear Cal-Fire,

Since the approval of the Swanton Pacific Ranch NTMP in June of 2008, the Lockheed wildfire enveloped a major portion of the NTMP area. The purpose of this amendment is to provide a detailed account of the fire, the damage to the forest resource, and a description of salvage harvest operations that followed. It will take many years to observe, evaluate, and analyze the effects of wildfire on this landscape, so this is the first chapter in a series of amendments to the Swanton Pacific Ranch NTMP that will occur in the coming years.

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#### **Lockheed Fire Description**

The Lockheed Fire was first reported on August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1916hrs. The fire consumed 7,819 acres with 1,093 acres on Swanton Pacific Ranch, and suppression efforts continued until August 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. The acres burned in the NTMP and acres burned in the corresponding watersheds within the NTMP area can be seen in Table 1, below. Suppression forces included: Cal Fire, local governments and volunteers, OES, USFS, Dept. of Corrections, and various private contractors. Suppression efforts focused on human life and evacuation, structure protection, and wildfire suppression. The Ranch evacuated staff, students, and livestock to the shipping corrals located on Hwy 1. Well systems were readied and the central Queseria junction box was opened to direct water flow from the 500GPM and 320GPM variable speed drive wells to the fire hydrant in the crop field located behind the long barn at 125 Swanton.

Ranch managers were actively involved with Cal Fire throughout the suppression efforts providing accurate maps and local knowledge. Ranch LIDAR data was utilized by Ranch staff serving on the "Lockheed Fire Post Fire Risk Assessment" team as GIS specialists. That report is available online: http://www.santacruzcountyfire.com/resource\_mgmt/final\_lockheed\_ra.pdf

Lockheed Fire Watershed Statistics			
Watershed	Total Area (ac)	Area Burned (ac)	Area Burned (%)
NTMP	701	556	79%
Winter Creek	116	94	81%
Archibald Creek	421	369	88%
Little Creek	1306	1200	92%
Entire Scotts Creek Watershed	19001	6755	36%

Table 1. Percent of the NTMP and watersheds burned during the Lockheed Fire.

The fire spread quickly through tree canopies, surface/brush fires, and by spotting. High winds moved the fire quickly across drainages and to different vegetation types. Suppression efforts were hindered by the steep terrain and initial attack relied on air assault and hand crews. Helicopters quickly depleted small local ponds and were forced to draft from the Pacific Ocean at Scotts Beach and Scotts Creek estuary. Pilots favored fresh water drafting from the estuary, due to salt water's corrosive effect on equipment. CDC hand crews, and USFS hot shot crews constructed miles of handline, and lit several backfires. Most visible is the hand work done in Queseria creek drainage located across the street from 125 Swanton Road. Fire engines were stationed upslope along Strawberry Shack Road, and hand crews burned top to bottom through the brush into the drainage.



Photograph of a fire suppression helicopter filling at the Scotts Creek lagoon. The Queseria Creek watershed is on fire in the background. August 13, 2009.

Local knowledge and timber harvesting infrastructure (seasonal roads, landings, and skid trails) played a critical role in fire suppression and recovery efforts by providing accessibility to the fire's edge. Skid trails functioned as fuel breaks once cleared by dozer or hand crews. Large landings once cleared of vegetation or slash, provided engine and hand crews with safety zones. While opening haul roads for suppression efforts Cal Fire dozers removed waterbars of all sizes. Winter Creek, Lions Flat, and Strawberry Shack Roads were all used during the suppression effort and post fire rehabilitation. Rehabilitation included, but was not limited to: the repair, reconstruction, or addition of erosion control structures, and seeding and/or straw mulching of disturbed road edges and landings. Erosion control structure location and frequency was pre-flagged by the Ranch Resource Manager, and structures were installed by Big Creek Lumber Company operators on contract with Cal Fire, and fine tuned by Ranch staff.

Swanton Pacific Ranch pumped over 629,000 gallons of water from agricultural wells to Cal Fire type I, II, and III fire engines, and water tenders. Water from Swanton Pacific Ranch will prove to be essential for fire events in the future, following the closure of the CEMEX cement plant in Davenport, which pumped over 1,200,000 gallons of water during the fire effort. Water was distributed from the fire hydrant behind the barn through 2.5" hose. Fire engines and water tenders under 35tons GVW were able to access the hydrant over the Ranch's HS20 certified Queseria bridge that was installed in the summer of 2008. It would take 10-20 minutes for the 320 GPM variable speed drive well to fill a 4000 gallon water tender. Ranch staff was on hand to distribute water to fire engines and water tenders, and to ensure proper well operation. If the hydrant was closed too abruptly the variable speed drive would surge and throw a fault code that could only be reset at the well mounted breaker. It should be noted that electricity to the wells was never compromised and therefore allowed for pumping. Without power, the well system is valueless.

The southeastern edge of the fire was contained despite three spot fires along Warrenella Road. Warrenella's pre-existing 50' shaded fuel break, location, slope, and accessibility from Hwy 1 and Empire Grade provided the infrastructure suppression forces were looking for to halt the Lockheed Fire.

Winter Creek Road served as the western fire line between School House Gulch and Archibald Creek. This haul road provided protection to the Big Creek Cal Fire station (a major staging area) and acted as the ignition point for the back fire to stop the fire from moving west onto Swanton Road. The Ranch maintains Winter Creek Road for summer time access by maintaining waterbars and mowing the road. Type III engines were able to drive this road immediately.

Old School House Gulch Road was wide enough to allow type I fire engines to access the Al Smith House, and Staub house. Defensible space, vegetation management, access, and fast acting firefighters saved both structures. Firefighters utilized landing 10 as defensible space for the Staub house, while a skid trail proved to be an essential fuel break for protecting the Al Smith house. The large parking areas at both the Staub and Al Smith house allowed type I fire engines to be staged during original suppression efforts and played a large role protecting each structure. Fire crews dug handline around the water tanks above the Al Smith house. The only Ranch culvert lost during the Lockheed fire was a 24" plastic culvert and downspout located in the drainage immediately before landing 10. It should be noted that the culvert downspout extended down slope 30', and was surrounded by high levels of vegetation, possibly resulting in ignition of the culvert through the downspout. Throughout suppression efforts the road prism continued to support fire truck and vehicle traffic without the culvert in place. The culvert was reinstalled and armored by Swanton Pacific Ranch staff during rehabilitation efforts. A Ranch communications line runs through the center of the road to the Staub house approximately 8" above the culvert and caution should be taken when excavating this location. The wooden horse corral and storage shed located to the north of the Staub were damaged beyond repair. Wooden 4" diameter pressure treated posts carried the fire up to the 2x6" material and burned 98% of the corral. Damage to the shed was less severe, it can be assumed without structure protection provided by firefighters it would have also burned to the ground.

