

ESMS 2020 Field Book

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ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN ERP - 001

NACFOR Contact Information

True North office: 250-265-3656 (8 AM to 5 PM Monday – Friday)

Supervisor: Hugh Watt 250-265-1856 cell; Frances Swan 250-265-1423 cell

Environmental Emergency Contact Information

Forest Fire Reporting: 1-800-663-5555 or *5555 on Rogers and Telus networks

Spill Reporting: 1-800-663-3456 Emergency Management BC (EMBC)

CANUTEC (Canadian Transport Emergency Centre) for transportation of dangerous goods

1-888-226-8832, 1-613-996-6666 or *666 on cell phone (technical contact)

General Contact Information

Police: All areas 911

Work Safe BC: 1-888-621-7233 after hrs 1-866-922-4357

BC Ambulance: Within cellular network: 911 On Satellite phone: 1-250-374-5937 Toll Free: 1-800-461-9911

Hospital: Nakusp	250-265-3622,	New Denver	250-358- 7911

Hi-Terrain Helicopters (Nelson): 1-250-354-8445	Hi-Terrain Helicopters (Nakusp): 250-265-3434
Poison Control Centre: 1-800-567-8911	Arrow Park/Needles Ferry: WaterBridge Ferries 250-265-2105
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BC Hydro Emergency: 1-800-224-9376

BC Wildfire Management Branch phone: Southeast Fire Centre 250-365-4040, Website http://bcwildfire.ca/

Spill Response Specialists: SNC-LAVALIN (Morrow Environmental)Golder AssociatesTrail Office 250-368-3256Castlegar, office 250-365-0344Nelson Office 250-354-1664Kelowna, office 250-860-8424Kelowna Office 250-861-9070Castlegar, office 250-860-8424

First Aid, Injury and Fatality Response Life Threatening Emergency Situations First Aid / Injury Call 911 Call / radio First Aid attendant to the scene. Ensure site is safe, comfort patient, assist FA attendant as needed. Help to package patient and arrange for emergency transport

Fatality

Ensure site is safe.

Phone 911 or alternate number if using the satellite phone, or RCMP. Call WSBC at 1-888-621-7233 Mon – Fri 0830-1630 After Hours 1-866-922-4357.

Do not disturb the site, cover the body, ribbon off the area, and block access with machine if needed. No one is to make any statements to anyone except to the Supervisor.



FOREST FIRE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Initial Fire Response

- 1. Stop operations and immediately notify the rest of the crew regardless of fire size.
- 2. Report Forest Fires immediately to BC Wildfire Management Branch and NACFOR.
- 3. The individual reporting the fire shall remain available to communicate details of the fire suppression activity taken and what may be required.
- 4. The remaining crew shall begin immediate action on the fire to their level of safety and competence.
- 5. The person in charge of the crew during suppression operations will continue to supervise the efforts until relieved by licensee/contractor representative or BC Wildfire Management Branch personnel.

If Alone

- Take immediate action on the fire if you believe you can safely control it yourself.
- If the fire is beyond your ability, notify the BC Wildfire Management Branch immediately and follow their instructions. DO NOT take action on an intense fire yourself
- Report the fire to BC Wildfire Management Branch and licensee/contractor representative as soon as you feel that the fire can be left alone without spreading out of control.

☑ Complete NACFOR Incident Report Form (CHK-014) and submit to NACFOR

Fire Roles and Responsibilities

Prior to Start-Up and During Operations

☑ For all Industrial Activities

- Determine fire response equipment sufficient for the type of operation and the associated fire risk to comply with the Wildfire Regulations.
- Fire fighting hand tools includes shovels, axes, Pulaski, hand tank pumps, and fire extinguishers *General rule for accessing the adequacy of fire fighting hand tools is: # of workers role/function = # of hand tools on site*
- Ensure that you have adequate fire tools on hand if there is a risk of a fire starting and spreading Danger Class III.

☑ For All High Risk Industrial Activities

- In addition to hand tools you should determine if your operations are considered High Risk as defined in part 1 of the Wildfire Regulations.
- A fire suppression system is required capable of initial suppression of a fire of a reasonable and foreseeable size if started as a result of the high risk activity.
- Also refer to Ministry of Forests "Interpretative Bulletin for the Application of Wildfire Regulation Application for the Forest Industry" at the following website; <u>http://bcwildfire.ca/Prevention/Industry/</u>



Fire Roles and Responsibilities – continued

☑ Determine Appropriate Weather Station for Fire Danger Class Ratings –

Falls Creek

- Using the following website link to determine a representative weather station(s) which will be monitored during the term of operations <u>http://www.bcwildfire.ca/Weather/stations.htm</u>
- Be aware the danger class rating on your site may be higher than the danger class ratings provided. Be sure to consider additional site conditions such as changes in slope aspect, stand conditions, forest health, or surface fuel conditions when determining applicable weather station to use and when to restrict your activities.

