



File Code: 2400

Date: May 21, 2026

Notification Protocol for Operator Caused Fires

Purpose: Notification protocol for fires that are caused by contractors performing timber operations on the Tahoe National Forest.

Plan A

Step 1. Contractor notifies the Grass Valley Interagency Emergency Command Center (530-477-7237) or 911 with positive communication device (sat phone, radio, cell phone).

Step 2. Dispatch

- 1) Dispatches response, then dispatch notifies Forest and District duty officer
- 2) District Duty Officer notifies District Line Officer(s)
- 3) District Line Officer(s)--Notifies:
 - Forest Line (Forest Supervisor/Deputy Forest Supervisor)
 - Timber CO/COR (Bill Butterfield/Chris Pennington)
 - LEO Captain (Gerald Parker)
 - Partner if work is authorized under a Partnership Agreement

Plan B

If contractor notification comes to anyone other than Dispatch, person who receives notification begins the phone tree by notifying Dispatch at Step 1 above.

Sincerely,

**AMBER
WATERS**

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WATERS
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AMBER WATERS
Acting Forest Supervisor



EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

Reporting Fires

See Notification Protocol for Operator Caused Fires

Provide the following information if possible:

- Your name
- Call back number
- Project Name
- Location of the fire:
 - Coordinates
 - Road access information
- Fire information:
 - Acres,
 - Rate of spread,
 - Wind conditions

Once you are safe:

- Follow reporting as outlined in your Fire Plan.

All Other Emergencies

Call 911

NON-EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

All public inquiries about project work or other Forest Service activities should be directed to the Tahoe National Forest Front Office 530-265-4531. Do not share Forest Service personnel phone numbers without prior authorization.

All operations that are not covered under NEPA must be reported to the district ranger within 24 hours during business hours. The district ranger will in turn notify the appropriate specialist immediately upon receipt of the initial notification. This includes:

- Unauthorized operations or damage to heritage/cultural sites including any unanticipated discoveries of heritage/cultural resources or human remains. Operations **MUST** cease in the immediate area where an impact or an unanticipated discovery occurred until reviews by the cultural resource specialist and heritage program manager are complete. A notice to proceed will be submitted by project manager/line before resuming operations in the immediate area.

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- Presence of wildlife that are federally listed under the Endangered Species Act within the immediate vicinity of active operations. Operations that could harm species must cease or not commence in the immediate area surrounding the wildlife sighting, and the district wildlife/aquatic biologist should be contacted to assess the situation before operations can resume.
- Unauthorized crossing of waterways
- Unauthorized operations in exclusion zones such as California Spotted Owl PACs or American Goshawk PAC
- Unauthorized off-road travel or damage to motorized or non-motorized trails system

2026 Contact Information

American River District Ranger	Michelle Barry – 707-980-1833
Sierraville District Ranger	Rachel Hutchinson – 530-562-7517
Truckee District Ranger (until notified)	Rachel Hutchinson – 530-562-7517
Truckee District Ranger	Jonathan Cook- Fisher - 530-721-3007
Yuba River District Ranger	Amber Nelson – 530-559-6260
Forest Supervisor (until notified)	Amber Waters – 530-913-6102
Forest Supervisor (on detail)	Chris Feutrier - 406-203-7079
Deputy Forest Supervisor (until notified)	Jonathan Cook- Fisher - 530-721-3007
Deputy Forest Supervisor (on detail)	Amber Waters – 530-913-6102
Dispatch	530-477-7237