Little Creek Road was not used during fire suppression efforts. The narrow mid slope road location, fire rate of spread and intensity, steep slopes, and limited turnarounds did not allow for safe entry of fire personnel during the crown fire that went through this area. Fire intensities were high but no culverts or bridges were lost during the fire event. The Spafford cabins, associated water uptake and Al's Jeep located near the confluence of Little Creek were lost to the fire. A through-fill on Little Creek road located approximately 350ft down road from stream crossing R7 was damaged by the fire when historic crib logs buried in the through-fill ignited into ground fires. The ends of the logs were exposed by years of erosion and surrounded by vegetation, and provided the entry point for the fire underneath the road. The slow burning ground fires created an interconnected network of tunnels with diameters exceeding 36" and lengths over 20' running parallel and perpendicular to the road. While the through fill remained solid, the tunnels were first discovered when the road prism started to collapse and jeopardize vehicle and personnel traffic. The tunnels were excavated by Ranch staff using a CASE 580 Super L backhoe with extendahoe and a 2' bucket. Ranch staff was accompanied by a Cal Fire engine that extinguished ground fires as they were excavated. Fires continued to burn with minimal oxygen as the fire spread deeper underground from crib log to crib log throughout the road prism. After excavation, log remnants were extinguished, and the road prism was repaired and reconstructed. Crib logs used as rail-car bridge footings were minimally charred on the North Fork bridge of Little Creek and appear to be sound at this time through cursory evaluations. Ranch staff utilized a 500 gallon water trailer on the other multiple entries that followed to extinguish fires occurring in redwood groves for months after.

In December 2009, Swanton Pacific Ranch conducted a hazard tree analysis in which ranch staff identified and marked potentially hazardous trees. Trees that are standing dead or sustained structural bole or root damage have an increased probability of falling onto roads and other infrastructure. Two storm seasons have passed since the hazard tree assessment was completed. Over 800 trees were identified in the assessment and about 80% of trees that have fallen onto the haul road to date were identified in the hazard tree assessment. Trees continue to fall at an accelerated rate.

#### **Damage to Timber**

Redwood (*Sequoia sempervirens*), and Douglas-fir (*Pseudotsuga menziesii*) are known to have fire resistant characteristics; thick bark and self pruning lower limbs, making them more resistant to surface fires. The Lockheed fire was a high intensity crown fire that burned with such heat and rate of spread that it completely engulfed stands of redwoods and Douglas-fir resulting in high levels of tree mortality and defect. Douglas-fir trees with crown scorch of 60% or more are presumed dead, while redwood stands that have suffered 100% crown scorch have resprouted demonstrating lower mortality rates. While redwoods seem to be resistant to the mortality effects of fire, many trees have sustained cambium and root damage. The cambium damage will lead to rot, and increase the defect in the tree. As time passes the tree will grow larger, and so will the decay. This decay was witnessed in the logs milled from the salvage harvest. Trees that had burnt during the 1948 fire had evident damage and decay from the fire. In some cases one could see the remnants of 12"x 40' tall tree that burned in the 1948 fire, like a fossil inside the log of a larger tree.







The more logs milled the more apparent it was to see rot up the entire length of the butt log. The trees left standing now have the decay of the 1948 fire, and will have another layer of decay 60 growth rings out. Continually adding more defect on the outside of these logs would only result in Swanton's managed forest segments becoming financially un-manageable over time unless it was cleaned up through salvage efforts. Small cat-faces have appeared on trees that had none, goose pens have formed where cat-faces existed, and goose pen trees have converted to chimneys. The legacy stump found inside of the circular sprouting pattern of second growth redwoods is now missing in many situations. The intense fire has burned the stump, and large portions of the original root system with it. It is difficult to say at this time what affect this will have on the health, and stability of the redwood trees surrounding the void left by the stump. The addition of these new characteristics to the forest adds many wildlife qualities that can only

be created with fire and the Ranch seeks to maintain a balance between these qualities and merchantable timber.

In December 2009, the Ranch designated a set of criteria from scientific publications and professional foresters, to determine post-fire tree mortality of the Continuous Forest Inventory plots (CFI). Using this criteria, Ranch forestry technicians reestablished the plots and determined the tree mortality of CFI plots affected by the Lockheed fire. Using GPS and a hand compass, forestry technicians would pace out the approximate 500 ft horizontal distance in a cardinal direction to reach the next fixed plot. Locating plots in high intensity burn areas proved to be extremely difficult. The fire removed marking paint from the trees, witness cards, flagging, and aluminum tags. Some plots were burned so intensely that only the rebar center stake remained to identify a CFI plot. Using previous measurement data, forestry technicians were able to identify even the most severely damaged CFI plot. Trees were evaluated on species, dbh, height, scorch height, percent remaining crown, fire intensity, cambium damage, root damage, basal sprouting, crown sprouting, and determined live/dead. In July 2010, a forestry technician and a student intern reevaluated the CFI plots measured in Dec. 2009. Results were consistent with the conclusions from the 2009 visit, but Ranch management is aware that it may take several years to determine the true mortality of certain tree species. Plans exist to measure the CFI for tree mortality over the next 2 - 4 years. Continued measurement will support the analysis in the NTMP prior to the next entry and will also act as important research for coast redwood species burned by wildfire.

#### **Salvage Harvest Operations**

In the spring of 2010 the Ranch submitted an Emergency Notice that focused on areas of managed forest within the NTMP that were burned at medium and high intensities, resulting in mortality and substantial damage to timber resources. The damaged trees would have sustained high levels of defect into the future. Harvest of these dead, dying and damaged trees allows the landowner to minimize financial loss of timber resources that would certainly occur as a result of decay over time. The Emergency Notice included approximately 90 acres of harvest area in the North Fork and South Fork of Little Creek as well as Archibald Creek and Winter Creek watersheds. Logs were flown with a Boeing Vertol 107 helicopter to landings 1, 10, and 11 by Columbia Helicopters, and hauled out of Winter Creek Road as conditions permitted.

Prior to conducting salvage operations, the Ranch consulted with several professionals familiar with the Ranch property for technical assistance relative to biological and geological issues related to proposed salvage harvest operations in the wake of the Lockheed Fire. In particular, Dr. John Bulger, wildlife biologist, was asked to evaluate the post-fire condition of two previously identified areas of potentially suitable marbled murrelet habitat on Swanton Pacific Ranch and to make recommendations for avoiding take of habitat and avoiding potential disturbance to nesting murrelets (if any) with respect to the proposed harvest operations. Additionally, Tim Best, Certified Engineering Geologist and Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control, was asked to outline general slope stability recommendations. Mitigations to follow these recommendations were incorporated in all Emergency Notice operations.

The Swanton Pacific Ranch Emergency Notice, #1-10EM-006-SCR, covering 90 acres, is on file with Cal-Fire. Emergency Notice harvest entries on Swanton Pacific Ranch and adjoining properties in the Scotts Creek watershed are displayed in Table 2 below.

Lockheed Fire 2010 and 2011 Emergency Notices by Watershed				
WATERS HED	Tractor (ac)	Helicopter (ac)	Yarder (ac)	Total (ac)
Upper S cotts Creek	113	21	0	134
Mill Creek	0	342	0	342
Big Creek	14	568	0	582
Little Creek - North Fork	69	131	0	200
Little Creek - South Fork	60	26	17	103
Little Creek - Mainstem	0	46	0	46
Winter Creek	0	10	0	10
Archibald Creek - North Fork	11	0	0	11
Archibald Creek - South Fork	18	0	10	28
Archibald Creek - Mainstem	0	7	0	7
Total	285	1151	27	1463

Table 2 displays the scope of Emergency Notice operations in the Scotts Creek Watershed.

