

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Round Mountain 2026 Timber Operations | RFP No. YWI-RFP-2026-02

Issued August 31, 2026 by Yuba Watershed Institute

Purpose

This Addendum amends the Request for Proposals for the Round Mountain 2026 Timber Operations, issued August 14, 2026, in response to questions raised at the mandatory pre-proposal field meeting held August 24, 2026. No written questions were submitted by the August 26, 2026 deadline.

The changes below amend Exhibit B (Scope of Work) and Exhibit C (Sub-merchantable Thinning Designation by Prescription Guidelines). All other terms of the RFP and its exhibits remain unchanged.

Revised copies of Exhibit B and Exhibit C, showing the added text underlined, are attached to this Addendum. See Attachment below.

The accompanying document, *Responses to Pre-Proposal Field Meeting Questions*, answers the questions raised at the field meeting. Where an answer describes a change to the work, this Addendum is the operative instrument.

Effect on the schedule

None. The schedule in RFP Section II is unchanged:

Milestone	Date
Proposals due	September 14, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Notice of intent to award	September 28, 2026
Contract award (estimated)	September 30, 2026
Notice to Proceed (estimated)	October 1, 2026
Completion	February 28, 2027 (hard stop)

Acknowledgment required

Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum on the Cost Proposal Form at Exhibit F, in the space provided for Addenda No. ____ through _____. A proposal that does not acknowledge this Addendum may be rejected as non-responsive.

Item 1 — Exhibit C, Section 3, “Hardwoods”

Delete:

Hardwoods. Thin oaks and sprouting hardwoods only where they constitute a ladder fuel to overstory trees.

Insert:

Hardwoods. Thin oaks and sprouting hardwoods only where they constitute a ladder fuel to overstory trees. This includes maples.

Item 2 — Exhibit C, Section 3, “Brush retention”

This Item responds to the field meeting question asking what qualifies as brush for the retention requirement.

Delete:

Brush retention. Retain untreated brush patches totaling approximately 1 acre, about 2 to 3 percent of the unit, in patches of one quarter to one half acre. Favor dense, tall shrub cover. Patches shall be located outside the driplines of leave trees and at least 100 feet from planned pile locations. Patch locations shall be selected by the Contractor subject to the RPF’s approval, or flagged by the RPF before operations.

Insert:

Brush retention. Retain untreated brush patches totaling approximately 1 acre, about 2 to 3 percent of the unit, in patches of one quarter to one half acre. Retained brush patches shall generally be comprised of broad-leaved brush species and shall not be comprised primarily of conifer regeneration. Favor dense, tall shrub cover. Patches shall be located outside the driplines of leave trees and at least 100 feet from planned pile locations. Patch locations shall be selected by the Contractor subject to the RPF’s approval, or flagged by the RPF before operations.

Item 3 — Exhibit C, Section 3, new provision on treatment of sub-merchantable material

This Item responds to the field meeting question asking whether the smallest trees may be crushed rather than cut and carried to a pile.

Insert as a new bullet immediately following “Dead trees”:

Treatment of sub-merchantable material. All sub-merchantable trees to be removed that are over 1 inch DBH shall be cut and placed in burn piles. All sub-

merchantable trees to be removed that are under 1 inch DBH shall be crushed by equipment and left in place. Crushing does not change which trees are to be removed. The designation by prescription in this Section, and the retention requirements of this Section, continue to apply.

Item 4 — Exhibit B, Section 2.5, “Fireline”

This Item responds to the field meeting question asking what is to be done with material scraped from the fireline, and establishes the order of operations.

Delete the first bullet:

Fireline shall be constructed to bare mineral soil using the minimum disturbance necessary. Fireline shall not be excavated deeper than required to expose mineral soil.

Insert in its place:

Fireline shall be constructed to bare mineral soil using the minimum disturbance necessary. Fireline shall not be excavated deeper than required to expose mineral soil. Material larger than 1 inch in diameter displaced by fireline construction shall be removed to a burn pile. Scraped duff, small sticks and other fine material shall be placed to the side of the fireline, preferably outside the timber unit, and in all cases on the same ownership.

Insert as a new paragraph following the bullets in Section 2.5:

Sequence. Cutting of trees and brush shall precede fireline construction, since some trees may require removal before the line can be constructed.

