



Land Management Regulations & Agency Contact Directory Plumas and Sierra Counties, California

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Regulations Governing Land Management Activities in California: Land management activities are regulated by a number of different local, state and federal agencies. While managing your land, you may need to contact a number of agencies for technical or financial assistance and to ensure that you are following the law.

Following is a description of regulated activities (page 1-6) and a directory of local contacts for the agencies involved in regulation (page 7-16). Some activities, such as stream manipulation, require permits from a number of agencies. When in doubt, it's wise to err on the side of caution. If your activity is not listed, you may want to contact your county planning department to determine whether a permit is required.

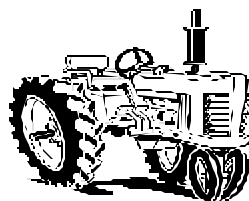


Development/ Construction/ Allowable Uses: Building and development are regulated through County Planning and Building Departments in California.

Every county government has adopted a General Plan which designates particular uses for all the land in the county. Zoning for one particular use may prohibit other types of uses. Each zone has a primary allowable or permitted use, and a secondary set of uses which may be allowed only with the issuance of a special or conditional use permit by the Planning Department.

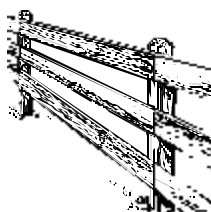
Several zones have been created expressly to protect production based land uses. Lands zoned for agriculture or forest uses have minimum parcel sizes (typically some amount over 80 acres) and restrict the uses and number of dwellings that may be constructed.

Agricultural and Timber Preserve/ Production Zones, are designated to encourage long term production from these lands by allowing landowners to trade their rights to use their property in other ways in exchange for a tax advantage. Enrollment in these tax programs, the Williamson Act for Agriculture and the TPZ program for forestry, is administered through the County Planning Department.



Farming: Plumas and Sierra counties both have "right to farm" ordinances which state that agricultural and timber operations may

not be considered nuisances by the county when the operations are conducted in a manner consistent with accepted local standards or with the best management practices established by the industry.



Fencing and Corrals: County zoning ordinances dictate the height and location of fences in most residential areas. Fences which are taller than the standard for their zone

may require a building permit. Some

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neighborhoods may also have restrictions on fence type within their CC&Rs (Covenants, Codes, and Restrictions). Most agricultural fencing, if no taller than 6 feet, does not require any special permit.



Fire: Burning on private property is regulated to minimize wildfire danger and reduce air pollution. Commercial enterprises, including agriculture, require a permit for debris

or pasture burning year round from the NSAQMD. This state permitting system is administered by NSAQMD.

Burning residential trash or leaves on private property (non-commercial) requires a burn permit from CDF via the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) during most of the year. This permit alerts fire fighting personnel in case a trash fire gets out of control. All permits are usually suspended during dry summer months when wildfire hazard is high. No permits are required by the USFS during the moist winter season.

Even when a burn permit has been issued or is not required (during the winter season), burning may still not be allowed if air quality conditions are poor. All property owners must contact the NSAQMD at 283-4654 to determine whether they are allowed to burn on any particular day, regardless of whether they hold or need a USFS permit.

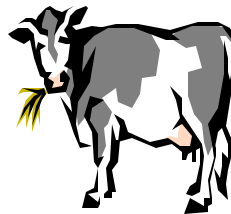
In some local areas with poor air quality due to the surrounding topography, such as East and West Quincy, burning of residential waste is never allowed. Be sure to check with the local AQMD about your location.



Gravel Mining: Non-commercial gravel mining or removal of less than 1000 cubic yards of rock, gravel, or

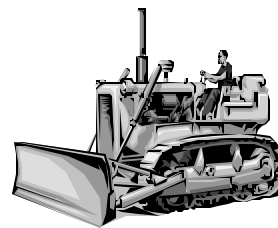
sand from less than one acre of your property is regulated by the county. Before developing any gravel pits, you must first get a permit from your County Planning or Building Department. Mining of more than 1000 cubic yards, even over a period of time, requires a reclamation plan approved by both the state and the county. There may be some exceptions to these regulations in case of emergency, such as a landslide blocking a road. Consult with the Planning Department to be certain.

In addition, if you plan on digging gravel from a stream bed on your property, you must also get a Streambed Alteration Agreement from CDF&G, and possibly a 404 permit from the US Army Corps of Engineers.



Grazing: Since livestock may cause water quality problems in streams running through grazing lands, landowners who graze livestock need to develop a

plan to comply with the Clean Water Act, which is administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

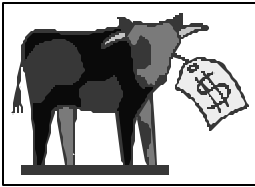


Land Disturbance:

Grading or disturbance of land that displaces greater than 50 cubic yards of material, or makes cuts or fills greater than a certain

depth requires a grading permit from the County Building Department. However, agricultural grading or land leveling does not require a permit.