☑ Provide 24hr Contact information

- Contractors must provide the NACFOR supervisor with a 24 hour a day contact telephone number if the person proposes to carry out an industrial activity on or after March 1 and before November 1 of that year.
- $\ensuremath{\boxtimes}$ Provide copies of your training records as required.
- ☑ Ensure employees are trained and aware of <u>all</u> fire emergency responsibilities.
- ☑ Complete Emergency Response Plan with worksite details and company contact information

During Operations

- ☑ Ensure employees are aware of all fire preparedness responsibilities and trained as to their fire duties in accordance with Work Safe BC requirements
- ☑ Conduct periodic drill(s) of fire preparedness and response based on fire danger class ratings, employee knowledge and experience, seasonal conditions, environmental impact, and adjacent values.
- Regularly monitor the appropriate fire weather index information using your representative weather station (Falls Creek) and determine the appropriate Fire Danger Class for the area. For Danger Class Reports go to; http://bcwildfire.ca/Weather/Maps/danger_rating.htm
- ☑ Restrict activities during Fire Danger Class III, IV, or V situations, including implementing fire watch, patrol, early shift, and cease activity, as required (see Schedule 3 of the Wildfire Regulation). Monitor activities and changing site/weather conditions. Do not operate solely by the schedule 3 of the Wildfire Regulation.
- **☑** Ensure a copy of the emergency response plan is onsite.
- **☑** Conduct regular fire suppression equipment inspections and maintenance
- ☑ Action a forest fire that is within 1 km of the site of the industrial activity.
- ☑ **Complete Hazard Assessments and Abatement** at prescribed intervals in accordance with the Wildfire Regulation;



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• Keep all debris piles clean, obtain burn reference number by calling 1-888-797-1717, complete hazard abatement and follow requirements including monitoring of burning activities

 For smoke management / venting indices call Provincial Venting Index Hot Line 1-888-281-2992 or visit BC Environment Venting Index website <u>http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/epd/epdpa/venting/venting.html</u>

• Extinguish and inspect debris piles by date specific on burning reference number Apply to extend reference number if required to extinguish

- ☑ Provide 24hr Contact information
 - Contractors must provide the NACFOR supervisor with a 24 hour a day contact telephone number if the person proposes to carry out an industrial activity on or after March 1 and before November 1 of that year.
- **☑** Provide copies of your training records as required.
- ☑ Ensure employees are trained and aware of <u>all</u> fire emergency responsibilities.
- ☑ Complete Emergency Response Plan with worksite details and company contact information



SPILL PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE

Initial Spill Response Activity

1. Discovery and Assessment

- ☑ Follow safety procedures and use appropriate personal protective equipment prior to initiating response plan. Safety will take precedence over environmental cleanup.
- \boxdot Account for all personnel.
- ☑ If Safe, STOP THE PRODUCT FLOW! Halt activities that are causing the spill (eg. Close valves; elevate leaking hoses, shut off pumps, etc.) Minimize Impact of Spill
- ☑ Prior to taking action complete an incident assessment (Safety, Spill Id/Volume and Environmental)

2. Notification and Documentation

- ☑ Report spills in accordance with spill reporting criteria listed "Table 1" below.
- If you feel that the spill is beyond your level of training and experience to handle, it is advisable that you seek assistance from a spill response specialist.

3. Containment and Recovery

☑ Take action within your ability using resources (hand tools, heavy equipment and spill response equipment) at hand to minimize the spread and impact of the spill until additional resources and expertise arrive.

Spills to Land

- ☑ Determine extent of spill. Contain spills away from water course.
- ☑ Mark the perimeter of the spill, Dig recovery ditches around the perimeter and recovery pits (sumps) within the spill area.
- ☑ Monitor ditches and recovery pits to ensure the collection system is effective
- ☑ Recover the product from the containment area, treat or dispose of appropriately.

Spill to Water

- ☑ In a ditch or stream contain the spill using whatever surface water containment system possible
- ☑ Divert and corral the spilled product to the containment system using absorbent booms or other methods
- ☑ Continue to sweep and corral the spilled product to one corner for recovery

For Spills less than 25 litres

- \boxdot Soak up all free products with absorbent pads, booms, and other materials.
- ☑ Place used absorbent materials in a heavy duty plastic bag or other suitable container for disposal or recycling. Mix stained soil with loose absorbents or commercial bioremediation agents.

4. Follow-up, Disposal and Site Restoration

- ☑ Ensure spills have been documented and reported to agencies and NACFOR as required.
- ☑ Complete clean-up and required mitigation actions, If required contact a spill response specialist for assistance
- ☑ Complete NACFOR Incident Report Form (CHK-014) and submit to NACFOR



Spill Roles and Responsibilities (BE PREPARED)

- ☑ **Assess risk for potential spills** identify additional preventative and control measures
- Ensure all workers understand Emergency response plan and is available on site at all times
- ☑ Ensure all workers are familiar with potential spill sites, spill kit locations and spill kit requirements
- ☑ **Ensure workers are trained/aware** in WHMIS, TDG and Spill response
- ☑ Have available, on site appropriate MSDS
- Conduct periodic drill(s) of spill preparedness and response based on employee knowledge and experience, environmental impact, and adjacent values. Where applicable refer to local procedures.
- ☑ Complete spill kits inspections and maintain spill kits as necessary
 - For Equipment spill kit content requirements see Fuel Handling Environmental Field Procedure.
- **Respond to all spills** in accordance with the emergency response plan
 - If you are responsible for a spill of hazardous material, you are then responsible to take appropriate actions to minimize environmental impact.
- ☑ **Report all reportable spills** to the appropriate agencies and to NACFOR.

Spill Reporting Criteria (If in Doubt Report the Spill)

- ☑ All spills that are equal to or greater than the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP) reportable level must be reported to PEP <u>(1-800-663-3456)</u> as soon as possible and within 24hrs.
- ☑ Any spills of deleterious substance to a watercourse must be reported to PEP as soon as possible and within 24hrs. (1-800-663-3456)
- ☑ All spills that are equal to or greater than the NACFOR reportable level must be reported to NACFOR contact as soon as possible and within 24hrs.