The Ranch will be filing a Notice of Timber Operations for the South Fork Little Creek this summer, 2011, to harvest substantially damaged timber and perpetuate selection management. Harvesting methods and logistics are undecided at the time of the amendment but will be disclosed in the NTO. Following timber operations in spring 2011 the next entries will likely be in 10 to 20 years, depending on stocking levels. Before the Ranch enters the NTMP area for future timber operations, following the South Fork Little Creek this summer, the CFI plots will be re-measured and analyzed for sustainability with a minor amendment submitted to Cal Fire.

The Ranch has also begun initiating a Forest Recovery Management Plan. This Plan is the Ranch's rehabilitation strategy for the forest post Lockheed Fire. Treatments are proposed which include monitoring, planting, and vegetation management. Demonstration sites have been laid out to compare a variety of vegetation treatments and intensities to successfully regenerate redwood. This effort will be focused on severely burned areas with redwood site potential, some of which have been previously planted with non-native Monterey pine. Ranch staff planted over 16,000 redwood seedlings in winter 2010 and 2011, and intends to plant 20,000 more in substantially damaged areas.

#### **Ongoing Research Opportunities**

The Lockheed Fire shifted the research opportunities at the Ranch. The focus of the Paired Watershed study has been redirected to monitor the effects developing in the aftermath of the burn. Within several months of the fire, Ranch and visiting scientists were testing soil hydrophobicity at various locations throughout the watershed. A rainfall simulator from the University of Oregon was used to test soil infiltration at sites both in and out of the burn. A post-fire LiDAR flight on the Scotts Creek watershed was conducted, to allow post-fire comparisons of the ground topography and the vegetation relief prior to significant re-growth. Re-growth has occurred rapidly, comprised of many unique fire-following species, which are recorded to a great extent in the botanical essay, Traversing Swanton Road, by James West, <a href="http://arboretum.ucsc.edu/pdfs/TraversingSwanton.pdf">http://arboretum.ucsc.edu/pdfs/TraversingSwanton.pdf</a>. Inventory of invasive plant populations on the Ranch has also been compiled and submitted to the Invasive Plant Council to help prioritize management efforts.



Photograph of a rainfall simulation experiment in the South Fork of Little Creek. January 6, 2011.

### Swanton NTMP Sustainability Analysis Update, February 2011

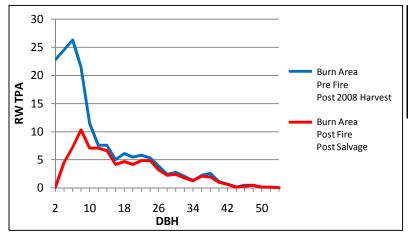
Purpose: To provide pre and post fire stand and stock tables by timber type (RW II, RW III, RW IV, DF, DFHW, and Smith Stand) of redwood and Douglas-fir within the burn area.

Data: 2003 CFI (Continuous Forest Inventory) report, 2008 CFI report,  $1^{st}$  Post-fire mortality assessment (2009),  $2^{nd}$  Post-fire mortality assessment (2010).

Methodology: The same approach utilized in the NTMP was utilized to create stand and stock tables by timber type with the most current information.

For the Post-fire Mortality Assessment, a set of mortality thresholds was developed through review of available literature and discussions with other professional foresters. This evaluation was conducted on the 83 CFI plots within the burn perimeter. These plots were measured in December 2009, and again in August 2010, with another visit planned for fall 2011. Stand and Stock tables for all relevant Timber Types and species are presented below. Stand and Stock tables are not provided for MPP (Monterey Pine Plantation) due to the fact that the NTMP proposes removal of the stands over time, however, field evaluations in the MPP timber type support mortality in the range of 80 – 100%. Douglas-fir tables were not developed for RW II and Smith Stand due to insufficient stocking. It is recognized that total mortality may not be realized for several years. This long-term effect will be re-assessed when re-visiting the CFI plots, prior to the next update of the NTMP.

### Timber Type: Redwood III, Species: RW



Burn Area-Post Fire Statistics	
# of Plots=	
Mean (bf/ac)=	40131
Standard Deviation (bf/ac)=	25140
Coefficient of Variation=	63
Standard Error of the Mean (bf/ac)=	4515
Standard Error as a Percent of the Mean=	11

2009 Pre Fire					
F	Post 2008 Harvest				
	RW III	Тур	е		
RW Stand Table					
DBH	TPA	BA	(ft^2	7	
2	22.80		(	0	
1	24 52			2	

RW III Type				
RW Stand Table				
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)		
2	22.80	0.50		
4	24.52	2.14		
6	26.29	5.16		
8	21.45	7.49		
10	11.45	6.25		
12	7.58	5.95		
14	7.58	8.10		
16	5.00	6.98		
18	6.13	10.83		
20	5.48	11.96		
22	5.81	15.33		
24	5.32	16.72		
26	3.87	14.27		
28	2.42	10.35		
30	2.74	13.46		
32	2.10	11.71		
34	1.29	8.14		
36	2.26	15.96		
38	2.58	20.32		
40	1.13	9.85		
42	0.65	6.21		
44	0.16	1.70		
46	0.48	5.58		
48	0.48	6.08		
50	0.16	2.20		
52	0.16	2.38		
Total	148.23	225.62		

	2011 Pc	st Fire		
	Post Salvage			
	RW III Type			
RW Stand Table				
DBH	TPA	BA (ft	<sup>2</sup> /a	
2	0.16		0.0	
1	4.52		ο,	

DBH	TDA	
	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)
2	0.16	0.00
4	4.52	0.39
6	7.26	1.43
8	10.32	3.60
10	7.10	3.87
12	7.10	5.57
14	6.61	7.07
16	4.19	5.86
18	4.68	8.27
20	4.19	9.15
22	4.84	12.77
24	4.84	15.20
26	3.23	11.89
28	2.26	9.66
30	2.42	11.88
32	1.77	9.91
34	1.29	8.14
36	2.10	14.82
38	1.94	15.24
40	0.97	8.44
42	0.65	6.21
44	0.16	1.70
46	0.32	3.72
48	0.48	6.08
50	0.16	2.20
52	0.16	2.38
Total	83.71	185.45

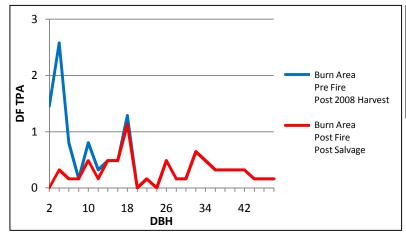
2009 Pre Fire Post 2008 Harvest RW III Type RW Stock Table

	Stock Lable
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)
2	4.56
4	49.03
6	105.16
8	150.16
10	171.77
12	227.42
14	606.45
16	450.00
18	980.65
20	1370.97
22	1916.13
24	2820.97
26	3096.77
28	2177.42
30	2796.77
32	2348.39
34	1548.39
36	3793.55
38	4851.61
40	2529.03
42	1541.94
44	429.03
46	1359.68
48	1770.97
50	635.48
52	650.00
Total	38382.30

2011 Post Fire Post Salvage RW III Type RW Stock Table

DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)
2	0.03
4	9.03
6	29.03
8	72.26
10	106.45
12	212.90
14	529.03
16	377.42
18	748.39
20	1048.39
22	1596.77
24	2564.52
26	2580.65
28	2032.26
30	2467.74
32	1987.10
34	1548.39
36	3522.58
38	3638.71
40	2167.74
42	1541.94
44	429.03
46	906.45
48	1770.97
50	635.48
52	650.00
Total	33173.26