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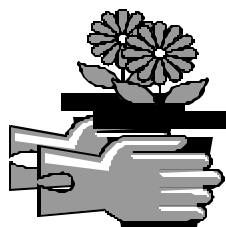
Livestock Identification:

Livestock which are changing ownership or being moved out of state must first be inspected by the state Bureau of Livestock Identification to certify the livestock brand. New livestock producers must contact the Bureau to register or change brands.



Open Range: In most areas, landowners must ensure that livestock remain on their property by means of fencing. Portions of Plumas

County, around Buck's Lake and between Antelope and Frenchman Lake, and the Eastern half of Sierra County are zoned as open range through their county general plans and zoning ordinances. In these areas, it is the responsibility of the non-livestock owning landowner to keep livestock out by erecting his or her own fence. Check with your County Planning Department for zoning ordinances.



Plant Purchases: Nursery stock shipped into California from out of state sources (including Nevada) may have a notice of quarantine from a border station and require an

inspection by the local County Agricultural Commissioner. The inspection ensures that no pest species are imported to threaten California's agricultural industry. Residents who receive a quarantine notice should contact the County Agricultural Commissioner.



Predator/ Nuisance Control:

The California Department of Fish and Game issues depredation permits on a case by case basis to landowners or an approved agent to kill bears or mountain lions that have threatened human life, personal property, or livestock.

Other nuisance animals such as coyotes, skunks, or rodents do not require a depredation permit. Control of these animals is governed by state hunting regulations maintained by CDF&G. Contact the County Agricultural Commissioner for referral to professional trappers.



Recreational Development:

Landowners who wish to enhance the recreational potential of their land will find resources available through local development agencies which have expertise in aid programs associated with state, regional, and federal agencies & organizations.



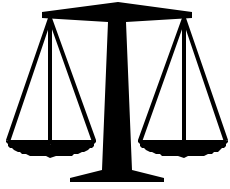
Road Construction &

Maintenance: County Planning Departments impose standards for roads built on private property under certain conditions. In

general, engineering plans must be submitted to the county if roads are being constructed to provide access to residences. Road building or maintenance which moves a large amount of material may also require a grading permit from the County Building Department.

Road building activities which involve stream disturbance such as installing, modifying, or maintaining stream crossings or culverts require a CDF&G Streambed Alteration Agreement.

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Scales: Those selling any commodity by weight or volume, including livestock, groceries and gasoline, must have their

weighing or measuring devices certified by the County Agricultural Commissioner Sealer of Weights and Measures.



Streamside Activities:

Any human activity which alters a stream bed or bank requires that the landowner work with the California Department of Fish and Game to complete a 1603

Streambed Alteration Agreement.

Activities within the stream bed such as moving a stream channel, installing instream structures to stabilize grade or improve fish habitat, or diverting water for irrigation require a 1603.

Most activities which take place in the stream side zone (along banks but not within the stream) also require a 1603, including installation of rip rap and bank stabilization material, and cutting stream bank vegetation using a power tools. Cutting of vegetation with hand tools may not require a permit.

1603 agreements, which are valid for up to a year, typically limit the amount of alteration and regulate its timing. When an activity, such as maintenance of a levee or stream culvert, is recurring, the landowner may apply for a Long Term Agreement that is valid for 3 to 5 years.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permits activities which are regulated by the Clean Water Act through issuance of a Section 404 permit. Regulated activities include depositing

of fill or dredged material in streams or adjacent wetlands; construction of revetments, breakwaters, levees, dams, dikes, and weirs; and placement of rip rap, road fills, and culverts.

Management of vegetation in wetlands does not require a permit unless soil is moved or disturbed. For technical assistance in determining the size or nature of a wetland area, contact the federal Natural Resource Conservation Service.

In addition, most activities which require a section 404 permit also require a certification or waiver by the State Water Resources Control Board to ensure that the practice does not violate Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Construction of structures on streamside property is regulated by the county. County Planning Departments require structures to be set back a minimum distance from the stream.



Timber Harvesting:

Timber harvest on private land is regulated by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) through the 1973

Forest Practices Act. This act regulates when, where, and how commercial timber harvest can be conducted and regulates protection of riparian corridors, timing of harvests during wildlife nesting periods, location of roads, and operation during certain seasons to protect soils.

The Act requires that a Timber Harvest Plan (THP) be prepared by a Registered Professional Forester and approved by CDF before commercial timber harvest can take place on private property. Permits are required anytime forest products are sold, bartered or traded for purposes other than a commercial timber harvest. Contact the CDF for more information.