Conforming the exhibits at contract execution

Exhibits B and C are incorporated into the Timber Operations Contract at Exhibit G. At contract execution, the exhibits attached to the executed contract will be conformed to incorporate the amendments in this Addendum, and the Contract will identify Exhibits B and C as amended by Addendum No. 1. This Addendum governs during the solicitation.

Attachment

The following revised exhibits are attached to this Addendum and follow it in this document:

- **Exhibit B — Scope of Work**, revised, showing the change made by Item 4 above.
- **Exhibit C — Sub-merchantable Thinning Designation by Prescription Guidelines**, revised, showing the changes made by Items 1, 2 and 3 above.

Text added by this Addendum is shown underlined in the attached exhibits. No text was removed by this Addendum, so no struck-through text appears. The revised exhibits are provided for the convenience of proposers. Where a revised exhibit and the numbered Items above differ, the Items above govern.

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EXHIBIT B — SCOPE OF WORK

Round Mountain 2026 Timber Operations | MTHP #2-23-00126-NEV | Nevada County, California

August 14, 2026

REVISED BY ADDENDUM NO. 1, issued August 31, 2026. Text added by that Addendum is shown underlined. No text was removed. Addendum No. 1 is the operative instrument.

This Scope of Work is Exhibit B to the Request for Proposals and Exhibit B to the resulting Timber Operations Contract. It is the single controlling description of the work. Where the term “Contractor” appears, it means the proposer during the solicitation and the Operator after award.

1. Project Area and Objectives

The project area is 40 acres of private forestland on Merrimas Way in Nevada County, California, Assessor’s Parcel Number 062-080-068, within Section 19, Township 17 North, Range 9 East, MDBM. See the Project Map, Exhibit A.

The intent of these forest management activities is to enhance ecosystem resilience and old growth forest characteristics, primarily through the recruitment of large, resilient trees. Resilience treatments aim to restore tree vigor by creating low densities characterized by little resource competition. This will be achieved by cutting trees of all size classes, merchantable and sub-merchantable, and brush, to create desired forest conditions and reduced fuel continuity. Mechanical operations will be followed by prescribed fire under a separate contract.

Timber operations shall be conducted under approved Modified Timber Harvest Plan (MTHP) #2-23-00126-NEV, Exhibit E. All provisions of the MTHP apply. The Contractor must hold a valid Licensed Timber Operator Class A license and be amended onto the plan before operations begin.

The property is gated. Gates shall remain locked at all times except during active hauling.

The property is subject to a recorded conservation easement held by Bear Yuba Land Trust, as amended. Requirements arising from that easement appear in Section 4 and are incorporated throughout this Scope of Work.

2. Harvest Approach

2.1 Marking and designation

All commercial trees over 10 inches DBH to be cut have been marked with a blue paint band at DBH and a downhill butt mark. Sub-merchantable trees under 10 inches DBH to be cut are designated by prescription; see Exhibit C. A sample area has been marked in orange paint to demonstrate the sub-merchantable material to be removed.

Only trees marked or designated as described above shall be cut. Cutting any unmarked tree over 10 inches DBH is a material breach, except where expressly permitted in Section 2.3 (trees cut to create pile openings, which must be approved and marked by the RPF beforehand) or Section 2.4 (hazard snags).

2.2 Merchantable material and delivery

Over 90 percent of the overstory standing timber volume is incense cedar. **Only incense cedar shall be cut and hauled as sawlogs.** All other marked commercial-sized trees, and any non-merchantable or cull sawlog-sized cedar, shall be treated in the same manner as slash and sub-merchantable material under Section 2.3.

The following volume of merchantable cedar sawlogs has been marked. Volumes are gross Scribner estimates provided for information only and are not guaranteed.

DBH Class	Incense Cedar Volume (BF)
10"-14"	4,176
14"-20"	32,800
20"-26"	17,702
26"+	10,868
Total	65,546

Destination. Sawlogs shall be delivered to **SPI Oroville**. Delivery is under a purchase order held by Yuba Watershed Institute; see Exhibit D and Section 2.6.

Log specifications. Logs shall meet the specifications of Exhibit D, including at minimum:

- Minimum length 10 feet; minimum diameter 6 inches; minimum 10 board feet; minimum 25 percent net.
- Small sort, 28-inch big end diameter: cut in 6-foot multiples wherever possible, at 12'6", 18'8", 25'0", 31'0" and 37'2", trim included.
- Large sort, incidental, 29-inch big end diameter and larger: cut to 33'0" or 16'6" wherever possible.
- All logs bucked clean and square at both ends and fully limbed, bucked to eliminate or minimize defects and deformities, and bucked to lengths specified by the mill's foresters.
- Decked logs at the landing shall be free of cull.