Table 1: Reportable Levels of Hazardous Materials Spills

Hazardous Material	PEP Reportable Level (1)	NACFOR Reportable Level (2)
Antifreeze	5 kilograms (5 liters)	25 litres
Diesel fuel	100 litres	25 litres
Gasoline (auto & saw)	100 litres	25 litres
Greases	100 litres	25 litres
Hydraulic Oil 100 litres		25 litres
Lubricating Oils	100 litres	25 litres
Methyl Hydrate	5 kilograms/5 litres	5 kilograms/5 litres
Paints & Paint Thinners	100 litres	25 litres
Solvents	100 litres	25 litres
Pesticides 1 kilogram		1 kilogram
Explosives	Any	Any

(1) as required by the BC Spill Reporting Regulation

(2) or a spill of ANY quantity that enters a surface water body (e.g.: running ditch, stream, lake)



LANDSLIDE & EROSION EVENT RESPONSE

Initial Response Activity

- 1. **Evaluate**. Follow applicable safety procedures and notify supervisor and other workers. If safe to do so, assess situation to determine if activities must be shut down.
- 2. **Immediate Remedial Action**. Take steps to control further environmental impacts.
- 3. **Notification**. Report the erosion event to the NACFOR contact within 24 hours or as soon as practical. (Refer to Reporting Criteria)
- 4. **Before Leaving the Site**. Supervisors must account for all workers before leaving the site. If a shutdown is required, park all equipment in an environmentally safe location (avoid riparian management areas, steep side slopes, steep road sections, areas with excessive soil moisture, and areas within reach of standing timber).
- 5. **If Environmental Damage Has Occurred**. The NACFOR contact must review the situation with the appropriate personnel. Work in the area may only resume once approval has been granted.
- 6. Complete NACFOR Incident Report Form (CHK-014) and submit to NACFOR

Landslide & Erosion Roles and Responsibilities

- ☑ Verify that operations are conducted in a manner that minimizes the risk of an erosion event occurring.
- ☑ Ensure all workers understand and trained in response procedures and it is available on site at all times.
- ☑ Supervisor ensures all employees are familiar with risk areas.
- Assess landslides and erosion events, determine reporting requirements, and report to NACFOR contact immediately where applicable.
- \square Respond to erosion events in accordance with this emergency response plan.

Landslide/ Erosion Event Reporting Criteria

Landslides and major erosion events must be reported to NACFOR in ANY of the following circumstances:

- Loss or imminent loss of life or property,
- Significant environmental damage,
- Situations which potentially create loss of provincial revenue or funds.
- Abnormal movement has occurred or is actively occurring at a site,
- Abnormal sedimentation,
- A volume of greater than 250 m³ has moved or is imminent danger of movement,
- A land area greater than 0.25 hectares is disturbed,
- A road or structure is damaged and requires structural repairs.

ENVIRONMENTAL and SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

PURPOSE – the NACFOR Environmental and Safety Management System (ESMS) describes safety and environmental procedures related to NACFOR's forestry operations.

NACFOR is committed to responsible stewardship of the forest and the environment throughout its operations as well as to the safety of all participants.

The ESMS provides a systematic approach to managing aspects of NACFORs operations to ensure a safe work environment and minimize impacts on the environment.

NACFOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY MANAGEMENT POLICY

NACFOR is committed to responsible *stewardship of the forest and the environment* throughout our operations, and to *strive for a safe workplace* for our contractors and the general public. We will:

- Minimize environmental impact
- Strive for continual improvement of our practices and support efforts to develop and implement new methods, procedures and technologies that have the potential to improve our environmental management practices
- Meet or exceed legal obligations; policies, standard operating procedures and other pertinent requirements
- Regularly review our practices and procedures to monitor and report on environmental performance
- Monitor and evaluate key NACFOR forestry operations
- Communicate our environmental performance to our shareholder, stakeholders and the general public
- Ensure that NACFOR contractors are aware of or have been trained in environmentally responsible work practices
- Develop and adapt environmental forest management performance measures based on local forest values
- Provide safeguards to the health and safety of our contractors and consultants; and the public through responsible forest management



ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR WORKERS Before starting work understand:

NACFOR's Environmental and Safety Policy

- preventing or minimizing environmental impacts
- safe work procedures

2. Environmental concerns for your work area

 Riparian areas, sensitive areas, soil, water, forest health, habitat, species at risk, leave trees, fuel spills, fire

3. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) – see page 13

• Know where they are and which SOP's apply to your task

4. Emergency Response Plan (ERP)

- Know your ERP roles and responsibilities
- Be prepared for emergencies i.e., fire, spills, erosion and water disruption events
- Know where information on the job site is located and how to respond

5. Follow the plan

- Pre-work with supervisor before starting work in a new area
- Understand work instructions and maps and ensure they match what's on the ground

6. What to Report

- Hazardous material spills and uncontrolled fires
- Erosion / Landslide and Water disruption events
- Alleged non-compliances and significant non-conformances
- Unidentified resource features
- Species at risk sightings, wildlife habitat features, and identified invasive plants
- Changes to the project plan