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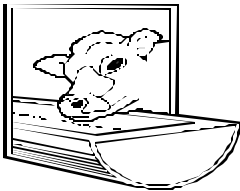


Water Development

/Diversion: Activities which actively divert water from a stream into an irrigation ditch or by means of placing a pump in a creek, alter the

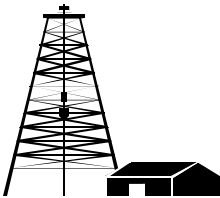
amount of water in the stream available for fish habitat. These therefore require a Streambed Alteration Agreement from CDF&G.

In streams with adjudicated water rights, including Indian Creek and the Middle Fork of the Feather River, irrigation water is allocated by a Water Master from the California Department of Water Resources.



Stockponds do not necessarily require a DF&G agreement since water is not diverted from the stream, but if a pond will store water for more

than 30 days, landowners must acquire a water right through the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Water Rights Division. A permit may also be required by the County Planning Department.



Wells: Digging of new residential or agricultural wells requires a permit from the County Environmental Health Department. New wells

located within the Sierra Valley Ground Water Management District (GWMD) must be metered if they pump greater than 100 gallons of water a minute. In addition, those subdividing land within the GWMD must conduct a study of groundwater availability for new parcels.

Wells which pump water from the stream side zone require a CDF&G 1603 agreement.



Weed and Pest Control:

Weed and pest control chemicals sold over the counter for home use can be purchased by anyone in California. Products for commercial uses, including agricultural, can only be purchased by those with a license from the California Department of Pesticide Regulation. The County Agricultural Commissioner coordinates applications and examinations for private applicator permits. The Agricultural Commissioner also sells rodent bait for use by the general public.

FOR A SUMMARY OF THESE
REGULATIONS,
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TYPE OF ACTIVITY	PERMIT REQUIRED?	AGENCY CONTACT
STREAM SIDE ACTIVITIES INSTREAM MODIFICATION ACTIVITIES Channel modification or movement, gradient stabilization structures, equipment in stream zone	YES – Streambed Alteration Agreement (1603) – Section 404 permit – Section 401 certification	California Department of Fish & Game U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regional Water Quality Board
STREAM SIDE ACTIVITIES Riprap, levee construction/ maintenance	YES – Streambed Alteration Agreement (1603) – Section 404 permit – Section 401 certification	California Department of Fish & Game U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regional Water Quality Board
Riparian vegetation management	YES – If power tools are used, may require a Streambed Alteration Agreement (1603)	California Department of Fish & Game
Structure construction	YES – Structures must be set back a specific distance from a stream	County Planning and Building Departments
STREAM WATER DEVELOPMENT Irrigation	YES – Amounts must be allocated in streams with adjudicated water rights	California Department of Water Resources
Stockponds	YES – If water stored more than 30 days, requires a water right YES – If fill deposited, Section 404 permit and 401 certification	State Water Resources Control Board U.S. Army Corps of Engineers County Planning and Building Departments
Stream side wells	YES – If water diverted out of stream, requires a Streambed Alteration Agreement (1603)	California Department of Fish & Game
WETLANDS Delineation	NO – For technical assistance in wetland delineation, contact the NRCS	Natural Resource Conservation Service
Dredging or filling	YES – Section 404 permit – Section 401 certification	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regional Water Quality Board
Vegetation management	NO – No permits are needed unless soil is moved, dredged or filled	
UPLAND MANAGEMENT Grading – land disturbance	YES – Grading permit required if > 50 cubic yards is moved, or cut or fill areas are deep enough	County Planning or Building Department
Gravel and sand mining	YES – Even though considered non-commercial if less than 1000 cubic yards is removed YES – If area is near stream also requires a Streambed Alteration Agreement (1603)	County Planning Department California Department of Fish & Game
Land or debris burning	YES – A long term permit if part of a commercial enterprise YES – If residential debris only	Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District U.S. Forest Service burn permit .
Land leveling	NO – If grading is part of an agricultural enterprise and stream areas are not affected	County Planning Department
Livestock sale and movement	YES – Livestock changing ownership or being moved out of state must have brands inspected	Bureau of Livestock Identification
Predator/ Nuisance animal control	YES – Depredation permits for bears and mountain lions which have threatened life or livestock YES – For other non-game species such as coyotes, hunting regulations must be followed	California Department of Fish & Game California Department of Fish & Game
Timber harvest	YES – If area commercially harvested is over three acres	California Dept. of Forestry & Fire Protection
Vegetation planting	YES – An inspection is required if plants include a quarantine notice	County Agricultural Commissioner
Weed and pest control	YES – Application of controlled products for commercial use require an applicator permit	County Agricultural Commissioner
FACILITIES Agricultural fencing	NO – But property owners in open range zoned areas must erect fences to keep livestock out	County Planning Department
Building construction	YES – Building permit for structures, and a special/conditional use permit if structure is not an allowable use for that zone	County Planning and Building Departments
Culvert replacement/maintenance	YES – If culverts are on streams, a Streambed Alteration Agreement (1603) may be required	California Department of Fish & Game
Groundwater wells	YES – Permit required YES – Meter required in Sierra Valley if wells pump > 100 gallons per minute	County Department of Environmental Health Sierra Valley Ground Water Management District
Residential fencing	NO – If fences conform to zoning specifications for that zone	County Planning Department
Road construction/maintenance	YES – Engineered plans may be required or grading permits if enough material is moved	County Planning and Building Departments

