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## **FOREST RESOURCES REGULATION**

### **Historic and Archaeological Resources Standards and Guidelines**

Under Section 23 of the Forest Resources Regulation, the Forest Management Branch has established management guidelines and standards identifying operating procedures for forest resource harvesting and related activities as described in timber harvest plans, woodlot plans or site plans.

The purpose of these standards and guidelines is to ensure that the management of forest resources occurs in a sustainable manner and with consideration to other values on the land base..

#### **MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVE**

- To manage forest resources in order to assist with the protection and management of Archaeological and Historic Resources.

#### **STANDARDS TO BE MET DURING HARVESTING OPERATIONS**

- Historic resources are protected from disturbance under the *Yukon Historic Resources Act* and the Yukon Archaeological Sites Regulation. No disturbance is permitted to historic sites encountered during timber harvest activities. No objects may be removed from heritage sites.
- Historic resources that are identified may be buffered with a 0-100m no disturbance buffer upon recommendation from Yukon Heritage Resources.
- In areas mapped as high potential for historic resources, if activities are to occur that could have impact on historic resources including archaeological sites, a historic resources impact assessment study by a qualified archaeologist must be carried out prior to activities proceeding.
- Should historic sites or resources be discovered during operations, the timber operator shall immediately suspend operations, and inform the Forest Officer and Yukon Heritage Resources of the location of the site and the nature of any found or unearthed resources.

#### **FURTHER GUIDELINE**

- Known historic and archaeological sites in the harvest planning areas shall be mapped and the locations will be excluded from planned harvest or logging activity.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Archaeological sites, historic resources and historic sites have the same meanings as in the *Historic Resources Act (2002)* and Archaeological Sites Regulation.

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