Significant Environmental Aspects

Activity	Significant Aspects	Potential Environmental Impacts
Equipment operation, fueling and mechanical activity	Starting a fireFuel spill	 Air pollution from smoke Damage to standing private property, timber and related resource values including wildlife habitat Damage to riparian features and the introduction of deleterious substance and siltation in water used for domestic consumption and/or fish streams
Construction/rehabilitation of roads and trails. Ground based operations including: mechanical falling, skidding, hoe-chucking, piling, stumping, waste recovery & dispersal and mechanical site preparation	 Site disturbance Natural drainage patterns Water quality Slope instability 	 Site disturbance exceeding legal limits. Altering natural drainage patterns Introduction of deleterious substance and siltation in water used for domestic consumption and/or fish streams Landslide
Hazard abatement (pile burning, broadcast burning, windrow burning)	Improper burn & fire escape	 Air pollution Damage to standing timber and related resource values Damage to riparian features and the introduction of deleterious substance and siltation in water used for domestic consumption or fish streams



Structure Installation, Repairs & Maintenance (culverts, bridges, wood box culvert)	 Introduction of debris into streams 	 Damage to riparian features and the introduction of deleterious substance and siltation in water used for domestic consumption or fish streams
Road Maintenance (brushing, ditching, grading)	 Introduction of debris into streams Damage to culverts Introducing water onto unstable slopes 	 Damage to riparian features and the introduction of deleterious substance and siltation in water used for domestic consumption or fish streams Restricting capacity of culvert and risk of washout Redirection of water onto unstable slopes and increasing risk of landslide
Planning cut block and road location, road and structure design and site plans (landscape and stand-level planning, assessments, prescribing treatments, layout, harvest planning and mapping)	 Not using qualified individuals to assist in planning Failing to address resource values identified through legal orders or non-statutory expectations Failure to meet legal obligations 	 Increasing risk of landslide Damage to wildlife habitat Damage to riparian features Windthrow Damage to resource values
Silviculture obligations	 Not meeting silviculture commitments and obligations 	 Not meeting planting commitments Not meeting free-growing obligations Reducing short, mid & long-term timber supply



ESMS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

Contractors and consultants working in activities that may potentially cause a significant impact on the environment must have appropriate training.

Training must be documented and contractors must maintain a training summary for each worker.

Position / Function	NACFOR Board	NACFOR Management	Harvest Contractor	Roads Contractor	Silviculture Contractor	General Contractors / Planning	Mechanical Site Prep	Logging Trucks
Training Requirement								
ESMS Overview	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
Fire Prep and Fire Tools		Х	Х	Х	Х	(1)	Х	(1)
SOPs		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
WHMIS		(1)	Х	Х	Х	(1)	Х	Х
Spill Prevention, Response		Х	Х	Х	Х	(1)	Х	Х
WSBC - S100		(1)	Х	Х	Х	(1)	Х	(1)
WCB OFA1 (minimum)		Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х

(1) Log truck drivers and some General Contractors may be working independently or working at an activity that does not require training in these functions. The need for training will be determined by the NACFOR management.

ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

Standard operating procedures (SOPs) are operational controls that ensure safety and environmental objectives are met.

Title	SOP #	Activity
General Procedures	SOP - 01	All
Ground Based Conventional Logging	SOP – 02	Harvesting, Roads and Silviculture
Cable Logging	SOP – 03	Harvesting, Roads and Silviculture
Stream Crossings	SOP – 04	Harvesting, Roads and Silviculture
Road Construction	SOP – 05	Roads
Road Maintenance	SOP – 06	Roads
Road Deactivation	SOP – 07	Roads
Bridge, Culvert and Log Culvert	SOP – 08	Roads
Construction/ Removal		
Fuel and Chemical Handling	SOP – 09	All
Spill Kits	SOP - 10	All
Site Preparation	SOP – 11	Harvesting, Roads and Silviculture
EMS Tracking	SOP – 12	All
Development and Layout Procedures	SOP – 13	Planning
Working Around Powerlines	SOP – 14	Harvesting, Roads
Wildlife Habitat Features	SOP – 15	All
Migratory Birds	SOP - 16	All



COMMON TO ALL OPERATIONAL PHASES

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- 1. Follow NACFOR's safety and environmental policies at all times.
- 2. This SOP applies at all work sites. It is your responsibility to be familiar with all SOPS which apply at your work site.
- 3. If you see unsafe work practices, or unacceptable environmental damage is occurring, you must take immediate action to address the issue. You have the right to refuse unsafe or environmentally unsound work.
- 4. Before starting work in a new area, or after an extended shutdown, the Supervisor must complete an on-site prework of the project plan with the Contractor Representative. The prework must emphasize site specific environmental and safety issues, and must be signed-off to indicate an understanding of the plan.
- 5. To avoid potential trespass situations, ensure plans, maps, and boundary markings are clearly understood before starting work. If in doubt, contact your Supervisor. Maps, prescriptions or other project documents must be readily available. Know your location on a map at all times.
- 6. Monitor your work to ensure that completed work has met the project objectives. If you can't follow the plan, or following the plan may compromise safety or the environment, **Stop Operations** and contact your Supervisor.
- 7. Familiarize yourself with the area, project plan, map, field markings and location of hazardous or sensitive areas. Ensure that all resource features identified on the site map can be located on the ground, and know the associated management strategies.
- 8. Operate during favorable weather conditions and know the shut-down criteria.
- 9. When working in Riparian Management Areas, Lakeshore Management Zones or other Resource Management Zones, you must clearly understand what activities you can and cannot do.
- 10. If you discover a stream or wetland that is not identified on the plan you must contact your Supervisor immediately and adjust your work practices accordingly.
- 11. At temporary work sites, petroleum products and hazardous materials are to be transported, stored and handled in a safe and environmentally responsible manner.
- 12. Do not store fuel, refuel, or service equipment within 30 meters of a water body or in the Riparian Management Zone unless special circumstances exist as described in SOP 9, Bullet number 10.
- 13. In case of an emergency such as a fire or controlled substance spill;
 - Contact your Supervisor and take immediate action.
 - Follow the NACFOR Spill Emergency Response Plan
 - Follow the NACFOR Wildfire Emergency Response Plan

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COMMON TO ALL OPERATIONAL PHASES (cont.)