# Timber Type: Redwood III, Species: DF



Burn Area-Post Fire Statistics	
# of Plots=	
Mean (bf/ac)=	40131
Standard Deviation (bf/ac)=	25140
Coefficient of Variation=	63
Standard Error of the Mean (bf/ac)=	4515
Standard Error as a Percent of the Mean=	11

Post 2008 Harvest RW III Type			
	DF Stand	d Table	
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)	
2 4	1.45	0.03	
4	2.58	0.23	
6	0.81	0.16	
8	0.16	0.06	
10	0.81	0.44	
12	0.32	0.25	
14	0.48	0.52	
16	0.48	0.68	
18	1.29	2.28	
20	0.00	0.00	
22	0.16	0.43	
24	0.00	0.00	
26	0.48	1.78	

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0.79

3.60

3.05

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3.10

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Total

2009 Pre Fire

	DW 111	_
	RW III	
DDII	DF Stand	
DBH		BA (ft^2/ac)
2 4	0.00	0.00
	0.32	0.03
6	0.16	0.03
8	0.16	0.06
10	0.48	0.26
12	0.16	0.13
14	0.48	0.52
16	0.48	0.68
18	1.13	2.00
20	0.00	0.00
22	0.16	0.43
24	0.00	0.00
26	0.48	1.78
28	0.16	0.69
30	0.16	0.79
32	0.65	3.60
34	0.48	3.05
36	0.32	2.28
38	0.32	2.54
40	0.32	2.81
42	0.32	3.10
44	0.16	1.70
46	0.16	1.86
48	0.16	2.03
Total	7.26	30.37

2011 Post Fire

Post Salvage

RW III Type		
DF S	DF Stock Table	
DBH	DBH Vol. (bf/ac)	
2	0.64	
4	8.21	
6	8.17	
8	3.72	
10	35.19	
12	23.70	
14	55.23	
16	80.89	
18	302.04	
20	0.00	
22	66.99	
24	0.00	
26	323.94	
28	133.45	
30	162.53	
32	781.80	
34	697.27	
36	547.32	
38	638.77	
40	739.61	
42	850.27	
44	485.58	
46	551.35	
48	622.66	
Total	7119.36	

2009 Pre Fire

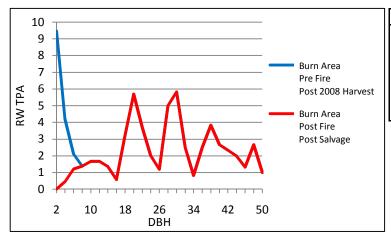
Post 2008 Harvest

	V III T	
RW III Type		
DF Stock Table		
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)	
2	0.00	
4	1.03	
3	1.63	
3	3.72	
10	21.12	
12	11.85	
14	55.23	
16	80.89	
18	264.28	
20	0.00	
22	66.99	
24	0.00	
26	323.94	
28	133.45	
30	162.53	
32	781.80	
34	697.27	
36	547.32	
38	638.77	
40	739.61	
42	850.27	
14	485.58	
46	551.35	
48	622.66	
Total	7041.31	

2011 Post Fire

Post Salvage

## Timber Type: Redwood II, Species: RW



Burn Area Statistics	
# of Plots=	3
Mean (bf/ac)=	65402
Standard Deviation (bf/ac)=	13994
Coefficient of Variation=	22
Standard Error of the Mean (bf/ac)=	8080
Standard Error as a Percent of the Mean=	13

2009 Pre Fire
Post 2008 Harvest
RWII Type
RW Stand Table
II TOA DA (CAO).

RW Stand Table		
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)
2	9.47	0.21
4	4.21	0.37
6	2.11	0.41
8	1.38	0.48
10	1.67	0.91
12	1.67	1.31
14	1.37	1.46
16	0.58	0.81
18	3.25	5.74
20	5.70	12.44
22	3.68	9.72
24	2.02	6.34
26	1.18	4.36
28	5.00	21.38
30	5.83	28.63
32	2.50	13.96
34	0.83	5.25
36	2.50	17.67
38	3.83	30.19
40	2.67	23.27
42	2.33	22.45
44	2.00	21.12
46	1.33	15.39
48	2.67	33.51
50	1.00	13.64
Total	70.79	291.02

2011 Post Fire
Post Salvage
RWII Type
RW Stand Table

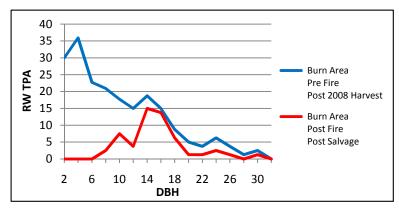
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)
2	0.00	0.00
4	0.45	0.04
6	1.22	0.24
8	1.38	0.48
10	1.67	0.91
12	1.67	1.31
14	1.37	1.46
16	0.58	0.81
18	3.25	5.74
20	5.70	12.44
22	3.68	9.72
24	2.02	6.34
26	1.18	4.36
28	5.00	21.38
30	5.83	28.63
32	2.50	13.96
34	0.83	5.25
36	2.50	17.67
38	3.83	30.19
40	2.67	23.27
42	2.33	22.45
44	2.00	21.12
46	1.33	15.39
48	2.67	33.51
50	1.00	13.64
Total	56.67	290.31

2009 Pre Fire
Post 2008 Harvest
RWII Type
RW Stock Table

DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)
2	1.89
4	8.42
6	8.44
8	9.68
10	25.00
12	50.00
14	109.33
16	52.50
18	520.00
20	1425.00
22	1215.50
24	1068.83
26	946.67
28	4500.00
30	5950.00
32	2800.00
34	1000.00
36	4200.00
38	7206.67
40	5973.33
42	5576.67
44	5320.00
46	3746.67
48	9760.00
50	3940.00
Total	65414.60

2	0.00
4	0.90
6	4.87
8	9.68
10	25.00
12	50.00
14	109.33
16	52.50
18	520.00
20	1425.00
22	1215.50
24	1068.83
26	946.67
28	4500.00
30	5950.00
32	2800.00
34	1000.00
36	4200.00
38	7206.67
40	5973.33
42	5576.67
44	5320.00
46	3746.67
48	9760.00
50	3940.00
Total	65401.62

### Timber Type: Redwood IV, Species: RW



Burn Area-Post Fire Statistics	
# of Plots=	4
Mean (bf/ac)=	30074
Standard Deviation (bf/ac)=	20447
Coefficient of Variation=	68
Standard Error of the Mean (bf/ac)=	10224
Standard Error as a Percent of the Mean*=	34

\* Only 4 plots in the burn area. One of the plots had only 3 out of 107 trees survive.

