

2020 Wildfire Wood Management

Santa Cruz County

December 14, 2021





Wildfire Wood Management Program



During and after the wildfires of 2020, **PG&E and contract vegetation management crews worked to quickly and safely restore power to customers.** This included inspecting and cutting down trees that posed a potential safety risk to work crews or electric equipment.



After completing this work, **crews chipped wood that was less than four inches in diameter** and spread the chips on-site where possible. **Because wood is considered property that legally belongs to the landowner,** any wood larger than four inches in diameter was left on site.





Pacific Gas & Electric Company is:

Returning to private property where PG&E cut down trees for safety following the 2020 wildfires to remove large-diameter wood debris with landowner permission.

Committed to completing the work in fire footprints as soon as possible. Please note, the timeline for this work is dependent on **weather** conditions, **safety** or additional **permitting** requirements.



Working with the county to gather permits necessary for wood removal in the coastal zone and other sensitive habitats. Landowners are not expected to acquire permits for their properties individually.



Santa Cruz County Outreach and Progress

We are reaching out directly to landowners to inform them of this work and **request permission to remove wood debris. With landowner permission**, we will begin the wood removal program in your area in the coming weeks.

LANDOWNER OUTREACH	
	Door hangers have been left at private properties where possible
	Calls have been placed to available landowner phone numbers
	Letters and permission forms have been sent to approximately 1,200 landowners since October 2021*
	Two news releases have been issued to date to local media outlets

PARCELS		
	Parcels Inventoried**	1,203 of 1,203
	Opt-In Parcels	142

**Data as of 12/13/2021*

***Preliminary assessment of potential wildfire wood debris remaining on a property*



The opt-in deadline for wood removal is Monday, January 31, 2022

**Across the CZU Lightning Complex Fire footprint.*



Landowner Permission Forms

LANDOWNER PERMISSION FORM FOR 2020 WILDFIRE TREE HAULING

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT APN _____
 Landowner Permission Form for 2020 Wildfire Tree Hauling
 ("Permission Form")
 (Updated as of November __, 2021)

I, own or am authorized to permit work at the following property address: _____
 in _____ County. I request and authorize Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and its contractors to enter my property on foot and, as appropriate, with equipment and vehicles to inspect, chip and distribute, and haul wood and brush from trees that PG&E or its contractors cut in response to the 2020 August CZU Lightning Fire (CZU Fire), as set forth in detail below. I understand PG&E will determine if the wood/tree qualifies for Wildfire Tree Hauling under this Permission Form. I may retract my request and authorization for PG&E and its contractors to haul wood and brush from my property and to chip and distribute wood and brush at any time prior to PG&E's commencement of its hauling and chipping activities by sending a notice in writing to PG&E at WildfireWoodManagement@pge.com, upon which the release provisions of this Permission Form will become null and void.

I understand that to qualify for this tree hauling offer from PG&E, I must provide this executed Permission Form to PG&E by January 31, 2022, and that this Permission Form may be submitted by email to WildfireWoodManagement@pge.com or in person to a PG&E authorized contractor. By providing PG&E with this executed Permission Form, with respect to wood and brush from trees that PG&E or its contractors cut in response to the CZU Fire, I am authorizing and requesting PG&E to haul away all wood and brush on my property (with greater than 4" in diameter or portions thereof) and to chip and distribute wood and brush on my property in consultation with me. I also understand that if the removing or hauling of wood and brush may cause a safety issue or substantial environmental or physical damage, PG&E may decline to haul away the wood or brush. I understand that PG&E will not provide me with any financial reimbursement or compensation for the wood hauled or chipped and distributed.

In exchange for PG&E's agreement to haul away or chip and distribute the wood and brush, I fully and completely waive and release PG&E and its contractors from any and all liability, damages, and claims arising from PG&E's trimming or cutting of trees and brush on my property in response to the CZU Fire and the hauling of cut trees and brush from my property, except as follows: 1) any physical damage, like rutting, that PG&E causes on my property when performing the work outlined in this Permission Form, which PG&E agrees to fix; and 2) any incidental personal property damage caused by PG&E's trimming or cutting of trees on my property. I understand and agree that any claim for any incidental personal property damage caused by PG&E's trimming or cutting of trees on my property or physical damage caused by the hauling of cut trees and brush from my property under this Permission Form must be submitted through PG&E's claims process.

By providing PG&E with the following contact information, I am providing PG&E and its contractor permission to contact me by email/telephone regarding this Permission Form:
 [Landowner #email/phone] _____

Please initial and check each of the boxes to express your agreement with all of the conditions of this Permission Form.

INITIAL CHECK	TREE REMOVAL QUANTITY
<input type="checkbox"/> Tree hauling under this Permission Form constitutes the hauling of wood on the ground that is greater than 4 inches in diameter as follows: • Wood will be hauled from the property: Quantity of logs: _____ Approximate diameter and length: _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> If the removing or hauling of wood and brush may cause a safety issue or substantial environmental or physical damage, PG&E may decline to haul away the wood or brush.	
<input type="checkbox"/> PG&E will not provide any financial reimbursement, or compensation to the landowner for the hauled wood. PG&E will not charge landowner for removal and hauling.	
<input type="checkbox"/> Tracked or rubber tire equipment and machinery shall have access to the property when needed to perform the work.	
<input type="checkbox"/> PG&E will not rehabilitate the work zone back to pre-fire cutting or pre-wildfire conditions. PG&E will fix physical damage to the property, like rutting, that is caused by hauling trees under this Permission Form.	
<input type="checkbox"/> This wood removal and hauling offer is an exception to PG&E vegetation management work and it is in response to 2020 wildfires.	

Please sign/date to confirm agreement. Legal Owner's or Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name	Phone Number		
Agency Name (if applicable)	Assessor Parcel Number (if known)		
Property Address	City	Township	Range Section
Prepared by	Phone Number	Tag Number	
Circuit	SSO	SSO Site Number	Look Rte. Number

A landowner permission form is **required for any wood debris to be removed** from your property and must be submitted by **January 31, 2022**.

Landowners can email completed forms to:

WildfireWoodManagement@pge.com

Permission forms can also be completed online at:

<https://www.santacruzcounty.us/FireRecovery/DebrisRemoval/PGEWoodHaulProgram.aspx>

Additional questions or concerns can be directed to:

Wildfiresafety@pge.com



Or call

1-877-295-4949

Landowners who believe PG&E caused damages for which they should be compensated may submit a claim through PG&E's claims process:

pge.com/claims



PG&E will be holding a second virtual Wood Debris Removal Town Hall presentation on Tuesday, January 12 at 6 p.m.

Questions?

