

Instructions for Completion of Notice of Intent for Category 5A USFS Post-Fire Activities

The Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), in Order No. R5-2016-0XXX, adopted the “Waste Discharge Requirements General Order for Discharges Related to Timberland Management Activities for Federal and Nonfederal Lands” (Order).

For post-fire timberland management activities on federal lands that qualify for enrollment under Category 5A of the Order, the Central Valley Water Board waives the requirement to submit a Report of Waste Discharge and obtain WDR. Dischargers wishing to enroll their projects under the Order are required to submit a Notice of Intent to the appropriate Central Valley Water Board office.

NOTE: if any of the following are not provided on the Notice of Intent (NOI) form, the NOI will be returned and timber operations must cease until a corrected version is received by the Central Valley Water Board.

1. **National Forest:** Enter the name of the National Forest.
2. **Project Name/Number:** Enter the name/number of the Project, if applicable.
3. **Ranger District Information:** Enter the ranger district, mailing address, phone number (including area code), and email. If more than one district, attach additional pages.
4. **Contact Person(s):** List the primary person(s) responsible for on-site operations and include phone number and email. Central Valley Water Board staff will contact the person(s) prior to conducting on-site compliance inspections.
5. **Location:** List the township, range, section(s) and associated acreage planned for salvage operations. If available, please provide a geospatial file of the emergency boundary in approved format (SHP, KML, KMZ).

List the average elevation, planning watershed name(s), and CalWater number(s) for the Emergency; watershed names and numbers can be found at:
http://egis.fire.ca.gov/watershed_mapper/

Identify if the Project is in a watershed that is over the threshold of concern.

6. **Project Description:** Include a brief description of the Project; focus on aspects that have the potential to impact water quality.
7. **Roads:** Provide road footage for new roads, roads that will be reconstructed, roads within the riparian conservation area (RCA) and streamside management zones (SMZ), and roads to be abandoned/decommissioned.
8. **Watercourses:**
 - Indicate if there are perennial, intermittent, ephemeral, and/or fish-bearing watercourses within the Project area. See definitions in the *National Best Management Practices for Water Quality Management on National Forest System Lands, Volume 1: National Core BMP Technical Guide, April 2012*.
 - Indicate if there are there are any domestic water supply sources within 1 mile of the Project area.
 - Indicate if there is any work proposed within the RCAs and/or SMZs.

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- Indicate if there are any *new or reconstructed* permanent crossings proposed within the Project area. If yes, fill out Table 1 and include sizing calculations (if applicable) and a map as detailed below.
- Indicate if there are *existing* crossings with structures (i.e. culvert, bridge, box culvert, Humboldt) located within the Project area. If yes, fill out Table 1 and include a map as detailed below.

9. **Table 1. Crossings Information Sheet:** Fill out Table 1 if there *existing or proposed* crossings located within the Project area detailed in #8 above. *Crossing condition must be assessed post-fire.* *Projects that were included in a BAER evaluation may submit the BAER report in-lieu of Table 1 if the report includes all the required crossing information detailed below.

- **E / P:** Indicate if the crossing is an existing (E) crossing with a structure (e.g. culvert, bridge, box culvert, Humboldt, etc.) OR a proposed (P) permanent crossing.
- **Crossing ID:** Create a unique crossing identifier for mapping purposes.
- **GPS Coordinates:** *Optional information* – submit in decimal degrees.
- **Watercourse Type:** Indicate watercourse type at crossing (perennial, intermittent, ephemeral, man-made); indicate if fish-bearing (FB).
- **Crossing Type and Size:** Indicate crossing type and size in inches.
 - Existing crossing type will be a structure (e.g. culvert, bridge, box culvert, Humboldt, etc.).
 - Proposed crossing type may or may not be a structure (e.g. culvert, dip (native/rocked), vented ford, bridge, rock filled, etc).
- **Crossing Size:** Include size of crossing (CMP, rock size, etc.) in inches.
- **Fill Volume Estimate:** Estimate the cubic yards of fill associated with each crossing.
 - Fill volume can be estimated using field measurements of average length, width, and depth in feet; where, (Length X Width X Depth)/27=volume (yd³)
- **Diversion Potential:** Indicate whether there is diversion potential at the crossing (Y=yes, N=No, NA= not applicable). If yes, address under “Proposed Treatment”.
- **Current Condition:** Crossing condition must be assessed post-fire. Describe the condition of the existing crossing (e.g. okay/good condition, culvert plugged, culvert damaged (melted, inlet/outlet crushed, etc.), culvert undersized, culvert outlet shot-gunned, log stringer bridge damaged/ burned, fish passage issue, erosional issue of fill, etc.) or proposed crossing site (if warranted).
- **Proposed Treatment/Crossing Design:** Describe the proposed treatment/crossing design and the timeline for implementation. Include information regarding crossing type/size, road approaches, road surfacing, armoring, etc. Attach crossing calculations to Table 1 for new/reconstructed crossing design as applicable.

10. **Map:** Submit a titled USGS or equivalent topographic map(s) of a scale not less than 2” to the mile that contains the following information:

- Boundaries of Project area;
- Location of all *roads* to be used for the Project, including road construction, road reconstruction, roads in RCA/SMZ areas, abandonment (include a separate identifier in the legend for each road type);
- Location of all crossings identified in Table 1 with Crossing ID;
- Location of all watercourses (ephemeral, perennial, intermittent, man-made) within the Project area;
- Location of domestic water supply within one mile of the Emergency boundary.