2009 Pre Fire
Post 2008 Harvest
RW IV Type
RW Stand Table
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RW Stand Table		
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)
2	30.00	0.65
4	35.91	3.13
6	22.73	4.46
8	20.91	7.30
10	17.73	9.67
12	15.00	11.78
14	18.75	20.04
16	15.00	20.94
18	8.75	15.46
20	5.00	10.91
22	3.75	9.90
24	6.25	19.63
26	3.75	13.83
28	1.25	5.34
30	2.50	12.27
Total	207.28	165.33

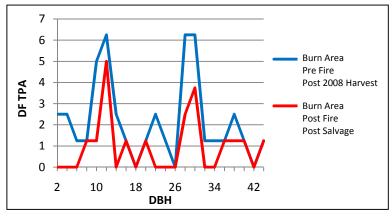
Post Salvage				
F	RW IV Type RW Stand Table			
DBH		BA (ft^2/ac)		
2	0.00	0.00		
4	0.00	0.00		
6	0.00	0.00		
8	2.50	0.87		
10	7.50	4.09		
12	3.75	2.95		
14	15.00	16.03		
16	13.75	19.20		
18	6.25	11.04		
20	1.25	2.73		
22	1.25	3.30		
24	2.50	7.85		
26	1.25	4.61		
28	0.00	0.00		
30	1.25	6.14		
Total	56.25	78.81		

2011 Post Fire

2009 Pre Fire		
Post 2008 Harvest		
	W IV Type	
	Stock Table	
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)	
2	6.00	
4	71.82	
6	90.92	
8	146.37	
10	265.95	
12	450.00	
14	1500.00	
16	1350.00	
18	1400.00	
20	1250.00	
22	1237.50	
24	3312.50	
26	3000.00	
28	1125.00	
30	2550.00	
Total	17756.06	

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2011 Post Fire			
Post Salvage			
R۷	V IV Type		
RW	Stock Table		
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)		
2	0.00		
4	0.00		
6	0.00		
8	17.50		
10	112.50		
12	112.50		
14	1200.00		
16	1237.50		
18	1000.00		
20	312.50		
22	412.50		
24	1325.00		
26	1000.00		
28	0.00		
30	1275.00		
Total	8005.00		

# Timber Type: Redwood IV, Species: DF



Burn Area-Post Fire Statistics	
# of Plots=	4
Mean (bf/ac)=	30074
Standard Deviation (bf/ac)=	20447
Coefficient of Variation=	68
Standard Error of the Mean (bf/ac)=	10224
Standard Error as a Percent of the Mean*=	34

\* Only 4 plots in the burn area. One of the plots had only 3 out of 107 trees survive.

2009 Pre Fire			
Po	Post 2008 Harvest		
	RW IV Type		
	OF Stan		
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)	
2	2.50	0.05	
4	2.50	0.22	
6	1.25	0.25	
8	1.25	0.44	
10	5.00	2.73	
12	6.25	4.91	
14	2.50	2.67	
16	1.25	1.75	
18	0.00	0.00	
20	1.25	2.73	
22	2.50	6.60	
24	1.25	3.93	
26	0.00	0.00	
28	6.25	26.72	
30	6.25	30.68	
32	1.25	6.98	
34	1.25	7.88	
36	1.25	8.84	
38	2.50	19.69	
40	1.25	10.91	
42	0.00	0.00	
44	1.25	13.20	
Total	48.75	151.16	

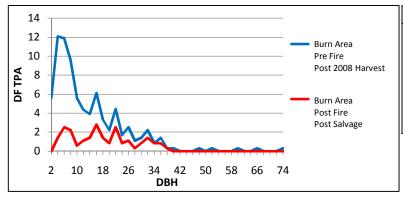
2011 Post Fire			
Post Salvage			
_	RW IV		
DBH	TPA	d Table  BA (ft^2/ac)	
2	0.00	0.00	
4	0.00	0.00	
6	0.00	0.00	
8	1.25	0.44	
10	1.25	0.68	
12	5.00	3.93	
14	0.00	0.00	
16	1.25	1.75	
18	0.00	0.00	
20	1.25	2.73	
22	0.00	0.00	
24	0.00	0.00	
26	0.00	0.00	
28	2.50	10.69	
30	3.75	18.41	
32	0.00	0.00	
34	0.00	0.00	
36	1.25	8.84	
38	1.25	9.84	
40	1.25	10.91	
42	0.00	0.00	
44	1.25	13.20	
Total	21.25	81.40	

Post 2008 Harvest			
RW IV Type			
DF S	DF Stock Table		
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)		
2	1.10		
4	7.95		
6	12.67		
8	28.83		
10	218.20		
12	459.23		
14	285.37		
16	208.98		
18	0.00		
20	395.40		
22	1038.36		
24	665.74		
26	0.00		
28	5171.16		
30	6298.15		
32	1514.75		
34	1801.27		
36	2120.88		
38	4950.49		
40	2866.00		
42	0.00		
44	3763.25		
Total	31807.79		

2009 Pre Fire

2011	Post Fire			
Post Salvage				
RW IV Type				
	ock Table			
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)			
2	0.00			
4	0.00			
6	0.00			
8	28.83			
10	54.55			
12	367.39			
14	0.00			
16	208.98			
18	0.00			
20	395.40			
22	0.00			
24	0.00			
26	0.00			
28	2068.47			
30	3778.89			
32	0.00			
34	0.00			
36	2120.88			
38	2475.24			
40	2866.00			
42	0.00			
44	3763.25			
Total	18127.88			

### Timber Type: DF, Species: DF



Burn Area-Post Fire Statistics		
# of plots=	18	
Mean (bf/ac)=	15254	
Standard Deviation (bf/ac)=	23638	
Coefficient of Variation=	155	
Standard Error of the Mean (bf/ac)=	5572	
Standard Error as a Percent of the Mean=	37	

2009 Pre Fire				
Post 2008 Harvest				
	Douglas-fir Type			
	Stand 7	able		
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)		
2	5.63	0.12		
4	12.08	1.05		
6	11.88	2.33		
8	9.58	3.34		
10	5.63	3.07		
12	4.38	3.44		
14	3.89	4.16		
16	6.11	8.53		
18	3.33	5.89		
20	2.22	4.85		
22	4.44 11.73			
24	1.67 5.24			
26	2.50 9.22			
28	1.11	4.75		
30	1.39	6.82		
32	2.22	12.41		
34	0.83	5.25		
36	1.39	9.82		
38	0.28	2.19		
40	0.28	2.42		
42	0.00	0.00		
44	0.00	0.00		
46	0.00	0.00		

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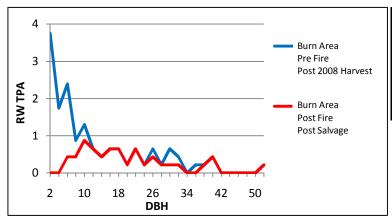
2011 Post Fire			
Post Salvage			
ı	Douglas-f	• •	
	Stand T		
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)	
2	0.00	0.00	
4	1.39	0.12	
6	2.50	0.49	
8	2.22	0.78	
10	0.56	0.30	
12	1.11 0.87		
14	1.39 1.48		
16	2.78 3.88		
18	1.39 2.45		
20	0.83 1.82		
22	2.50 6.60		
24	0.83 2.62		
26	1.11	4.10	
28	0.28	1.19	
30	0.83	4.09	
32	1.39	7.76	
34	0.83	5.25	
36	0.83	5.89	
38	0.28	2.19	
Total	23.06	51.88	

_	Post 2008 Harvest		
	glas-fir Type		
	tock Table		
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)		
2	2.47		
4	38.44		
6	120.43		
8	220.96		
10	245.69		
12	321.83		
14	443.90		
16	1021.66		
18	780.26		
20	702.93		
22	1845.98		
24	887.66		
26	1673.69		
28	919.32		
30	1399.59		
32	2692.88		
34	1200.85 2356.54		
36 38	2356.54 550.05		
40	636.89		
42	0.00		
44	0.00		
46	0.00		
48	1072.35		
50	0.00		
52	1347.96		
54	0.00		
56	0.00		
58	0.00		
60	2028.96		
62	0.00		
64	0.00		
66	2664.16		
68	0.00		
70	0.00		
72	0.00		
74 <b>T</b> atal	3694.47		
Total	28869.93		