- 14. Collect used industrial products and special wastes (including aerosol cans) for re-use, recycling or proper disposal. Ensure all other garbage is properly disposed of in an approved landfill site.
- 15. Check first aid kits, fire extinguishers and spill kits regularly to ensure they are available and have all required supplies.
- 16. The Wildfire Act and Regulation applies at all worksites. Be aware of the current Fire Danger Class and conduct your work accordingly. If you spot a wildfire, contact your Supervisor and implement the NACFOR Wildfire Emergency Response Plan.
- 17. Follow a routine equipment maintenance schedule so all machines are functioning safely. Ensure all equipment issues are dealt with in a timely manner.
- 18. Report any Species at Risk sighting to your Supervisor.
- 19. When equipment is working in a Noxious Weed area ensure you thoroughly wash equipment before transporting to another site.

STOP WORK and contact your Supervisor if:

- You are uncertain of map content, field markings or location of hazardous or sensitive areas.
- A previously unidentified cultural, resource feature, value or sensitive area is found.
- You experience unfavorable weather or site conditions that could cause environmental damage.
- You believe the project plan will not work.

Reasons to Temporarily Shut Down Operations

- ☑ Emergencies and Safety: All workers have the right to refuse unsafe work
- ☑ Unclear Map or Plan Detail
- ☑ Slope Instability
- Excessively wet conditions following periods of intense rainfall
- ☑ During extreme weather conditions
- Road Surface Deterioration: hauling should cease when road surfaces become "soupy" or there is the potential for environmental damage
- ☑ Trespass / Damage to Stands and Plantations
- ☑ Fire danger rating is extreme or you start a fire
- ☑ Soil Damage
- ☑ Hazardous spill
- $\ensuremath{\boxdot}$ Damage to Resource Features
- ☑ Species at Risk encountered

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GROUND BASED CONVENTIONAL LOGGING

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- 1. All work is to be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.
- 2. All work is to be conducted according to the plan that is reviewed at the Pre-work Onsite meeting. The logging plan map must be on site at all times.
- 3. All crew members must be aware of the location of identified steep slopes and/or sensitive areas (which may be prone to site disturbance). If you are required to work on steep slopes you must be familiar with safe work procedures for those slopes.
- 4. All crew members must be aware of the location of all known riparian areas and wildlife features.
- 5. Maintain a 5 meter "No Machine" buffer on all streams unless exempted in the logging plan.
- 6. Ensure that all feller buncher operators and fallers are retaining the required leave trees and/or vegetation in Riparian Management Zones.
- 7. Where possible, fall and skid away from riparian areas.
- 8. If you identify resource features such as bear dens, raptor nests or Culturally Modified Trees that do not appear on the Plan, do not disturb them and report the finding and location of such features to your Supervisor.
- 9. Bladed skid trails must be located according to the guidelines discussed at Pre-work On-site meeting.
- 10. Always maintain natural drainage patterns. Refer to SOP-04 for in-block stream crossings.
- 11. Minimize soil disturbance when skidding. If skidding is creating excessive disturbance, move to another suitable area until the problem area can be reviewed with your Supervisor.
- 12. Deck logs a minimum of 10m away from creeks or according to the harvest plan/map.
- 13. Debris accumulations are to be piled on roads, landing piles and low productivity sites whenever practicable and 10 metres away from streams and standing timber. Piled debris accumulations should occupy the least amount of plantable area possible and be piled to allow good burning conditions. Ensure there is no connectivity with standing timber.
- 14. Ensure that you have the required fire tools on site during fire season and that you observe restrictions relating to the fire hazard.

When in doubt, **STOP WORK** and ask your Supervisor

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CABLE LOGGING

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- 1. All work is to be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.
- 2. All work is to be conducted according to the plan that is reviewed at the On Site Pre-Work meeting. The logging plan map must be on-site at all times.
- 3. All crew members must be aware of the location of all known riparian areas and wildlife features.
- 4. Ensure that all Fallers are retaining the required leave trees and/or vegetation in Riparian Management Zones.
- 5. Where possible, fall and yard away from riparian areas.
- 6. Backspar trails are to be located only as approved.
- 7. If you identify resource features such as bear dens, raptor nests or Culturally Modified Trees that do not appear on the Plan, do not disturb them and report the finding and location of such features to your Supervisor.
- 8. Always maintain natural drainage patterns.
- 9. Minimize soil disturbance when yarding. If yarding is creating excessive disturbance, move to another suitable area until the problem area can be reviewed with your Supervisor.
- 10. Debris accumulations are to be piled on roads, landing piles and low productivity sites whenever practicable and 10 metres away from streams and standing timber. Piled debris accumulations should occupy the least amount of plantable area possible and be piled to allow good burning conditions. Ensure there is no connectivity with standing timber.
- 11. Deck logs away from streams or according to the logging plan/map.
- 12. Ensure that that you have the required fire tools on site during fire season and that you observe restrictions relating to the fire hazard.

