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## **FOREST RESOURCES REGULATION**

### **Incorporating Land User Interests Standards and Guidelines**

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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**

- Ensure historic land user interests are maintained when forest management activities occur.

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

Wherever practicable proponents must:

- Buffer cabin sites an average of 100m for temporary use cabins and an average of 400m if used as a permanent residence (100m no-harvest zone with a 300m management zone).
- Buffers may deviate under certain circumstances (i.e. control of forest pests or disease, or for fuel abatement treatment).

To maintain land user opportunities during and after harvesting activities, forest harvesters:

- Cannot knowingly cover, move or destroy equipment used for land user activities that may be found while preparing access roads and harvesting blocks.
- Shall ensure road maintenance does not limit access across roads where recreation trails intersect.
- Shall restore any recreation trails used by the land users along access routes if they have been damaged as a result of harvesting activities (including the building of roads).

#### **FURTHER GUIDELINES**

- Buffer or use protective or mitigative measures around land user sites that have been identified.
- User sites should be identified on site plan maps.
- Consider forest operations which mitigate impacts on land user sites with the objective to maintain opportunity for land user activities.
- Consider integrating land user interests when developing Timber Harvest Plans.
- Incorporate land user interests as much as possible during higher level planning initiatives.
- To maintain land user opportunities consider other options, including building alternative routes for roads.

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- Information integrated during planning should include:
  - known geographical locations of recreation sites,
  - land user information and use.

## DEFINITIONS

**Management Zones** are areas adjacent to reserve zones where forest management activities occur that are directed at maintaining land user interests

**Land user activities** are recreation trails, recreation properties, or cabins which are not heritage or archaeological sites.