

## **HOW TO COMMUNICATE BY RADIO KEEP YOUR RADIO SET TO 9-11**

Ranch radio channel allocations:

- 9-11 Emergency and monitoring use only
- 10-11 Ranch One (task oriented communications)
- 11-11 Ranch Two (task oriented communications)

1. **THINK:** know what you are going to say before you start transmitting. When you are holding the transmit button ON no one else can transmit.
2. **LISTEN:** be sure the channel is clear before you transmit.
3. **COMMUNICATE:** on channel 9-11, transmit only information that is important, or make requests.
4. **BE CLEAR:** start talking a moment AFTER you push the button. Hold the button a moment after. This will prevent you from cutting yourself off. Hold the radio about two inches from your mouth. Speak clearly and slowly. Don't shout or whisper.
5. **ESTABLISH CONTACT:** with a recipient by saying who you are calling and identify yourself by name and parcel number.

**DO NOT SEND MESSAGE UNTIL YOU HAVE BEEN  
ACKNOWLEDGED.**

6. **DO NOT USE CODES:** Use plain language; use "please repeat, your signal is weak," or "copy that".
6. **CHANGING TO ANOTHER CHANNEL:** Call in when you are changing to another channel.

**PRACTICE TEST:** WHEN POWER GOES OUT, FIND YOUR RADIO, TUNE TO 9-11. VISIT WITH YOUR NEIGHBORS.

### **SCANNER**

A guide to communications frequencies used by CDF can be found at [www.scancal.org/cdf/cdf.html](http://www.scancal.org/cdf/cdf.html). We are in "**CDF Central - Region 4**". Links on the web site also lead to frequencies used by Madera County emergency services, CHP, and CDF and US Forest Service aircraft. During the Quartz fire there was a lot of CDF activity between 151.310 MHz and 151.480 MHz.

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