When in doubt, **STOP WORK** and ask your Supervisor

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STREAM CROSSINGS

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- 2. All work is to be conducted according to the plan that is reviewed at the Pre-work Onsite meeting.
- 3. The plan map must be on site at all times. Know where you are on a map at all times and be aware of all streams and NCDs located within opening.
- 4. Field conditions for appropriate stream crossing locations will be discussed at the Prework On-site meeting. If you are unsure whether or not a potential crossing location meets these conditions contact your Supervisor prior to construction.
- 5. Log fill crossings are for short term use by equipment and should only be constructed when:

The stream is non-fish bearing (S5/S6) or NCD and:

- No water is present or
- Water level is sufficiently low that flow will not be impeded/diverted by logs or
- Deep snow/winter conditions will prevent damage to the stream channel.
- 6. All crossings will be constructed in a manner that maintains stability and mitigates disturbance to the stream banks and stream channel. When trees within a riparian management zone must be removed to build the stream crossing, removal will be conducted in such a way that remaining trees are sufficient to maintain stream bank or channel stability.
- 7. All material placed in the stream channel at short-term crossings must be removed from the crossing once the crossing is no longer needed for harvesting activities or before the next freshet; whichever is earliest. Dispose of removed debris outside riparian management areas.

When in doubt, **STOP WORK** and ask your Supervisor

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION

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- 1. All work is to be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.
- 2. All work is to be conducted according to the plan that is reviewed at the Pre-work onsite meeting. Road construction maps must be on site at all times.
- If work is being done in an area identified with a moderate to high likelihood of landslides, ensure worker's safety by always proceeding with caution. In areas like this, it is very important to identify unforeseen conditions and report them to your Supervisor before proceeding.
- 4. When blasting, avoid blasting methods that may damage resource features, increase terrain instability or cause excessive site degradation. Minimize flyrock at all times.
- 5. Always maintain natural drainage patterns. Build drainage structures concurrent with subgrade construction where possible. Avoid directing water onto unstable slopes or erodible soils.
- 6. Where water is encountered that has not been identified in the plan (surface flows, sub surface flows and/or excessive standing ditch water), notify your Supervisor.
- 7. Utilize sediment control measures as required, including silt fences, hay bales, rock armouring, swales, water bars, or siltation detention ponds as appropriate.
- 8. When crossing large streams, ensure that debris entering the stream is removed before proceeding. For fish streams, do not disturb the stream channel unless otherwise identified in the plan.
- Ensure that you know the stream classification of all the streams that you are crossing. S1-S4 streams are fish streams that are treated differently than S-5 and S-6 streams. If you suspect that a stream has been misclassified or missed entirely, notify your Supervisor immediately.
- 10. Always know and follow all in-stream work timing windows and approved procedures.
- 11. Ensure that you have the required fire tools on site during fire season and that you observe restrictions relating to the fire hazard.
- 12. Road or skid trail construction, including any blasting activity, must be carried out in a manner that prevents hangups, hanging broken tops or limbs, leaners, sidebind of pushed trees, or similar hazards which could endanger fallers or other workers.

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ROAD MAINTENANCE

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- 1. All work is to be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.
- 2. Always maintain natural drainage patterns. Ensure that road surface drainage is directed to drainage structures and is not impeded.
- 3. When brushing, ensure debris is cleaned from at inlets/outlets of culverts and/or in ditches.
- 4. When grading over drainage structures, prevent material from entering watercourses.
- 5. Do not place road material on bridge decks, or in stream channels or flood plains.
- 6. Report any damage to drainage structures to your Supervisor.
- 7. Protect non-target roadside vegetation (including trees) unless damage is unavoidable.
- 8. Culvert and bridge work must be conducted within the approved fisheries window (where applicable).
- 9. All road maintenance must take place in a timely manner. Where possible, anticipate future erosion and fix potential problem areas.
- 10. Ensure signage or notification requirements are followed.

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ROAD DEACTIVATION

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- 1. All work is to be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.
- 2. All work is to be conducted according to the plan.
- 3. For temporary deactivation, waterbars or cross-ditches are to be installed at locations where there is a risk of erosion such as:
 - at culverts and ditches that are prone to plugging,
 - on steep or long grades,
 - on switchbacks.
- 4. All cross-ditches and waterbars that are constructed in highly erodible material are to be armoured.
- 5. Cross-ditches are to be located so as to direct water to natural drainage paths and must avoid channeling water onto potentially unstable slopes.
- 6. Removal of stream culverts must be done in a manner that will minimize sedimentation. Dewatering techniques may be required if work must be done "in the dry".
- 7. When re-establishing natural drainage patterns during road deactivation, the road fill should be removed down to the natural stream channel. Fill slopes must be left in a stable condition after removal of culverts or other drainage structures.
- 8. Temporarily deactivated roads should be 4x4 driveable.
- 9. Ensure natural drainage patterns are maintained.
- 10. Always know and follow all in-stream work timing windows and aprved procedures.
- 11. Ensure that you have the required fire tools on site during fire season and that you observe restrictions relating to the fire hazard.
- 12. All road deactivation must take place in a timely manner. Where possible, anticipate future erosion and fix potential problem areas. This may include temporary measures during a high risk period.