Metal. The Contractor shall check with a metal detector any log suspected of containing metal prior to shipment and shall not ship any log known or suspected to contain metal. Logs found at the mill to contain metal receive zero payment, and repeated occurrences can void the purchase order.

Branding. The Contractor shall brand logs on one end with [TBD] color paint using the brand [TBD] and shall mark the branded end with a [TBD] color paint dot as designated by the RPF. All logs at the landing shall be branded by the end of each working day. Branding paint will be furnished by the RPF.

Scale tickets. The Contractor shall deliver copies of all scale tickets and load receipts to the RPF within five business days of delivery.

Mill interruption. If the mill closes its yard, imposes a quota, ceases accepting cedar from this project, or the purchase order lapses, cutting operations shall halt until the RPF secures another outlet. Time lost to any such halt is addressed under Section 5 below. If a halt exceeds thirty (30) days, or if a replacement outlet materially changes haul distance, either party may request an equitable adjustment to the unit rates, as provided in Section 2.08 of the Contract.

2.3 Slash and pile construction

Slash, meaning branches, tops, sub-merchantable trees and brush, and excess downed material, shall be mechanically piled in the woods and at the landing(s). Piles shall be located in open areas within the unit where, if burned under prescribed conditions, burning would not be likely to scorch or kill residual trees.

Pile placement:

- At least 25 feet from the dripline of residual trees.
- At least 100 feet from property lines and from the edge of any adjacent untreated fuels, except where the RPF approves a lesser distance in writing.
- At least 200 feet from homes or structures.
- At least 100 feet from retained brush patches (Exhibit C).

Pile construction:

- Piles made within the unit, not at a landing, shall not exceed 60 feet in diameter.
- Piles shall be compact and free of soil and rock, with butt ends oriented toward the center.
- Each pile shall have an ignition area of not less than 5 feet by 5 feet covered with waxed paper placed over finer fuels such as small branches to allow easy ignition. Waxed paper will be furnished by the Contractor.

If natural openings are not available, additional trees may be cut to create openings. Any such tree must be approved and marked by the RPF before cutting.

2.4 Snags and downed wood

Retention. All snags over 10 inches DBH shall be retained except those marked with a blue paint band. The marking retains at least 3 snags per acre where they exist, consistent with the conservation easement. Dead trees under 10 inches DBH may be cut in accordance with Exhibit C.

Hazard snags. Consistent with the MTHP, a snag that poses a safety hazard to adjacent property, roads, or the operating crew may be felled at the discretion of the RPF or the Licensed Timber Operator. The Contractor shall notify the RPF promptly of any hazard snag felled. Felled hazard snags shall be left on site as downed wood and count toward the downed wood retention below.

Where the RPF designates snags for retention, preference is given to snags that are:

- a. located beyond striking distance from structures, roads, or parcel boundaries;
- b. free standing, meaning not supported by other trees;
- c. showing obvious signs of existing wildlife use, such as cavities, granaries, or nests;
- d. "hardened," or in the initial stages of decay, and therefore likely to persist and less likely to cast embers or smolder; and
- e. not horizontally connected with the rest of the overstory canopy, meaning isolated snags.

At least 3 large downed logs per acre shall be retained where they exist, well distributed across the unit. Logs that are partially decomposing or partially submerged in the soil shall be left in place. Downed logs and non-merchantable cut snags over 18 inches in diameter shall be left in place, flush with the ground and not at risk of rolling, and count toward this retention.

Treatment of removed material. Snags and downed logs to be removed shall be treated as slash under Section 2.3. All downed material greater than 1 inch and less than 18 inches in diameter, including slash associated with retained logs and with cut snags over 18 inches, shall be treated as slash.

2.5 Fireline

Fireline shall be constructed along the southern and eastern property boundaries to facilitate future burning, in the locations shown on Exhibit A. Estimated quantity is approximately 3,610 feet.

Fireline shall be machine constructed except where the RPF directs hand construction because of site conditions. Hand-constructed fireline directed by the RPF is paid at the additive unit rate in the Cost Proposal Form.

