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## Sierra Pacific Industries Reopens Its California Forestlands for Public Access

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*Anderson, CA* – With the reduced risk of extreme wildfire conditions, Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) will be reopening its California forestlands to public access on Fri., Nov. 13.

Closures will remain in place on SPI forestlands in the vicinity of this year's wildfires to ensure the safety of the public and crews working to recover and restore the lands impacted by those fires. These closures include lands impacted by the Butte Complex (Butte County), Fork Fire (El Dorado County), Hog Fire (Lassen County) and North Complex (Butte and Plumas counties).

"SPI takes its commitment to protecting our forest resources and public safety seriously," said Andrea Howell, SPI spokeswoman. "We thank the public for respecting these temporary closures. We are glad conditions have improved so that we can reopen our lands for responsible recreation."

SPI's public access policy allows for use of most its California forestlands for hunting and other recreational activities. Many areas are limited to non-motorized use for resource protection or public safety concerns. In addition to the wildfire recovery-related closures, other areas will be posted closed for active logging, existing leases, wildlife protection and other considerations. To learn more about the company's recreation access policies, visit <u>http://spi-ind.com/OurForests/RecreationAccess</u>.

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Sierra Pacific Industries is a third-generation, family-owned forest products company based in Anderson, California. The firm owns and manages over 2 million acres of timberland in California and Washington and is one of the U.S. largest lumber producer. The company also produces millwork, windows, and renewable energy.