

2018 Monitoring Report for High Conservation Value Forests

Monitoring of the effectiveness of measures to maintain or enhance High Conservation Value Forests (HCVF) occurred as described under Section 5, 6 and 7 of the Forest Management Plan. As a result, the HCVFs are monitored throughout the year. A summary of the process follows:

Every THP that is submitted has a Request for Resource Input (RRI). Therefore, every THP is reviewed by the Conservation Planning Department to identify presence of any rare, threatened, or endangered (RTE) species, presence of habitat for those species, and presence of HCVF in or near the project area (defined by the Cumulative Impacts Assessment Area in the timber harvest plan).

The presence of HCVFs is also assessed by the Registered Professional Forester (RPF) during the initial stages of plan development before and after the RRI is sent to CPD personnel. So, there are two initial checks in the system for identifying HCVFs around areas of proposed harvest activity. When an HCVF is identified, the measures outlined in the Forest Management Plan (Section 6.8) are applied for each individual type of HCVF. Those measures may be incorporated into the THP or excluded from operational areas. If the measures are part of the THP, CalFire will enforce the THP and any potential errors in operation under the permit could result in a violation from CalFire. CalFire personnel actively inspect THPs on a regular basis. Also, management activities conducted near (generally within 0.25 miles) any of the murrelet occupied old growth stands would occur through consultation with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife that is also enforced under the THP process.

Additionally, some HCVFs are monitored and reported within the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) reporting. The Northern Spotted Owl HCP requires annual reporting and the Aquatic HCP requires biennial reporting. In addition, the Forest Resources Information System (FRIS) annually depletes the forest inventory and updates harvested areas using post-harvest aerial photography. Activity in a HCVF would be identified through this process. Monitoring of HCVF areas and acres is also conducted during the annual reporting process for Forest Stewardship Council® certification.

In 2018, nothing unusual in the HCVFs was identified through any of these processes.

In 2015, the California Department of General Services (DGS) and the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) approached Green Diamond Resource Co asking permission to investigate potential telecommunication tower sites on the property to replace the existing tower located on US Forest Service lands on Red Mountain in the Klamath area which is planned to be decommissioned by 2021. These telecommunication towers hold all emergency service communications for the area and link to the state-wide system for state and federal agencies. After thorough analysis a site was chosen on GDRCo property on Rattlesnake Ridge which is located in a HCVF and also in a designated Humboldt marten reserve area within the Safe Harbor Agreement between GDRCo and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW). DGS completed an Environmental Impact Report in 2018 and negotiated with DFW and Calfire in order to comply with all environmental laws, regulations and GDRCo agreements

with State and Federal agencies in order to construct 1.2 miles of road and a two acre site for the telecommunications tower. GDRCo was a willing participant through this process as an alternative to the likely use of eminent domain by the State given the threat to emergency communications and lack of any other potential site to replace the existing tower. Presently, the site clearing and road are complete and construction of the towers expected in 2019 through 2020. Our AHCP Roads Supervisor Jeremy Wright is acting as the liaison to DGS and OES.

In 2018 Green Diamond acquired 9,386 acres of forest land. Consequently, the total acreage of HCVF was increased by 1,878 acres at the end of 2018. There were no changes in HCVF area due to forest management, discovery or elimination of HCVF areas or other minor adjustments in ownership boundaries.