- Fireline shall be constructed to bare mineral soil using the minimum disturbance necessary. Fireline shall not be excavated deeper than required to expose mineral soil. Material larger than 1 inch in diameter displaced by fireline construction shall be removed to a burn pile. Scraped duff, small sticks and other fine material shall be

placed to the side of the fireline, preferably outside the timber unit, and in all cases on the same ownership.

- Machine line shall be one blade width, properly waterbarred per the MTHP, with bladed material pushed to the outside of the fire unit.
- Hand line shall be 3 feet in width, properly waterbarred per the MTHP, with moved material pushed to the outside of the fire unit.

Sequence. Cutting of trees and brush shall precede fireline construction, since some trees may require removal before the line can be constructed.

2.6 Timber ownership and water

Timber ownership. Yuba Watershed Institute is the Timber Owner of record for this parcel, per Minor Deviation #2 to MTHP #2-23-00126-NEV, accepted by CAL FIRE on August 6, 2026. **Title to timber and logs does not pass to the Contractor at any time.** YWI holds the mill purchase order, invoices the mill, receives all log revenue, and is responsible for the California timber yield tax and forest excise tax. **The Contractor's unit prices are service rates and shall include no offset or credit for timber value.**

Deductions. Loads or portions of loads rejected or deducted by the mill for bucking, length, trim, mis-sort, metal, or other defect attributable to the Contractor's workmanship are at the Contractor's cost, and YWI may offset those amounts against sums otherwise payable. Deductions for natural defect not reasonably detectable by the Contractor at the time of bucking are at YWI's cost.

Water. The Contractor is responsible for providing water for dust abatement. No drafting site is available on site or permitted under the MTHP.

3. Sub-merchantable Thinning

Sub-merchantable thinning shall be performed in accordance with the Designation by Prescription guidelines at Exhibit C. The RPF will conduct compliance inspections and plots throughout operations. The Contractor is responsible for performing corrective work identified by the RPF where the work does not meet these guidelines.

4. Conservation Easement Requirements

The parcel is subject to a recorded conservation easement held by Bear Yuba Land Trust, as amended in 2023. The following easement provisions apply to this work and are Contractor obligations:

- **Snag retention.** Snags shall not be cut unless at least 3 snags per acre remain where they exist, together with a similar number of large fallen trees on the ground. See Section 2.4.
- **Large trees.** No live, healthy tree over 36 inches DBH shall be cut.

- **Silviculture.** No even-aged regeneration method shall be used.
- **Soils.** Heavy equipment use shall not occur under saturated soil conditions. Skidding shall be done with minimal impact to the soil, with activity kept to existing trails and roads as much as practicable.
- **Retention priorities.** Where the Contractor exercises any discretion in designating trees for retention, priority is, in decreasing order: (1) healthy, vigorous, disturbance-resistant trees, meaning those with good health, high live crown ratio, vibrant needle color, and continued growth; (2) wildlife trees, including snags being used by wildlife; (3) shade-intolerant species such as pine, with additional preference for retaining healthy sugar pine.

5. Work Sequence and Timing

Operations may begin on the date of the Notice to Proceed and **shall cease no later than February 28, 2027.**

- **Limited operating period.** No operations shall occur during the limited operating period for the California spotted owl, which runs from **March 1 through August 30, consistent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service consultation for the adjacent BLM project. The completion date shall not be extended into that period under any provision of this Scope of Work or the Contract.**
- **Suspension and resumption.** If operations are suspended because of weather, wet or saturated soil conditions, Red Flag Warnings, a suspension ordered by YWI, a mill interruption under Section 2.2, or other circumstances beyond the Contractor's reasonable control, and the suspension prevents completion by February 28, 2027, the remaining work shall be suspended for the limited operating period and shall resume when the RPF confirms in writing, no earlier than the end of the limited operating period, that operations may recommence. The completion date is then extended to a date set by YWI in writing, not later than October 31, 2027. Unless YWI agrees otherwise in writing, the Contractor shall remove all equipment from the property before the limited operating period begins. Unit prices remain firm. Remobilization following a suspension that spans the limited operating period is compensated by written change order, in an amount not exceeding one half of the mobilization and demobilization lump sum. Full terms are in Section 2.19 of the Contract.
- **Notice.** The Contractor shall give the RPF written notice of each suspension under this Section within five business days of its onset and shall report the days lost.
- **Red Flag Warnings.** The Contractor shall stay apprised of Red Flag Warnings issued for the project area and shall cease all operations except hauling and landing activities during a Red Flag Warning. This is the sole rule governing work during Red Flag Warnings.