2009 Pre Fire

2011 Post Fire		
Post Salvage		
	glas-fir Type	
	ock Table	
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)	
2	0.00	
4	4.42	
6	25.34	
8	51.25	
10	24.24	
12	81.64	
14	158.54	
16	464.39	
18	325.11	
20	263.60	
22	1038.36	
24	443.83	
26	743.86	
28	229.83	
30	839.75	
32	1683.05	
34	1200.85	
36	1413.92	
38	550.05	
Total	9542.05	

# Timber Type: DF/HW, Species: RW



Burn Area-Post Fire Statistic	
# of Plots=	23
Mean (bf/ac)=	12739
Standard Deviation (bf/ac)=	15821
Coefficient of Variation=	124
Standard Error of the Mean (bf/ac)=	3299
Standard Error as a Percent of the Mean=	26

2009 Pre Fire			
Post 2008 Harvest			
	DFHW Type		
	RW Star		
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)	
2	3.75	0.08	
4	1.74	0.15	
6	2.39	0.47	
8	0.87	0.30	
10	1.30	0.71	
12	0.65	0.51	
14	0.43	0.46	
16	0.65	0.91	
18	0.65	1.15	
20	0.22	0.47	
22	0.65	1.72	
24	0.22	0.68	
26	0.65	2.40	
28	0.22	0.93	
30	0.65	3.20	
32	0.43	2.43	
34	0.00	0.00	
36	0.22	1.54	
38	0.22	1.71	
40	0.43	3.79	
42	0.00	0.00	
44	0.00	0.00	
46	0.00	0.00	
48	0.00	0.00	
50	0.00	0.00	
52	0.22	3.21	

Total 16.58

26.85

Post Salvage			
F	DFHW Type RW Stand Table		
DBH		BA (ft^2/ac)	
2	0.00	0.00	
4	0.00	0.00	
6	0.43	0.09	
8	0.43	0.15	
10	0.87	0.47	
12	0.65	0.51	
14	0.43	0.46	
16	0.65	0.91	
18	0.65	1.15	
20	0.22	0.47	
22	0.65	1.72	
24	0.22	0.68	
26	0.43	1.60	
28	0.22	0.93	
30	0.22	1.07	
32	0.22	1.21	
34	0.00	0.00	
36	0.00	0.00	
38	0.22	1.71	
40	0.43	3.79	
42	0.00	0.00	
44	0.00	0.00	
46	0.00	0.00	
48	0.00	0.00	
50	0.00	0.00	
52	0.22	3.21	
Total	7.17	20.16	

2011 Post Fire

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DFHW Type RW Stock Table		
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)	
2	0.75	
4	3.48	
6	9.57	
8	6.09	
10	19.57	
12	19.57	
14	34.78	
16	58.70	
18	104.35	
20	54.35	
22	215.22	
24	115.22	
26	521.74	
28	195.65	
30	665.22	
32	486.96	
34	0.00	
36	365.22	
38	408.70	
40	973.91	
42	0.00	
44	0.00	
46	0.00	
48	0.00	
50	0.00	
52	876.09	
Total	5135.10	

2009 Pre Fire

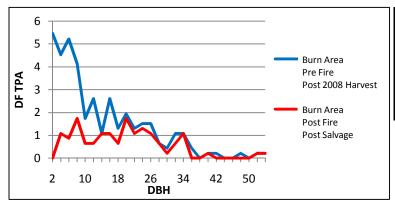
Post 2008 Harvest

DFHW Type		
RW Stock Table		
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)	
2	0.00	
4	0.00	
6	1.74	
8	3.04	
10	13.04	
12	19.57	
14	34.78	
16	58.70	
18	104.35	
20	54.35	
22	215.22	
24	115.22	
26	347.83	
28	195.65	
30	221.74	
32	243.48	
34	0.00	
36	0.00	
38	408.70	
40	973.91	
42	0.00	
44	0.00	
46	0.00	
48	0.00	
50	0.00	
52	876.09	
Total	3887.39	

2011 Post Fire

Post Salvage

## Timber Type: DF/HW, Species: DF



Burn Area-Post Fire Statistic	
# of Plots=	23
Mean (bf/ac)=	12739
Standard Deviation (bf/ac)=	15821
Coefficient of Variation=	124
Standard Error of the Mean (bf/ac)=	3299
Standard Error as a Percent of the Mean=	26

2009 Pre Fire			
Po	Post 2008 Harvest		
	DFHW	<sup>/</sup> Type	
		id Table	
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)	
2 4	5.47	0.12	
	4.53	0.40	
6	5.22	1.02	
8	4.13	1.44	
10	1.74	0.95	
12	2.61	2.05	
14	1.09	1.16	
16	2.61	3.64	
18	1.30	2.30	
20	1.96	4.27	
22	1.30	3.44	
24	1.52	4.78	
26	1.52	5.61	
28	0.65	2.79	
30	0.43	2.13	
32	1.09	6.07	
34	1.09	6.85	
36	0.43	3.07	
38	0.00	0.00	
40	0.22	1.90	
42	0.22	2.09	
44	0.00	0.00	
46	0.00	0.00	
48	0.22	2.73	
50	0.00	0.00	
52	0.22	3.21	
54	0.22	3.46	
Total	39.78	65.49	

Post Salvage		
		/ Type
		nd Table
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)
2	0.00	0.00
4	1.09	0.09
6	0.87	0.17
8	1.74	0.61
10	0.65	0.36
12	0.65	0.51
14	1.09	1.16
16	1.09	1.52
18	0.65	1.15
20	1.74	3.79
22	1.09	2.87
24	1.30	4.10
26	1.09	4.01
28	0.65	2.79
30	0.22	1.07
32	0.65	3.64
34	1.09	6.85
36	0.00	0.00
38	0.00	0.00
40	0.22	1.90
42	0.00	0.00
44	0.00	0.00
46	0.00	0.00
48	0.00	0.00
50	0.00	0.00
52	0.22	3.21
54	0.22	3.46
Total	16.30	43.25

2011 Post Fire

DFHW Type		
DF Stock Table		
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)	
2	2.40	
4	14.41	
6	52.89	
8	95.27	
10	75.89	
12	191.68	
14	124.07	
16	436.12	
18	305.32	
20	618.88	
22	541.75	
24	810.47	
26	1018.77	
28	539.60	
30	438.13	
32	1317.17	
34	1566.32	
36	737.70	
38	0.00	
40	498.44	
42	573.01	
44	0.00	
46	0.00	
48	839.23	
50	0.00	
52	1054.92	
54	1175.06	
Total	13027.52	

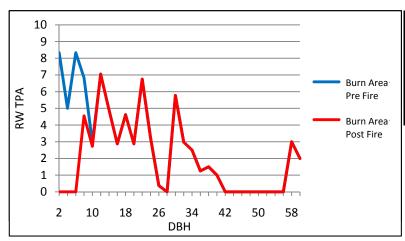
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Post 2008 Harvest

