

Risk Assessment Worksheet		1. Project/Incident/Work Activity: Brush Cutting				2. Location: Los Padres National Forest					
3. Specific Objective: Brush Cutting		4. Name and Title of Preparer: Steven Reyes Captain 1B				5. Date Prepared: Wednesday, March 10, 2021					
6. Risk Decision Authority: The risk decision authority block should be signed after the worksheet is completed. Use the Risk Decision Authority matrix to determine the authorization required to sign in block 6.											
Signature:			Title: Forest Supervisor				Date: June 2, 2026 (Reviewed by Bruce Gunther -Safety Manager) See "Additional FLT Comments" on routing slip				
Identify Hazards		Assess Hazards			Risk Control Options		Residual Risk			Decision	Implement
7. Task	8. Hazard	9. Hazard Probability	10. Severity / Consequence	11. RAC	12. Identify hazard mitigations & abatement measures (press [alt + enter] to add a line)	13. Hazard Probability	14. Severity / Consequence	15. RAC	16. Task Necessary?	17. Hazard Control Assigned to:	
Carrying a Chainsaw	Cuts, falls, burns	Possible	Critical	High	- Stop saw before carrying. - Point bar forward when going downhill and the saw is at the side. - Point bar to the rear when going uphill and the saw at the side. - Pack and guard bar and dogs when carrying on the shoulder. - To avoid fatigue, chainsaw should be carried on shoulder. - Maintain minimum 10 feet walking space between crewmembers. - Ensure fuel cap on saw is secure.	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	YES		
Personal Protective Equipment	Cuts, hearing loss, eye injuries, head injuries	Possible	Critical	High	- Wear gloves, chaps, hardhat, long sleeves, safety glasses, hearing protection, sturdy boots with slip resistant soles. - Use shoulder pads. - Keep shirt collar up while carrying saw on shoulder. - Leg protection (chaps) shall cover the full length of the thigh to 2 inches over the top of the boots. - First aid kits shall be available at the work site and on each transport vehicle.	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	YES		
Brushing and Limbing	Kickback, puller/swamper, uneven terrain, fatigue	Possible	Critical	High	- Secure fire footing. Keep feet spread apart in a wide balanced stance. - Feet should be placed so as to keep feet and legs away from chainsaw. - Keep a firm grip on saw with both hands. - Do not operate chainsaw when fatigue makes proper stance and handling difficult. - Look up for widow makers and other loose debris. Don't cut under a hazard. Remove the hazard or relocate the cutting location. - Flush cut limbs and stems.	Possible	Moderate	Moderate	YES		

Chainsaw Operator	Various injuries, damage to equipment	Possible	Critical	High	• Train new operator in chainsaw use. Never let trainee sawyers operate without constant, direct supervision until they demonstrate the ability to handle the saw independently and proficiently. • Ensure that personnel are in good physical condition before allowing them to operate a chainsaw. • A sawyer should not work alone. • Daily tailgate safety sessions shall be conducted and documented. • Make sure all sawyers have met minimum requirements for the level they are qualified – Class A, B, or C. • Operator shall have proper Faller certification in their possession prior to operating a chainsaw.	Possible	Moderate	Moderate		
Emergency Evacuation Procedures (EEP)	Illness/Injury	Possible	Critical	High	• Activate EMS by calling Los Padres Command Center via radio OR dial 9-1-1. • Refer to Emergency Evacuation Instructions on the next page. • Render first aid to sick or injured until relieved by a higher-level medical responder. Do not abandon the patient. • Use Blood borne Pathogen precautions. • Use care when moving patients and transporting the injured. • Maintain communications. • Notify your supervisor. • Complete necessary paperwork.	Possible	Moderate	Moderate		
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