- **Absence.** The Contractor shall not be absent from the project for more than two consecutive weeks without the RPF's written permission and shall give the RPF one week's notice of any anticipated absence. Absences caused by weather or by a suspension under this Scope of Work are excepted but shall be coordinated with the RPF.

6. Communication and Coordination

The Contractor shall designate one foreman as the point of contact with the RPF. Proposals shall identify the individual proposed for this role.

The foreman shall report weekly to the RPF on project accomplishments by phone, text, or email, and shall be available to respond to calls and emails from the RPF. The foreman shall communicate project requirements to all crew members and shall pass along any modification to treatments or other instruction from the RPF to all crew members within one day. The foreman shall give the RPF at least three days' notice before moving to a new treatment area within the unit.

The Contractor shall notify YWI and the RPF immediately of any inspection, citation, notice of violation, or notice of non-compliance issued by CAL FIRE or any other agency in connection with this project.

7. Equipment

Equipment shall be selected to reduce ground disturbance. Tractor-based equipment and rubber tracks are preferred. Proposals shall describe equipment types in sufficient detail for evaluation, including make and model, wheeled versus tracked, type of wheels or tracks, and size.

Equipment shall be in good working order, free of leaks, and fitted with approved spark arresters. Equipment shall be cleaned prior to site entry to prevent the spread of invasive species and pathogens and shall be inspected by the RPF before entering the project site to confirm it is free of plant parts and mud.

8. General Conditions

The Contractor shall provide all labor, materials, equipment, transportation, insurance, permits, and licenses necessary to complete the work. The following conditions apply.

Sensitive resources. The Contractor shall immediately halt work and notify the RPF upon encountering special-status species, active nests, or cultural or archaeological resources. Wildlife shall be allowed to leave the area safely.

Notifications and work hours. The Contractor shall notify YWI and the RPF five working days before moving equipment onto the project, so that the landowner and neighbors can

be notified. Work is limited to 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hauling outside these hours or on Saturday requires the prior written approval of YWI and the RPF.

Fuel and hazardous materials. The Contractor shall provide its own fuel and supplies and shall maintain spill containment kits on site. Refueling shall be done away from aquatic resources.

Fire prevention. The Contractor shall stay apprised of Red Flag Warnings and local weather forecasts and shall comply with Section 5. A fire watch patrol for one hour following the cessation of operations each day is required on any day the applicable industrial fire precaution level for the project area is C or higher. **The Contractor is responsible for staying apprised of the applicable precaution level**, which is the USFS Precautionary Action Level published for [Tahoe National Forest, zone to be confirmed by the RPF], and of Red Flag Warnings issued for the project area. The Contractor shall comply with all provisions of Public Resources Code sections 4427, 4428, 4429, 4431, and 4442, and all other applicable provisions, including the required fire tools and serviceable fire extinguisher on each piece of equipment.

Safety. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable Cal/OSHA requirements and shall maintain an Injury and Illness Prevention Program covering the work.

Soil and erosion control. Operations shall minimize soil disturbance. Heavy equipment use shall not occur under saturated soil conditions. Work shall cease where there is risk of erosion or compaction. Section II of the MTHP contains enforceable erosion and soil protection requirements.

Damage and repairs. The Contractor is responsible for repairing any damage it causes to roads, trails, gates, fences, culverts, or signage, restoring them to equal or better condition within ten days of notification. Two buried waterpipes in the project area have been centerline flagged in purple to the best of the landowner's knowledge and are stated to be two feet below ground. Damage to these shall be repaired by the Contractor.

Safety measures. The Contractor shall post warning signs or road guards where necessary and shall take reasonable precautions to avoid injury to the public.

Cleanup. The Contractor shall maintain a clean worksite, remove trash daily, and leave no waste on the ground.

Compliance. The Contractor shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, the MTHP, and the conservation easement requirements in Section 4.

Inspections. YWI and the RPF will conduct inspections to confirm compliance. Inspections do not relieve the Contractor of responsibility for quality control. Inspections for payment occur only on completed items.