Directory of Agencies Involved in Land Use Regulation in California (Local, state, federal)

For Plumas and Sierra Counties

A number of local, state, and federal agencies have responsibilities for enforcement of land use regulations. Many agencies also offer technical assistance, cost-sharing grants, and educational programs to landowners.

Following is a listing of these agencies and the contacts for landowners in Plumas and Sierra Counties. If you are not sure whether your activity requires a permit, contact your County Planning Department for referral.

LOCAL AGENCIES

County Government: County government has primary responsibility for land use planning and oversight. Planning Departments administer county plans and ordinances. Building Departments issue building and grading permits, while Environmental Health Departments are responsible for issuing permits for new wells.



For Plumas County:
BUILDING
DEPARTMENT
520 W. Main St., Room 115
P.O. Box 10179
Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-283-6225
Fax: 283-6134

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
270 County Hospital Road
P.O. Box 480
Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-283-6355, Fax: 283-6241

PLANNING DEPARTMENT
PO Box 10437
Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-283-6210
520 West Main Street, Room 121 Phone: 530-283-6210, Fax: 283-6135

For Sierra County:



DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING &
BUILDING INSPECTION
P.O. Box 530
Downieville, CA 95936
Phone: 530-289-3251, or
993-0423 in Loyalton
Fax: 289-2828

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
P.O. Box 7
Loyalton, CA 96118
Phone: 530-993-6700, Fax: 993-6790

County plans and zoning ordinances are also available from the California Land Use Planning Network (LUPIN) at the following addresses:

<http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/counties/Plumas/>
<http://ceres.ca.gov/planning/counties/Sierra/>

Resource Conservation Districts:

Resource Conservation Districts (RCDs)



are independent local government organizations that coordinate between landowners and local,

state, and federal agencies to promote conservation of land, water, forests, and wildlife. They work on a broad variety of issues which require coordinated action such as reducing fire risk, improving range and forest management, and increasing habitat.

RCDs have no regulatory power and so use voluntary approaches, asking neighboring landowners to cooperate. RCDs are governed by a Board of Directors of 5 to 9 elected landowners.

For Plumas County (except for Sierra Valley):

Feather River RCD
c/o USDA - NRCS Greenville Partnership
Phone: 530-284-1300, Fax: 284-6211

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For Sierra Valley and Lows Valley

Sierra Valley RCD
c/o NRCS
Phone: 530-284-1300, Fax: 284-1302

Western Sierra County:

Nevada County RCD
113 Presley Way, Suite 1
c/o USDA - NRCS Grass Valley Field Office
Phone: 530-272-3417

Statewide:

California Association of Conservation Districts
801 K St., Suite 1318
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-447-7237, Fax: 447-2532
<http://staff@carcd.org>

Coordinated Resource Management Planning Groups (CRMP): When individuals or groups identify a conservation problem in a specific location that cannot be addressed by any acting alone because of a of lack adequate funding, skills, or jurisdiction over the resource or land ownership, a CRMP group can be formed.

Typical partners include government agencies, nonprofit organizations, corporations, landowners, RCDs, and private citizens. There are currently two active CRMP groups locally.



FEATHER RIVER CRMP: This CRMP partnership has been implementing watershed restoration projects in Plumas and Sierra Counties since 1985. The CRMP covers a very large area including most of the North Fork and Middle Fork of the Feather River and its tributaries.

The CRMP includes representatives of over 21 agencies including local government and the Feather River

Resource Conservation District, and focuses on reducing erosion and sedimentation, and rewatering dry meadows.

Feather River CRMP
c/o Leslie Minke
Plumas Corporation
P.O. Box 3880
Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-283-3739, Fax: 283-5465

SMITHNECK CREEK CRMP: This CRMP is a coalition of local, state, and federal agencies, Sierra Valley RCD, Sierra Brooks Property Owners Association, and property owners in the 61 square mile Smithneck Creek watershed.

The goal of this CRMP is to reduce flooding and sedimentation problems resulting from long term degradation as well as the 1994 Cottonwood fire through a program of long term watershed rehabilitation.

