

CHAPTER 6 SUMMARY OF MONITORING PLAN

Compliance monitoring will be carried out in conjunction with the vegetation management activities proposed in this IS/MND for the portion of Line 87 within Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park.

COMPLIANCE MONITORING

State Park Natural Resource personnel have the responsibility and authority to conduct compliance monitoring during vegetation management procedures along the portion of Line 87 within Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. Park personnel will attend pre-project meetings with Pacific Power management and tree worker personnel prior to beginning each seasonal winter vegetation management program. At that time, the most current plans for vegetation management will be reviewed at the DPR office in Crescent City, CA. Mitigation measures and vegetation management procedures will be reviewed, and the work scope for that year and schedule will be discussed.

Invitations to the meeting to biologists or other personnel from any interested agency will be extended. Pacific Power data and mapping will be reviewed, and any biological and environmental issues will be addressed. Available data showing relevant features not already included will be added to the data and mapping. Vegetation management procedures require that Pacific Power collect data and map in a GIS database on an ongoing basis all observation information on State and federally listed species, species of special concern, fully protected species, murrelet, raptors and all avian nests of all species observed along the power line corridor within the Del Norte Coast Redwoods State Park. At the start of each vegetation management cycle, the mapping shall be reviewed, at the completion of each cycle, data collected shall be added to the map. Agency biologists shall also provide data for recordation on the map. Pacific Power shall be responsible for keeping the map current and in useable form for all vegetation management activities in the Park. The map may be shared with agency personnel but shall not be released to the public by Pacific Power.

All tree workers on the crew will attend these pre-project meetings and will be expected to know the special procedures and mitigation measures required in the Park. Crews will be tasked with watching for avian nests, special species, and stream segments that may be observed, and will be expected to follow specified road protection and driving procedures required in the Park.

State Park and other agency biologists and personnel may accompany the tree crews as they desire, but shall not impede the efficiency of the vegetation management crews unless compliance issues with the mitigation measures and/or vegetation management procedures are observed. Periodically, State Park Inspectors will be required to complete activity logs documenting the work conducted by Pacific Power. If State Park personnel determine that work is not in compliance, then the Pacific Power Project Manager and the State Park Senior Environmental Scientist will be notified so that corrective measures can be implemented. If problems continue, work will cease while vegetation management activities are reevaluated and workers are instructed on measures necessary to improve work standards.

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