9. Flagging and Paint Guide

Flagging / Paint Type	Designation
Pink flagging	Unit boundary
Blue paint band	Cut tree (commercial, over 10" DBH) or snag designated for cutting
Orange paint	Sample mark: sub-merchantable material to be removed (sample area only)
Orange and white striped, printed "Special Treatment Zone"	Equipment Limitation Zone (ELZ)
Orange flagging printed "Skid Trail"	Approved crossing of an ELZ
Purple flagging	Buried domestic waterline

10. Exhibits

- **Exhibit A** — Project Map
- **Exhibit B** — Scope of Work (this document)
- **Exhibit C** — Sub-merchantable Thinning Designation by Prescription Guidelines
- **Exhibit D** — SPI Purchase Order and Log Specifications
- **Exhibit E** — MTHP #2-23-00126-NEV, Sections I, II, and III

EXHIBIT C — SUB-MERCHANTABLE THINNING

Designation by Prescription Guidelines | Round Mountain 2026 Timber Operations

August 14, 2026

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This Exhibit is part of the Scope of Work (Exhibit B) and is incorporated into the Request for Proposals and the resulting Timber Operations Contract.

1. Intent

The intent of forest management activities on these lands is to enhance ecosystem resilience and old growth forest characteristics, primarily through the recruitment of large, resilient trees. Resilience treatments aim to restore tree vigor by creating low densities characterized by little resource competition.

Sub-merchantable material, meaning trees under 10 inches DBH, is not individually marked. It is designated by the prescription in Section 3 below.

2. Sample area and inspections

A sample area has been marked in orange paint to demonstrate the sub-merchantable material to be removed. Orange paint appears only in the sample area; elsewhere the prescription governs. Attendance at the pre-proposal field meeting, where the sample area is walked, is mandatory.

The RPF will conduct compliance inspections and plots throughout operations to confirm the prescription is being met. The Contractor is responsible for performing corrective work identified by the RPF where completed work does not meet these guidelines. Corrective work of this kind is at no additional cost, consistent with Section 2.05 of the Contract.

3. Prescription

- **Within driplines.** Remove small-diameter trees (under 10 inches DBH) and brush from within the dripline of vigorous and healthy dominant, codominant, and intermediate trees.

- **Spacing in gaps.** Where no dominant or codominant overstory is present, thin the intermediate size class to an average of 15 feet between the stems of leave trees, **measured stem to stem**. Spacing shall be non-uniform, arranged with clumps of two to four trees and interspersed gaps rather than an even distribution.
- **Dead trees.** Remove dead trees under 10 inches DBH. Snags 10 inches DBH and larger are governed by Exhibit B, Section 2.4.
- **Treatment of sub-merchantable material.** All sub-merchantable trees to be removed that are over 1 inch DBH shall be cut and placed in burn piles. All sub-merchantable trees to be removed that are under 1 inch DBH shall be crushed by equipment and left in place. Crushing does not change which trees are to be removed. The designation by prescription in this Section, and the retention requirements of this Section, continue to apply.
- **Hardwoods.** Thin oaks and sprouting hardwoods only where they constitute a ladder fuel to overstory trees. This includes maples.
- **Brush retention.** Retain untreated brush patches totaling approximately 1 acre, about 2 to 3 percent of the unit, in patches of one quarter to one half acre. Retained brush patches shall generally be comprised of broad-leaved brush species and shall not be comprised primarily of conifer regeneration. Favor dense, tall shrub cover. Patches shall be located outside the driplines of leave trees and at least 100 feet from planned pile locations. Patch locations shall be selected by the Contractor subject to the RPF's approval, or flagged by the RPF before operations.
- **Species not to be cut.** Within the sub-merchantable class, the following shall not be cut at any size: **sugar pine, Douglas-fir, dogwood, and any riparian hardwood species.**

4. Retention priorities

Where the Contractor exercises discretion in choosing which stems to retain, priority is, in decreasing order:

1. Healthy, vigorous, disturbance-resistant trees, meaning those exhibiting good health, high live crown ratio, vibrant needle color, and continued growth;
2. Wildlife trees, including snags being used by wildlife;
3. Shade-intolerant species such as pine, with additional preference for retaining healthy sugar pine.

These priorities are drawn from the conservation easement encumbering the property and are compliance obligations, not preferences. See Exhibit B, Section 4.

5. Related requirements

- No live, healthy tree over 36 inches DBH shall be cut.

- Heavy equipment use shall not occur under saturated soil conditions.
- Snag and downed wood retention standards are in Exhibit B, Section 2.4.
- Slash and pile construction requirements are in Exhibit B, Section 2.3.