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BRIDGE, CULVERT & LOG CULVERT CONSTRUCTION & REMOVAL

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- 1. All work is to be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.
- 2. All work is to be conducted according to the plan. The Engineered Drawings for any designed structures must be on-site at all times during installation. If you are uncertain, contact your Supervisor.
- 3. Ensure the work complies with timing windows and other specifications as required.
- 4. Pre-mark the inlet and outlet location of all pipes to ensure they fit to the edges of the road prism. Accommodate skew, slope and amount of embedment, as designed.
- 5. Ensure that you know the classification and prescription for any stream that you are building a temporary bridge across. S1-S4 streams are fish streams that are treated differently than S-5 and S-6 streams. If you suspect that a stream has been misclassified or missed entirely notify your Supervisor.
- 6. Minimize the impact on water quality by:
 - a. Operating during favorable weather conditions. Know the project shut-down criteria,
 - b. Utilize sediment control measures as required, including silt fences, hay bales or siltation ponds as appropriate,
 - c. Clean introduced debris from ditches, streams and culverts on an on-going basis and before plugging can occur.
- 7. Always maintain natural drainage patterns. Avoid directing water onto unstable slopes or erodible soils.
- 8. Do not place any road material on or in stream channels or flood plains. Do not place any road material on bridge decks. Remove any material inadvertently placed in these areas.
- 9. In non-fish culvert installations, armour the inflows, outflows and fill slopes to minimize erosion as required.
- 10. Load ratings should be pre-determined by an engineer. Know what the load rating is and consult your Supervisor if you need clarification or have concerns.
- 11. Dispose of wood culvert/bridge debris in designated sites, outside riparian management areas, or according to pre-work instructions.

When in doubt, **STOP WORK** and ask your Supervisor

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FUEL AND CHEMICAL HANDLING

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- 1. All work is to be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.
- 2. All petroleum and chemical storage and handling will be conducted in compliance with all applicable laws, acts and codes (e.g Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act and Regulations). Fuel products will be stored and dispensed as per the attached Tables 1 3.
- 3. All petroleum and chemical storage and transfer areas will be visually inspected when used. Monthly safety inspections will be conducted and document conditions and track any action items.
- 4. Spill Kits are to be kept in close proximity to all petroleum and chemical storage and transfer areas.
- 5. Spill kits are to be as per SOP #010 Spill Kit Requirements.
- 6. Fuel handling and transfer procedures are to be available and followed wherever fuel or oil is stored or dispensed.
- 7. Be familiar with the "Spill Emergency Response Plan" for your Operation and initiate them should a spill occur.
- 8. Before handling any chemicals refer to the appropriate Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS).
- 9. The storage and handling of pesticides are governed by the Pesticide Control Act. Any person responsible for the storage and handling of pesticides is to be familiar with the requirements of the Pesticide Control Act.
- 10. Ensure that all equipment maintenance is done in an environmentally sound manner. Ensure that proper containment devices (sorbent pads, buckets, etc) are available and utilized. An appropriate spill kit as per Item 11 must be available in close proximity.
- 11. Never store fuel or refuel equipment within 30 meters of a water body or in a Riparian Management Zone unless the machinery is:
 - required for fire fighting,
 - broken down and requires fuelling or services to be moved, or
 - authorized in a logging or operational plan to be fuelled or serviced in the area.
- 12. When in doubt regarding your fuel and chemical storage and handling facilities and/or practices, contact your Supervisor.

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TABLE #1 SMALL FUEL CONTAINERS (Volume < 230L) Drums, Jerry			Legend				
Cans, Pails, Canisters			④ Legal Requirement		NACFOR Requirement	Information	
TYPE	CONDITION, DESIGN & MAINTENANCE	STORING AND SECURING		DISPENSING		TRANSPORT	PREVENTION & RESPONSE
SMALL FUEL CONTAINERS (Volume < 230L)	 Must be filled and capped so that under normal conditions there will be no leakage that would endanger public or worker safety Containers must be in good condition – not damaged, rusting, or leaking Replace fatigued containers on a regular basis (plastic containers usually every 5 years) Construction Standard Containers must be specifically designed for the product Containers less than 30 liters are exempt from TDG requirements but are still governed under the WHMIS Inspections Licensee/ Contractor must regularly inspect containers for leaks or maintenance issues 	 Do not store small containers in Riparian Management areas or Marine Environments wherever practicable Do not smoke where fuel is stored or dispensed Securing Containers must be appropriately secured to prevent shifting, swaying, damage or escape from the vehicle Tie down straps must have safe <u>combined</u> working load ratings greater than the secured load Labeling WHMIS labeling or appropriate <u>Product Identification</u> is required when storing hazardous products Additional WHMIS labels are not required if content matches the product identifier on the container 	a lo wor Do Rip. or M whe Dis con from pos Do thei (<i>ap</i>) 909 \$ Sto pun	not dispense fuel in arian Management areas Marine Environments erever practicable. pense all flammable and nbustible substances only in drums in an upright sition not fill containers beyond ir safe filling level proximate safe level –		 Vertical position Separating with dunnage Protecting through use of sides, sideboards, or stakes on the vehicle If multiple containers of Class 3 products are transported and the combined capacity exceeds 2000L, the following conditions apply: A shipping document must be completed for the goods hauled The operator must have TDG training and possess a certificate The load must have placards on all visible sides 	 Take reasonable measures to prevent leaks & spills Spill control measures are required: Spill Kit as per Minimum Requirements Locate containers of fuel cache where potential spills cannot reach water courses or marine environments Additional spill prevention and control measures may be required in higher risk areas for caches. Fire Control and Response Maintain one suitable BC- rated fire extinguisher

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FUEL HANDLING ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD PROCEDURE SOP - 09

