

**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 11

The news story states, "The operation, according to Sampson, created hundreds of 2-foot to 6-foot-long stubbed limbs that littered the forest floor, that will likely die and create a fire hazard."

- a) Does PG&E dispute Sampson's statement about the fallen branches from the Heli-Saw operation creating a fire hazard, quoted above? Please explain if yes.
- b) Has PG&E taken any action to remove the limbs described above from Wunderlich County Park? Please describe all such actions if yes.
- c) Does PG&E plan to take any action in the future to remove the limbs described above from Wunderlich County Park? Please describe all such actions if yes.
- d) Describe PG&E's current practices regarding how it deals with fallen limbs from normal Heli-Saw operations.

ANSWER 11

- a) PG&E disputes Sampson's statement as there was a stand down, due to an atmospheric river event and saturated soils, that prevented cleanup of the site immediately following the completed work. PG&E mitigated all fallen branches between January 2022 to March 2022, ahead of the forecasted 2022 fire season.
- b) Yes, woody material/brush and tree limbs generated by the Heli-Saw have been mitigated by chipping or lop/scatter methods.
- c) No because all limbs in Wunderlich County Park have been removed.
- d) Wood/debris generated by Heli-Saw operations is mitigated by ground crews after Heli-Saw work is completed, per the property owner direction, including potential

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

chipping, hauling offsite, or lop and scatter methods.