

**PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY  
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2023  
Data Response**

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The following questions relate to your 2023-2025 WMP submission and your responses to data request CalAdvocates-PGE-2023WMP-15.

**QUESTION 001**

PG&E states in response to Question 1(a) of CalAdvocates-PGE-2023WMP-15:

Vegetation Management for Operational Mitigation (VMOM) will be primarily focused in HFTD and HFRA. There are instances where a circuit segment may cross in or out of HFTD/HFRA and VMOM would complete work on the whole circuit segment including the areas outside HFTD/HFRA. Focused Tree Inspections are planned for HFTD areas in the plan developed for 2023.

- a) Is it correct to interpret the statement above to mean that Focused Tree Inspections will take place only in HFTD areas (and will not include the HFRA, as VMOM will) in 2023?
- b) If Focused Tree Inspections will take place only in HFTD areas and not in HFRA, please explain why.
- c) Will Focused Tree Inspections take place outside of the HFTD after the year 2023?
- d) If yes, please state where (in addition to the HFTD) Focused Tree Inspections are likely to take place after the year 2023.

**ANSWER 001**

- a. No, but the following clarifications are provided to better inform an accurate interpretation. Most of HFRA overlaps with HFTD as HFRA refinements utilized HFTD as the base map for evaluating areas to add or remove based on identified risk, risk misidentification, or false-precision associated with HFTD boundaries. AOCs prioritized for execution are dominantly in HFTD but AOC are based on polygons and the circuit segments contained. HFTD can have “islands” of non-HFTD that portions of circuits transect, and in these cases the limited areas of non-HFTD are included in the inspection assignment for 2023.
- b. All portions of circuits in targeted AOCs will be inspected with the same guidance. The areas with include HFTD, HFRA, and limited non-HFTD as noted in response a. Due to the GO95 compliance requirements for vegetation clearances and hazardous tree identification in HFTD the Vegetation Management program does not deviate

from those requirements in HFTD. These same clearance expectations will apply in HFRA if it is in areas within AOC polygons outside HFTD.

- c. It has not been determined if FTI will be applied outside HFTD after 2023. Initial AOCs were developed systemwide by county and some AOCs are identified outside HFTD and HFRA mainly due to localized tree mortality or outage trends. While none of these AOC were prioritized for 2023 these AOC still serve a value for situational awareness supporting Routine and Second Patrols. It is planned to evaluate AOC annually. As a result they are subject to change after 2023.
- d. Please refer to response c.