Post Salvage			
	HW Type		
	DF Stock Table		
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)		
2	0.00		
4	3.46		
6	8.81		
8	40.11		
10	28.46		
12	47.92		
14	124.07		
16	181.72		
18	152.66		
20	550.12		
22	451.46		
24	694.69		
26	727.69		
28	539.60		
30	219.07		
32	790.30		
34	1566.32		
36	0.00		
38	0.00		
40	498.44		
42	0.00		
44	0.00		
46	0.00		
48	0.00		
50	0.00		
52 54	1054.92		
54	1175.06		
Total	8854.88		

2011 Post Fire

## Timber Type: Smith Stand, Species: RW



Burn Area Statistics	
# of Plots=	2
Mean (bf/ac)=	56191
Standard Deviation (bf/ac)=	13140
Coefficient of Variation=	23
Standard Error of the Mean (bf/ac)=	9291
Standard Error as a Percent of the Mean=	17

2009 Pre Fire				
	Smith Stand Type			
		nd Table		
DBH		BA (ft^2/ac)		
2	8.33	0.18		
4	5.00	0.44		
6	8.33	1.64		
8	6.83	2.38		
10	2.95	1.61		
12	7.05	5.54		
14	4.93	5.26		
16	2.88	4.01		
18	4.63	8.17		
20	2.88	6.27		
22	6.75	17.82		
24	3.25	10.21		
26	0.38	1.38		
28	0.00	0.00		
30	5.78	28.35		
32	2.98	16.62		
34	2.50	15.76		
36	1.25	8.84		
38	1.50	11.81		
40	1.00	8.73		
42	0.00	0.00		
44	0.00	0.00		
46	0.00	0.00		
48	0.00	0.00		
50	0.00	0.00		
52	0.00	0.00		
54	0.00	0.00		
56	0.00	0.00		
58	3.00	55.04		
60	2.00	39.27		
Total	84.16	249.33		

Smith Stand Type				
RW Stand Table				
DBH	TPA	BA (ft^2/ac)		
2	0.00	0.00		
4	0.00	0.00		
6	0.00	0.00		
8	4.55	1.59		
10	2.73	1.49		
12	7.05	5.54		
14	4.93	5.26		
16	2.88	4.01		
18	4.63	8.17		
20	2.88	6.27		
22	6.75	17.82		
24	3.25	10.21		
26	0.38	1.38		
28	0.00	0.00		
30	5.78	28.35		
32	2.98	16.62		
34	2.50	15.76		
36	1.25	8.84		
38	1.50	11.81		
40	1.00	8.73		
42	0.00	0.00		
44	0.00	0.00		
46	0.00	0.00		
48	0.00	0.00		
50	0.00	0.00		
52	0.00	0.00		
54	0.00	0.00		
56	0.00	0.00		
58	3.00	55.04		
60	2.00	39.27		
Total	60.00	246.16		

2011 Post Fire

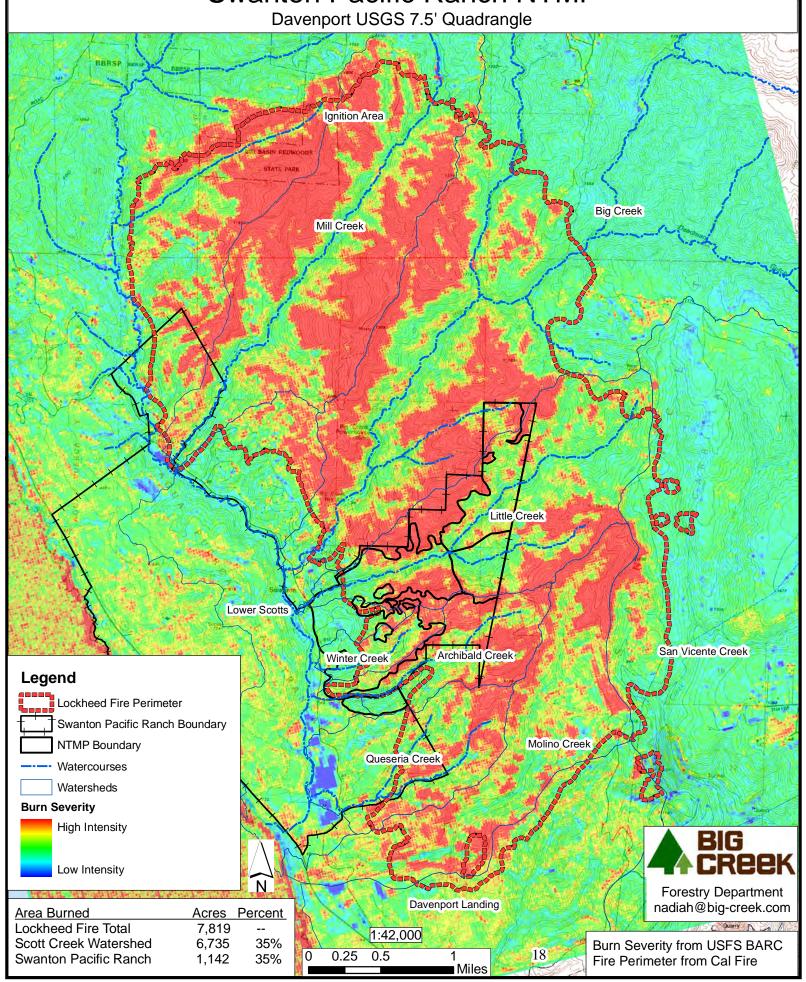
Smith Stand Type		
	tock Table	
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)	
2	1.67	
4	10.00	
6	33.32	
8	47.78	
10	44.25	
12	211.50	
14	394.00	
16	258.75	
18	740.00	
20	718.75	
22	2227.50	
24	1722.50	
26	300.00	
28	0.00	
30	5890.50	
32	3332.00	
34	3000.00	
36	2100.00	
38	2820.00	
40	2240.00	
42	0.00	
44	0.00	
46	0.00	
48	0.00	
50	0.00	
52	0.00	
54	0.00	
56	0.00	
58	15390.00	
60	11940.00	
Total	53422.51	

2009 Pre Fire

Smith Stand Type			
RW Stock Table			
DBH	Vol. (bf/ac)		
2	0.00		
4	0.00		
6	0.00		
8	31.85		
10	40.88		
12	211.50		
14	394.00		
16	258.75		
18	740.00		
20	718.75		
22	2227.50		
24	1722.50		
26	300.00		
28	0.00		
30	5890.50		
32	3332.00		
34	3000.00		
36	2100.00		
38	2820.00		
40	2240.00		
42	0.00		
44	0.00		
46	0.00		
48	0.00		
50	0.00		
52	0.00		
54	0.00		
56	0.00		
58	15390.00		
60	11940.00		
Total	53358.23		

2011 Post Fire

# Lockheed Fire Burn Severity Swanton Pacific Ranch NTMP



### Lockheed Fire Progression **Swanton Pacific Ranch NTMP** Davenport USGS 7.5' Quadrangle Ignition Area Big Creek Mill Creek Legend Lockheed Fire Perimeter Swanton Pacific Ranch Boundary NTMP Boundary Archibald Creek Watercourses Watersheds **Fire Progression** Day 8/12/2009 Molino Creek Queseria Creek 8/13/2009 8/14/2009 8/15/2009 8/16/2009 8/17/2009 8/18/2009 **Davenport Landing** Forestry Department Area Burned Acres Percent nadiah@big-creek.com Lockheed Fire Total 7,819 1:42,000 Scott Creek Watershed 6,735 35% 0.25 0.5 Swanton Pacific Ranch 1,142 35% Fire Progression from Cal Fire Miles

### **Marbled Murrelet Survey Results**

Surveys have been conducted for two years in the Little Creek Stand and one year in the General Smith Stand to date. No detections have resulted from any of these surveys (see attached report). Murrelet surveys will continue for one more year in the General Smith Stand. It is not known at this time whether trees previously designated as habitat will survive following the effects of the Lockheed Fire. Forest mortality assessments will continue over the next few years. If habitat changes are significant enough to warrant adjustment, habitat designations will be proposed for amendment at that time.