Smithneck Creek CRMP
c/o Sierra Valley RCD (see above)
OR
Julie Griffith - Sierra County Department of Planning & Building Inspection (see above)

SIERRA VALLEY CRMP: This CRMP is intended to serve as a framework to develop a watershed management strategy and establish guidelines for joint and cooperative planning and implementation processes.

Sierra Valley RCD
P.O. Box 248
Greenville, CA 95947
530-284-1300, Fax: 284-1302

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Local Development Organizations:

Development organizations can help landowners plan for and find resources for land-based businesses, including recreation and tourism.

For Plumas County:

Plumas Corporation
P.O. Box 3880
Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-283-3739, Fax: 283-5465

North Cal-Neva Resource Conservation and Development Council
806 W. 12th Street
Alturas, CA 96101
Phone: 530-233-4314, Fax: 233-8869

For Sierra County:

Sierra Economic Development District
560 Wall Street, Suite F
Auburn, CA 95603
Phone: 530-823-4703, Fax: 823-4142

High Sierra Resource Conservation and Development Council
251 Auburn Ravine Road, Suite 201
Auburn, CA 95603
Phone: 530-823-5687 ext. 5, Fax: 823-5504

Regional:
Sierra Business Council
P.O. Box 2428
10280 Donner Pass Rd.
Truckee, CA 96160
Phone: 530-582-4800
Fax: 582-1230

E-mail: SBCinfo@SBCouncil.org

CALIFORNIA STATE AGENCIES



Air Resources Board:

The California Air Resources Board delegates air pollution control to 35 local air pollution districts. Each district establishes and enforces air pollution regulations in order to attain state and federal air quality standards. The districts control emissions from burning by commercial enterprises such as agriculture and ranching as well as burning of residential yard waste.

For burn permits for Plumas and Eastern Sierra Counties:

NSAQMD
George Ozanick
Lower Level Court House Annex
P.O. Box 3981
Quincy, CA. 95971
Phone: 530-283-4654, Fax: 283-0699

For Western Sierra County - Regional office:

NORTHERN SIERRA AQMD
200 Litton Dr., Suite 320
P.O. Box 2509
Grass Valley, CA 95945-2509
Phone: 530-274-9360, Fax: 274-7546

For burn day recordings: (all 530 area code)

283-3602 Quincy
258-2588 Chester
284-6520 Greenville
832-4528 Portola
289-3662 Downieville
994-3561 Sierraville

Statewide:

<http://www.arb.ca.gov/>



Bureau of Livestock Identification: The state's brand

registration and inspection program protects livestock owners in California against loss of animals by theft or straying.

The branch's program consists of registration of livestock brands; inspection of livestock prior to transportation, sale or slaughter, and assisting local law enforcement with livestock theft investigations and prosecutions.

For brand books, applications to register or change a brand, or lists of brand inspectors, contact:

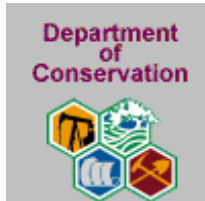
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Statewide office:

Bureau of Livestock Identification
Department of Food and Agriculture
1220 N Street, Room A -130
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 916-654-0889, Fax: 653-5190
<http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/ahfss/li>

For on-site inspection services:
In Sierra and most of Plumas Counties:
Phone: 530-587-1696 Brand Inspector

In Northern Plumas County (Chester):
Phone: 530-253-2534 Brand Inspector



Department of Conservation: The California Department of Conservation (DOC) is the state's conservator of land,

energy and mineral resources. In addition the DOC is involved in land-use planning conservation by providing technical assistance for counties to administer the Williamson Act.

The Act is a voluntary land conservation program created to provide an incentive for landowners to remain in agriculture. When land is enrolled in a Williamson Act contract, owners are taxed a lower rate, using a scale based on the actual use of the land for agricultural purposes, as opposed to its market value.

Actual administration of the Act is delegated to County Planning Departments.

To enroll or change land status:
County Planning Department

Statewide:
California's Department of Conservation
801 K Street, MS 24-01
Sacramento, California 95814

Phone: 916-322-1080, Fax: 445-0732
<http://www.consrv.ca.gov/>



Department of Fish and Game: The California Department of Fish and Game (CDF&G) is responsible for conserving the state's

wildlife and so is consulted on land management actions which may alter wildlife habitat. Any activity which may affect a stream bed or bank requires reaching a conservation agreement, called a 1603 Streambed Alteration agreement with the department.

CDF&G offers a number of programs which may assist private landowners with their goals, including the Private Lands Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Program, the Riparian Habitat Conservation Program, the Adopt a Lake Program, and the Fisheries Restoration Grant Program.

