

PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
Wildfire Mitigation Plans Discovery 2022
Data Response

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These questions relate to the attached news story published on February 27, 2022 in NBC Bay Area headlined, "PG&E Cited After Deploying 'Heli-Saw' in San Mateo County Park"¹ (news story). The news story states that Cal Fire had accused PG&E of jeopardizing public safety when it deployed a Heli-Saw without notice in Wunderlich County Park on December 9, 2021.

QUESTION 08

- a) Does PG&E utilize the Heli-Saw in HFTD areas for the purposes of wildfire mitigation?
- b) If the answer to part (a) is yes, please list all initiatives from PG&E's 2022 WMP Update in which the Heli-Saw has been utilized to date.
- c) If the answer to part (a) is yes, please list all initiatives from PG&E's 2022 WMP Update in which it expects to utilize the Heli-Saw in the future.
- d) If the answer to part (a) is yes, why didn't PG&E mention the Heli-Saw in its 2022 WMP Update?

ANSWER 08

- a) PG&E uses the Heli-Saw to meet or exceed annual routine Vegetation Management compliance this may include areas within the HFTD.
- b) Although use of the Heli-Saw supports PG&E's initiatives to mitigate wildfires, it is not explicitly mentioned in the 2021 WMP.
- c) See (b) above
- d) PG&E's Wildfire Mitigation Plan discusses its overall programmatic approach to vegetation management. The Heli-Saw is one method utilized to perform operational activities not specifically discussed in the WMP.

¹ <https://www.nbcbayarea.com/investigations/pge-cited-after-deploying-heli-saw-in-san-mateo-county-park/2824027/>.