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## **Matt Pontes Joins Sierra Pacific Industries as Director of Wildfire & Fuels Management**

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*Anderson, CA* – Sierra Pacific Industries has named Matt Pontes as its first Director of Wildfire and Fuels Management.

“We are excited to have Matt’s strategic leadership in this newly created position developed to protect our timberlands, ecosystems and rural communities,” said SPI CEO Mark Emmerson. “Matt will guide our company’s work in wildfire suppression and resiliency efforts, leveraging his experience in public and private organizations combined with his strong understanding of wildfire and natural resources management. As we strive to protect our lands and communities through strengthened partnerships with adjacent landowners, rural communities, and state and federal agencies, we are pleased to have Matt join our team and lead this important effort.”

“I am extraordinarily grateful for the opportunity to join the leadership team, family culture and crew at SPI,” said Pontes. “This new role aligns with my passion in wildfire, forestry and natural resources. With SPI’s proven track record of success in healthy forest management and sustainability, I look forward to partnering with agencies, land owners and communities to strategize on wildfire resiliency. Our future depends on long-term solutions that will better protect California’s forested landscape and vital natural resources.”

Pontes brings over 30 years of experience in forest and wildfire management, fire response and recovery, and public agency leadership. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Forestry & Natural Resources Management from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

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*Sierra Pacific Industries is a third-generation, family-owned forest products company based in Anderson, California. SPI owns and manages more than 2.3 million acres of timberland in California, Oregon and Washington and is one of the largest U.S. lumber manufacturers. The company also produces millwork, windows and renewable energy.*