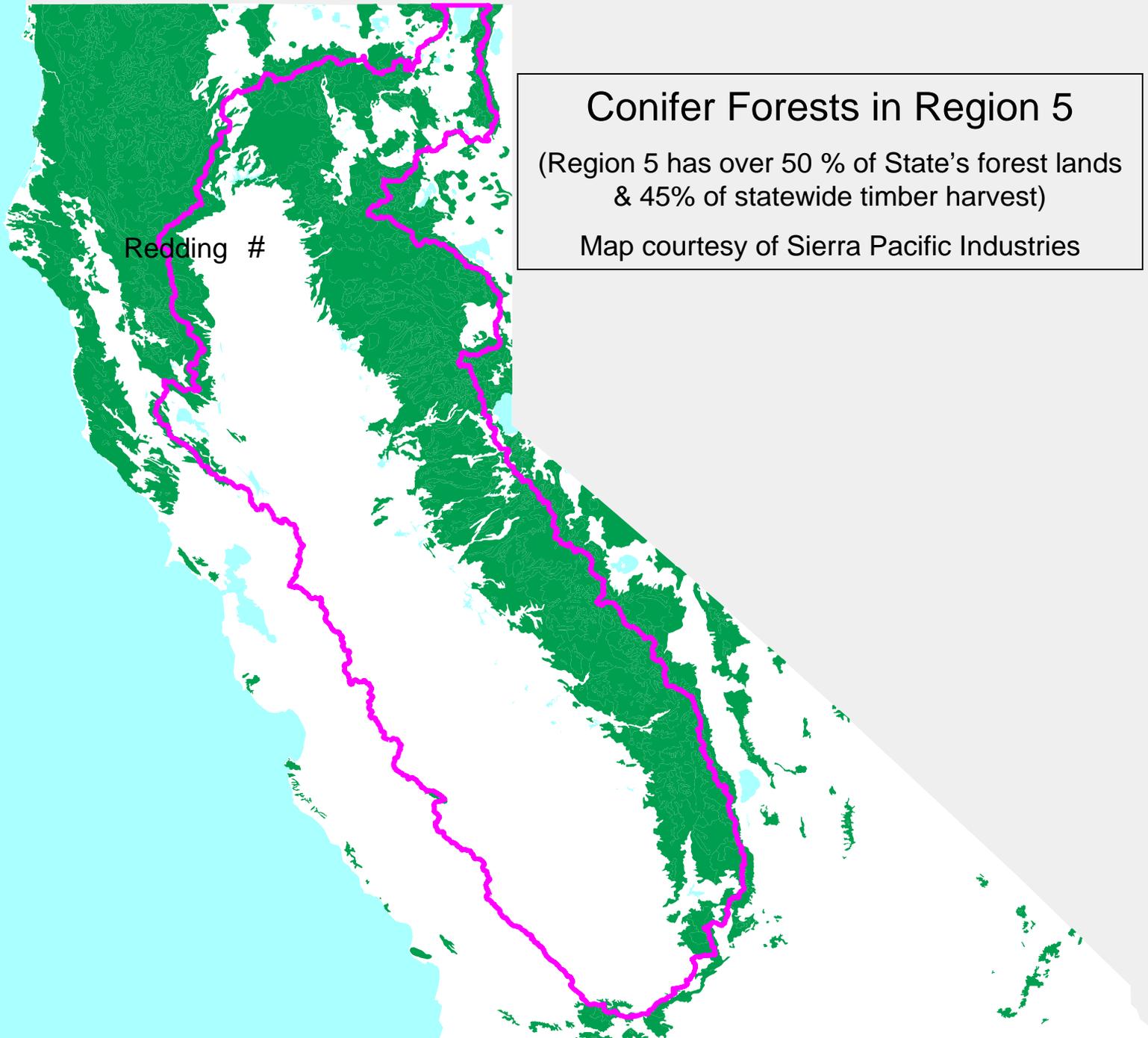


Central Valley RB Waiver

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CVRWQCB Regulatory History

- Before 1974 – Staff responded to complaints, issued cleanup orders & WDRs
- 1973 – Forest Practice Act Adopted – Participated in paper & field reviews of Timber Harvest Plans (THPs)
- 1975-2003 – Staff increased THP reviews & coordinated w/ USFS on federal lands harvest projects
- 2003 – CV Water Board adopted first timber waiver – Covered private & USFS lands

CVRWQCB Staff Involvement

- 2005 – CV Water Board adopted revised Timber Waiver including mandatory monitoring
- 1975 to present – CV staff cooperated w/ USFS & BOF in development of forest practice rules & BMPs
- 2010 – CV Water Board to consider new Timber Waiver

CV Water Board Timber Waiver

- Waiver adopted after hearings & workshops
RB & SWRCB 2002 Workshops
Discussions w/ Stakeholders & modified
RB Adopted Jan 2003 with further revisions
- Waiver upheld by SWRCB – Jan 2004 (quote)

Waiver Premise

- Waiver developed to augment (when necessary for WQ protection) the BOF Forest Practice Rules & the USFS BMPs
- Focuses on timber projects with greatest risk
- Pre-harvest inspections are priority (proactive)
- Effort includes follow-up inspections, limited monitoring, GIS tracking & participation in BOF rule making & USFS planning

Waiver Effectiveness

Waiver “Enforceability”

- Waiver can be terminated by EO
- Waiver conditions are enforceable
- ACLs & CAOs can be issued for violations
- Enrollment conditions can be very prescriptive and enforceable

Timber Harvest Monitoring

*Timber harvest monitoring in Waiver methods
(based upon State MOU effort):*

- Agency Monitoring
- Implementation Monitoring
- Forensic Monitoring
- Effectiveness Monitoring
- WQ Compliance Monitoring
- Assessment /Trend Monitoring

Timber Harvest Monitoring

Existing monitoring efforts

- BOF/CDF
- MSG Hillslope MP - Interagency Mitigation MP
- USFS - BMP evaluation program
- Stream bio-assessment & habitat MP
- Aquatic & riparian effectiveness MP
- Industry
 - SPI - WM Beaty - Roseburg - Hearst

Timber Harvest and Rural Roads Program Video Overview

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Timber Workshop
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