



BIG Creek

LUMBER & BUILDING MATERIALS



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THIS IS NOT
A LIEN.**

PRELIMINARY NOTICES

A preliminary notice is very common in the construction industry and is required by the State of California to inform all parties involved in a construction project.

This notice is a routine procedure sent by certified mail. It has no reflection on the integrity or creditworthiness of the Property Owner, Contractor, or Subcontractor.

Inside you will find information on how a preliminary notice works and why it benefits you to have one. There is contact information provided if you have any additional questions.



Purpose

The purpose of a preliminary notice is to protect all parties involved (Contractor, Property Owner, Lender, Supplier, etc.). The preliminary notice informs the Property Owner that a project is being done at their property. It notifies the stakeholders that the individual(s) purchasing the material are responsible for paying the bills for those materials. If bills are not paid, the Property Owner, General Contractor or Lender will be contacted for payment.



How a Preliminary Notice Works

Generally speaking, these notices are used to advise the Property Owner, Lender and the owner's General Contractor, that the party sending the notice may have the right to attach a lien to the property title if he or she is NOT paid for their services.



Sending such a notice gives the Owner an opportunity to insure that the sender is paid so that the Owner avoids having a lien recorded against his or her property. Putting a lien in place is a last resort to collect funds and rarely occurs.





Benefits of a Preliminary Notice

- *Notifies Property Owners that Big Creek will be delivering materials to their property.*
- *Allows a Contractor to purchase material needed for the project without having to pay up front.*
- *Provides a way to track payments and products used on a project.*
- *Protects the financial responsibility of all parties involved.*

Contact

If you have any further questions about your Preliminary Notice please call our

**Customer Service
Department
(831) 761-7912**

and we will be happy to speak with you.





About BIG CREEK

Big Creek Lumber is a family-owned and operated company that has been serving Central California since 1946. We currently operate five retail lumber yards that are open to the public, as well as a sawmill, wholesale division, forestry department, and logging operation. Big Creek is considered a pioneer in sustainable forest practices.

Our legacy includes well-managed forests, environmental consciousness, and zero waste products in our sawmill.

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