# Results of Surveys for Marbled Murrelets during 2010 At the Lower Little Creek Stand, Swanton Pacific Ranch Santa Cruz County, California

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#### INTRODUCTION

This report describes the second year of audio-visual surveys for marbled murrelets (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*) that I conducted during 2010 in the Little Creek drainage on the Swanton Pacific Ranch, Santa Cruz County, California. The survey area is located along the lower reaches of the creek, less than 200 meters upstream from its confluence with Scott Creek and includes portions of section 17 and the Spanish land grand Auga Puercas y la Trancas (Figure 1). Elevations range from 60 to 600 feet above sea level. The survey area encompasses about 81 acres in total, and is a little more than one mile inland from the Pacific Ocean. Even though the entire Little Creek watershed was clearcut 100 years ago, about 15 mature redwoods and Douglas-firs remain within the survey area, growing at widely separated locations. The presence of potentially suitable nesting structures on most of these trees was sufficient to trigger the requirement to survey for occupancy by marbled murrelets prior to commencing timber harvest operations.

Previous stand selection and surveys were conducted in the Little Creek drainage by John B. Bulger in 2002 and 2003. The results of his survey indicated that marbled murrelets were absent from the lower reaches of Little Creek (Bulger, 2003).

#### **METHODS**

Five protocol-level dawn surveys were conducted at four monitoring stations. Survey dates were May 10, July 11, July 12, July 29, and July 30, 2010. All surveys were conducted in accordance with the most recent protocols developed by the Pacific Seabird Group (2003) and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG 2001, 2003).

It was determined that 5 survey stations were needed to adequately survey the area (Figure 2). Station placement was conducted by Bulger, 2010 surveys used the same stations except for Station 2. Station 2 was located in an opening created by a landslide, by 2009 when these surveys began, Station 2 no longer had suitable openings for viewing the sky. Station 3 was surveyed from the east and the west side of the clearing. Survey stations locations were selected primarily for proximity to potentially suitable nesting trees and secondarily with respect to availability of canopy openings. Potentially suitable nest trees are defined as any conifer with at least one ≥6-inch diameter limb or similar structure at a height of at least 30 feet above the ground. Survey station locations were inspected and approved by CDFG during an onsite consultation with Stacy Martinelli on 12 June 2002 (Bulger, 2003).

### **RESULTS**

No murrelets were detected on or adjacent to the survey area during 2010 surveys.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Surveys for marbled murrelets have been conducted in the Little Creek drainage six of the last eleven years. No murrelets have been detected during any of these surveys (Bulger, 2003, Halbert 2009). For the purposes of forestry management, 2010 was the second season of surveys required to determine the occupancy status of the survey area. Marbled murrelets were not detected at these sites during the 10 surveys over a two-year period, therefore, this area can be classified as probable absence for marbled murrelets. Under the current CDFG guidelines the results of these surveys are valid for a period of at least three years for forest management purposes. Under some circumstances the period of validity for negative results may be extended beyond three years, if approved in consultation with CDFG.

**Table 1** Dates and locations of surveys for marbled murrelets at Lower Little Creek, Swanton Pacific Ranch, Santa Cruz County, California.

2010 S	urveys	
Date	Station	
5/10	4	
7/11	1	
7/12	5	
7/29	3b	
7/30	3a	
2009 S		
Date	Station	
5/10	1	
5/30	3	
6/20	4	
7/14	5	
7/23	1	

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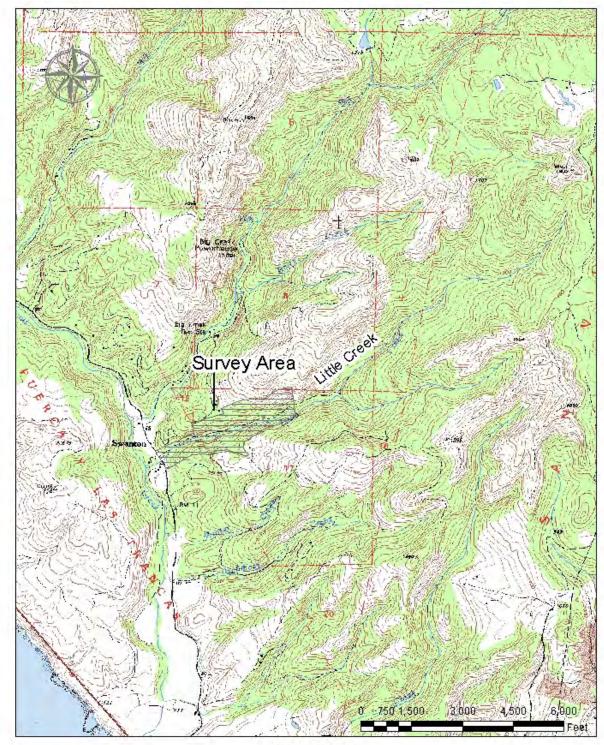
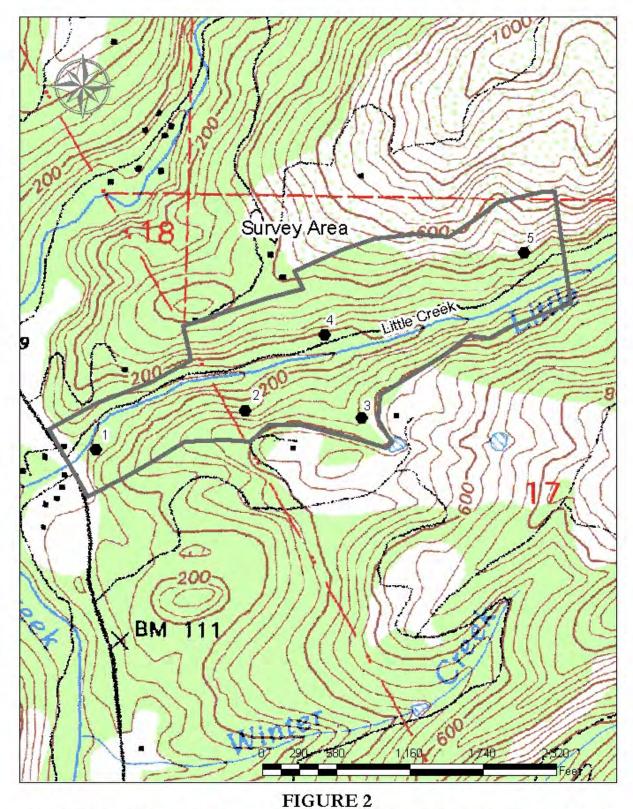


FIGURE 1
Location of the Little Creek Survey Area on Swanton Pacific Ranch
Map created by Portia Halbert February 2010



Locations of the Little Creek Survey Stations on Swanton Pacific Ranch Map created by Portia Halbert February 2010