

## **COLLINS WESTERN FORESTLANDS CLOSED TO PUBLIC in 2022 DUE TO FIRE RISK, HAZARDOUS TREES AND FOREST OPERATIONS**

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*Chester, Ca* - California has experienced devastating fires during 2020 and 2021 and wildfire conditions continue to be at an extreme level, threatening peoples' lives, and property.

In addition, Collins Almanor Forest and Collins Lakeview Forest both suffered considerable loss during 2021 and post-fire hazards remain within the Dixie and Cougar Peak fire footprints.

Collins salvage forest operations (logging) are on-going and widespread; logging operations are hazardous to members of the public.

Because of the level of fire risk, level of hazardous conditions created by the fires and Collins salvage operations, **Collins Pine Company (Collins) will close all its lands in Oregon and California to public use Friday June 2, 2022, at 5:00 PM PDT until further notice.**

The closure includes all Collins lands in California and Oregon. Public roads and the Pacific Crest Trail on Collins will remain open, but use of Collins privately owned lands will not be allowed.

"The effects of the fires are widespread and continue to change with hazardous conditions in our forests and the extreme fire risk has not been helped by our dry, warm winter. Because we are focused on safety – we find again that we must close our forests because of the ongoing, unsafe conditions. Although we wish we had different news, the reality is the lands need our stewardship and the public needs to be protected," said Collins President & CEO Eric Schooler.

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