For 1603 agreements:
Regional Office (initial application):

CDF&G - Region 2
Sacramento Valley - Central Sierra
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Phone: 916-358-2900 or 358-2929

For on-site review of 1603 permits:

Phone: 916-358-2900
For application: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>
(For Sierra & most of Plumas County)

Phone: 530-673-3902 Emmett Lenihan
(For Feather River Canyon & LaPorte)

For depredation permits:

Region 2 dispatch - Phone: 916-445-0045
(available 24 hours/day)

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Wardens by area:

Sam Castillo, **Lieutenant**

Phone: 530-895-4240 Fax: 530-895-4236

Phone: 530-284-7592 Bob Orange, Greenville

Phone: 530-832-5388 Steve Ulrich, Portola

Phone: 530-288-3634 Dennis Mesa, W. Sierra

For commercial sand, gravel, & mining:

Phone: 530-626-7466 Dave Drake

For wildlife management assistance:

Phone: 530-283-2190 Jim Lidberg

Statewide office:

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/>



Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA):

This agency works to promote safety, productivity, and trade for

California agriculture through disease and pest management, noxious weed control, and pesticide use enforcement. The local agent for the CDFA is the County Agricultural Commissioner. The local commissioner inspects fruit, vegetable, nursery stock and seed; works with landowners to control noxious weeds and other pests; issues permits for herbicide/ pesticide use; and is the local contact for federal trappers to assist with depredation/ nuisance animal control. The Agricultural Commissioner, also the Sealer of Weights and Measures, certifies scales for livestock and fuel.

For Plumas and Sierra Counties:

Karl Bishop, Agricultural Commissioner

208 Fairgrounds Road

Quincy, CA 95971

Phone: 530-283-6365, Fax: 283-4210

E-mail: karlbishop@countyofplumas.com

Statewide office:

CDFFA Office of Public Affairs

1220 N Street, #100

Sacramento, CA 95814

Phone: 916-654-0462 or 800-675-2427

<http://www.cdfapublicaffairs@cdfa.ca.gov>



Department of Forestry and Fire Protection:

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) has responsibility for fire protection and

stewardship on all of the State's privately-owned land. CDF oversees enforcement of California's regulations for timber harvest on private lands and sends firefighters, fire engines, and aircraft to an average of more than 7,500 wildfires each year.

In addition, CDF also offers a number of assistance programs to landowners, including the California Forest Improvement Program, Fire Safe Educational Programs, the Vegetation Management Program, the Stewardship Incentive Program, and the Forest Legacy Program.

For So. Plumas County:

CDF – Mary Huggins

P. O Box F

Quincy, CA 95971

Phone: 530-283-1792

For No. Plumas County:

CDF – Ray Stine

697-345 Hwy 36

Susanville, CA 96130

Phone: 530-257-8503

For Sierra County:

CDF – Jeff Dowling

P. O Box 2958

Truckee, CA 96160

Phone: 530-587-8926

Statewide office:

CDF Sacramento Headquarters

1416 9th Street, P.O. Box 944246

Sacramento, CA 94244-2460

Phone: 916-653-5121, Fax: 653-4171

<http://www.fire.ca.gov/>

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Department of Pesticide Regulation:

Before a pesticide can be sold or used in

California, it has to be evaluated and registered by DPR. DPR oversees licensing and certification of dealers, pest control advisors, and pest control businesses and applicators. The pesticide applicator permit program is carried out by County Agricultural Commissioners.

For Plumas and Sierra Counties:

Karl Bishop, Agricultural Commissioner
(see listing for California Department of Food & Agriculture)

Statewide office:

California Department of Pesticide Regulation,
1001 'I' Street, P.O. Box 4015
Sacramento, CA 95812-4015
Phone: 916-445-4300, Fax: 324-1452
<http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/>



Department of Water Resources:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) manages the water resources of California

to ensure that water needs for municipal, industrial, agricultural, recreational, and wildlife uses are met.

In addition, DWR maintains a network of Water Masters, who coordinate allocation of water in stream systems with adjudicated water rights. In the Plumas and Sierra County area, the Middle Fork of the Feather River its tributaries (decree #3095) and as well as Indian Creek and tributaries (decree #4185) have adjudicated rights.

For Plumas and Sierra County:

DWR - Water Master
P.O. Box 38
81813 Highway 70
Beckwourth, CA 96129
Phone: 530-832-5161

Statewide Office:

California Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836, Room 1115-1
Sacramento, CA 94236-0001
Phone: 916-653-7007, Fax: 653-6985
<http://www.water.ca.gov/>

In California, 10 groundwater management districts, agencies with special powers to regulate groundwater extraction, have been formed by special legislation. Two were formed in the Plumas and Sierra County area in 1980.

The Long Valley Groundwater Management District (Lassen and Sierra counties) has adopted an ordinance that requires a permit to export groundwater outside the basin.

