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RE: New Certificate of Compliance—Fire Hazard Management Agreement and Notification of Forest Practices Form

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New Compliance/Notification Forms May Require Additional Signatures

To better serve and inform our partners in forest management, we have developed a new, amended compliance/notification form to more clearly define the person (or company) which is taking responsibility as the Forest Practices **Operator**.

The new forms include a signatory line for the **Operator** as well as the **Contractor**. For each forest practice being done, it is extremely important that the person taking responsibility for the slash signs on the **Contractor** signatory line, and the person taking responsibility for complying with the Forest Practices signs on the **Operator** signatory line.

There must be a valid signature on both signatory lines, even if **Contractor** and **Operator** refer to the same person. **If both signatory lines are not signed, the notification will be considered invalid, and the form will be sent back to the area office to obtain the proper signatures!**

**Thank you for your willingness to comply with these important changes in the forest practices notification and fire hazard agreement process!**