Long Valley Groundwater Management District
c/o Lassen County Department of Community Development
707 Nevada Street, #5
Susanville, CA 96130
Phone: 530-251-8269
OR
Sierra County Department of Planning & Building Inspection 530-257-5263

The Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District (Sierra and Plumas Counties) The district collects data on the domestic and commercial use of ground water in Sierra Valley. All private wells which pump over 100 gallons of water a minute are metered to measure water usage. Restrictions are placed on users in times of overdraft.

Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District
P.O. Box 312
Sierraville, CA 96126
Phone: 530-550-9401

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Regional Office:

DWR - Northern District
2440 Main Street
Red Bluff, CA 96080-2398



State Water Resources Control Board: The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) was created to protect the

quality of California's water resources and to allocate water rights. The State Board oversees nine regional water quality control boards (RWQCBs) which develop basin plans, issue waste discharge permits, take enforcement action against violators, and monitor water quality. In addition, the SWRCB oversees allocation of new water rights.

For Plumas and Western Sierra County:

SWRCB - Central Valley Region (5)
3443 Routier Road, Suite A
Sacramento, CA 95827-3098
Phone: 916-255-3000

SWRCB - Redding Office
415 Knollcrest Drive
Redding, CA 96002
Phone: 530-224-4845

For Eastern Sierra County:

SWRCB - Lahontan Region (6)
2501 Lake Tahoe Boulevard
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150
Phone: 530-542-5400

Statewide Office:

SWRCB - Division of Water Rights
1001 'I' Street, P.O. Box 2000
Sacramento, CA 95812-2000
Phone: 916-341-5250
<http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/>



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brings the University's

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For Plumas and Sierra Counties:

University of California Cooperative Extension
208 Fairgrounds Road
Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-283-6270, Fax: 283-6088
<http://www.countyofplumas.com/>

Advisors:

Holly George, Livestock & Natural Resources
Advisor, Phone: 530-283-6262
E-mail: hageorge@ucdavis.edu

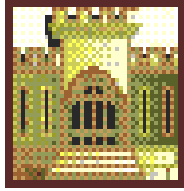
Mike DeLasaux, Natural Resources Advisor
Phone: 530-283-6125
E-mail: mjdelasaux@ucdavis.edu

Lucia Biunno, 4-H Program Representative
Phone: 530-283-6173, or 800-298-6334
E-mail: lbiunno@ucdavis.edu

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Statewide: <http://danr.ucop.edu/>

FEDERAL AGENCIES



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers: The Corps of Engineers is the permitting agency for activities which take place in streams and so

are regulated by the Clean Water Act. These activities include depositing of fill or dredged material in streams or adjacent wetlands; construction of revetments, breakwaters, levees, dams, dikes, and weirs; and placement of culverts, rip rap, and road fills. Permitting is overseen by regulatory specialists whose coverage is determined by watershed boundaries.

For Plumas and Sierra Counties:

Sacramento Valley Office
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
1325 J Street, Room 1480
Sacramento, CA 95814-2922
Phone: 916-557-5250, Fax: 557-6877
<http://www.spk.usace.army.mil>

Statewide:

<http://www.usace.army.mil/>



USDA - Farm Services Agency:

Stabilizing farm income, helping farmers conserve land and water resources, providing credit to new or disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and helping farm operations recover from the effects of disaster are the missions of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Services Agency (FSA). Since the 1930s, federal farm programs have been administered locally by an elected three- to five-person county committee. This grassroots approach allows farmers to influence how federal

actions affect their communities and their individual operations.

FSA works with USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service and other agencies to deliver other conservation programs, including the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), and the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

FSA's aerial photographs of U.S. farmlands are used extensively by government, private organizations, and the public. Order forms and an index are available from FSA county offices.

For Plumas and Sierra Counties:

Farm Services Agency
170-C Russell Ave
Susanville, CA 96130
Phone: 530-257-4127, Fax: 257-5252

Aerial Photography Field Office:

P.O. Box 30010
Salt Lake City, UT 84130-001
Phone: 801-975-3503

Statewide:

California State FSA Office
430 G Street
Davis, CA 95616
Phone: 530-792-5520, Fax: 792-5555
<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/>



USDA-Forest Service:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service (USFS) manages 191 million acres of forested public lands totaling 8.5 percent of the total land area in the United States. The USFS manages approximately 75% of the land in Plumas and Sierra Counties.

There are 17 national forests in California, each with a supervisor's office and several ranger districts. Most on-the-ground activities occur on the ranger districts, including fire suppression, issuance of burn permits

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and livestock grazing permits, and administration of recreation.

The Forest Service cooperates with private forest land owners through its State and Private Forestry Program. They offer programs to improve conditions in rural areas through the Rural Community Assistance and Economic Development Program.

For burn permits or a burn permit guide, contact your local district's fire prevention or fire management office.

For Plumas County (Chester area):

Lassen National Forest - Almanor RD
P.O. Box 767
Chester, CA 96020
Phone: 530-258-2141

OR

Lassen National Forest - Supervisor's Office
2550 Riverside Dr.
Susanville, CA 96130
Phone: 530-257-2151, Fax: 252-6428

For Plumas County (Quincy & Greenville):

Plumas National Forest - Mt. Hough RD
39696 State Highway 70
Quincy, CA 95971
Phone: 530-283-0555, Fax: 283-1821
Plumas NF - Greenville Service Center
128 Hot Springs Road
Greenville, CA 95947
Phone: 530-284-7126, Fax: 284-6211

OR

Plumas National Forest - Supervisor's Office
159 Lawrence Street, Box 11500
Quincy, CA 95971-6025
Phone: 530-283-2050, Fax: 283-7746

For Plumas County (Feather River Canyon):

Plumas National Forest - Feather River RD
875 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95965-4699
Phone: 530-534-6500 or 675-1146

For Plumas & Sierra County (Portola & east):

Plumas National Forest - Beckwourth RD
23 Mohawk Road, P.O. Box 7
Blairsden, CA 96103
Phone: 530-836-2575

For Sierra County (Eastern):

Tahoe National Forest - Sierraville RD
Highway 89, P.O. Box 95

Sierraville, CA 96126
Phone: 530-994-3401

Toiyabe National Forest - Carson RD
1536 S. Carson Street
Carson City, NV 89701
Phone: 775-882-2766

For Sierra County (Western):

Tahoe National Forest - Downieville RD
15924 Highway 49
Camptonville, CA 95922
Phone: 530-288-3231

Tahoe National Forest - Supervisor's Office
631 Coyote Street, P.O. Box 6003
Nevada City, CA 95959-6003
Phone: 530-265-4531, Fax: 478-6109

Statewide:

USDA Forest Service -Region 5
1323 Club Dr.
Vallejo, CA 94592
Phone: 707-562-8737
<http://www.fs.fed.us/>



USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS):

The NRCS, formerly the Soil Conservation Service works directly with private land owners, farmers, and ranchers to provide technical assistance for conservation of soil and water resources. NRCS employees have expertise in soil science and conservation, agronomy, biology, range conservation, forestry, engineering, geology, hydrology, and economics. Nearly three-fourths of this assistance goes to helping individual farmers and ranchers develop conservation systems suited to their land and individual ways of doing business.

Programs include the Forest Incentives Program, Wetlands Reserves Program, Wildlife Habitat Incentives Programs. NRCS also has soil survey reports available. Local priorities are developed

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in collaboration with Resource Conservation Districts.

For Western Sierra county:

Ron Zinke -District Conservationist
NRCS Grass Valley Field Office
113 Presley Way, Suite 1
Grass Valley, CA 95945
Phone: 530-272-3417, Fax: 477-8055

Statewide:

USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
430 G Street
Davis, CA 95616
Phone: 530-792-5600
<http://www.nrcs.usda.gov>

USDI-Bureau of Land Management :

The Bureau of Land Management administers 270 million acres of land, about 1/8th of America's land surface. Most of this non-forested land is located in 12 Western States. The BLM manages about 5000 acres in Plumas and Sierra Counties. In addition to leasing land for grazing, BLM land is also used for fishing, camping, hiking, boating, timber harvesting and mining.



For Plumas and Western Sierra Counties:

BLM - Eagle Lake Field Office
2950 Riverside Drive
Susanville, CA 96130
Phone: 530-257-0456

For Eastern Sierra County:BLM - Carson City Field Office 5665 Morgan Mill Road
Carson City, NV 89701
Phone: 775-885-6000, Fax: 885-6147

Statewide Office:

BLM - California State Office
2800 Cottage Way, Suite W-1834
Sacramento, CA 95825-1886
Phone: 916-978-4400, Fax: 978-4305
<http://www.blm.gov/>



U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS): The USFWS is charged with conserving, protecting, and enhancing fish and wildlife and their

habitats. One of the major functions of the USFWS is identification and recovery of endangered species. California has 82 animal species and 118 plant species on the official "List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants." Service biologists work with scientists from other federal and state agencies, universities, and private organizations to develop "recovery plans" that identify actions needed to save listed species.

Statewide Office:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
2800 Cottage Way, Suite W 2605
Sacramento, CA 95825
Phone: 916-414-6600, Fax: 414-6713
<http://www.fws.gov/>



U.S. Geological Survey: The U.S. Geological Survey collects much of the

Nations' earth science information to help managers of water, biological, energy, and mineral resources. USGS develops topographical maps of all the land in the country. These maps can be purchased at Earth Science Information Centers (ESICs). ESICs also offer detailed biologic, geologic and hydrologic information to the public.

Western Regional Office:

U.S. Geological Survey
345 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Phone: 888-ASK-USGS
<http://www.usgs.gov/>

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