TA	TABLE #2 SMALL MOBILE (TRUCK BOX) TANKS (Volumes: 230L – Legend								
450L)				Legal Requirement		NACFOR Requirement	© Information		
TYPE	CONDITION, DESIGN, & MAINTENANCE	STORING AND SECURING	DISPENSING		DISPENSING			TRANSPORT	PREVENTION & RESPONSE
SMALL MOBILE (TRUCK BOX) TANKS (Volumes:	 Must be filled and capped so that under normal conditions there will be no leakage that would endanger public or worker safety Containers must be in good condition – not damaged, rusting, or leaking Construction Standard Diesel: a spec or non-spec tank may be used. This tank capacity (<450L) is exempt under the TDG regulation Gasoline: a <u>spec tank is required</u> and must show the spec plate of the design standard Spec tanks may include: CGSB 43.146 ULC/ORD 142.13 (until 2010) Inspections All spec tanks require a visual inspection by a Transport Canada Registered facility every 60 months (5 yrs) Licensee / Contractor must regularly inspect containers for leaks and maintenance issues 	 ④ Use a pressure relief cap that meets manufacturers design specifications Do not store small mobile tanks in riparian management areas or marine environments wherever practicable Do not smoke where fuel is stored or dispensed Securing ④ Containers must be appropriately secured to prevent shifting, swaying, damage or escape from the vehicle ④ Tie down straps must have safe combined working load ratings greater than the secured load Labeling ④ WHMIS labeling or appropriate Product Identification is required when storing hazardous products 	 desig handl Use a nozzl stand Hose be ma Make bondi when Make bondi Make bondi when Main locati Do no mana enviro practi Opera nozzl dispe Nozzl conta uprigl the ta Store preve coilec Do no 	an appropriate hose and e (in accordance with ULC ards) for dispensing fuel is and nozzles must aintained and not leak. e sure there is suitable ng to prevent static charges dispensing gasoline. tain current MSDS in a on available to workers at dispense fuel in riparian gement areas or marine onments wherever cable. ators must stay with the e <u>at all times</u> while nsing fuel es must be secured in drip inment after use or in an <u>nt</u> position so that it is above nk hose in a safe manner to nt damage and leaks (i.e. to ntop of tank) ot fill tanks beyond their safe level (approximate safe level	Label (4) T	 be completed for the goods hauled The operator must have a TDG training and possess a valid certificate The load must be placarded on all visible sides 	 Take reasonable measures to prevent leaks & spills Spill prevention and control measures are required: Spill Kit as per Minimum Requirements Locate small mobile tanks where potential spills cannot reach water courses or marine environments Additional spill prevention and control measures may be required in higher risk areas Mobile tanks (>230L) stored on the ground require Collision protection Additional Spill control measures 		

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FUEL HANDLING ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD PROCEDURE SOP - 09

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TABLE #3 LARGE MOBILE TANKS (Volumes: 450L – 3000L)				Legal Requirement	NACFOR Requirement	© Information
TYPE	CONDITION, DESIGN, & MAINTENANCE	STORING AND SECURING		DISPENSING	TRANSPORT	PREVENTION & RESPONSE
LARGE MOBILE TANKS (Volumes: 450L- 3000L)	 Must be filled and capped so that under normal conditions there will be no leakage that would endanger public or worker safety Containers must be in good condition – not damaged, rusting, or leaking Construction Standard All Tanks: used to transport fuel (volume >5%) must be designed, and constructed to a mobile tank standard and display a spec plate: Spec Tanks: used for diesel and gasoline may have one of the following spec plates: CGSB 43.146 ULC/ORD 142.13 (until 2010) Non-Spec Tanks: May be used to until January 1, 2010 provided the following criteria are met: Non-Spec Tanks is only used to transport <u>diesel</u> fuel Non-Spec Tanks is tested annually by a TC Registered facility and displays an inspection plate (see <i>Glossary</i>) Inspections All Spec tanks must be inspected by a Transport Canada (TC) Registered facility	 ④ Use a pressure relief cap that meets manufacturers design specifications Do not leave vehicles carrying auxiliary fuel in riparian management areas or marine environments wherever practicable. Do not smoke where fuel is stored or dispensed Securing ④ Containers must be appropriately secured to prevent shifting, swaying, damage or escape from the vehicle ④ Tie down straps must have safe <u>combined</u> working load ratings <i>greater</i> than the secured load to ensure the tank is integrally mounted Labeling ④ WHMIS labeling or appropriate <u>Product Identification</u> is required when storing hazardous products ④ TDG safety marks (labels or placards, UN number, shipping name) must be visible on the tank or any enclosed storage unit 	 nozzle (i Standard Use disj designer handled Make su bonding when dis Maintair location Hoses a maintain Do not d manage environr practical Operato nozzle <u>a</u> dispensi Nozzles containn <u>upright p</u> the tank Close va dispensi Store ho prevent a retract Do not fi 	ure there is suitable to prevent static charges spensing gasoline n current MSDS in a available to workers nd nozzles must be ned and not leak lispense fuel in riparian ment areas or marine nents wherever ble. rs must stay with the <u>t all times</u> while ng fuel must be secured in drip nent after use or in an position so that it is above	 If multiple tanks of Class 3 product (diesel) are carried on the vehicle and the <u>combined capacity</u> exceeds 2000 liters, the following conditions apply: A shipping document must be completed for the goods hauled The operator must have a TDG training and possess a certificate The load must be placarded on all visible sides Won-Spec tanks that are transported empty (volume <5%) do not require annual inspection as they can be moved in accordance with the <i>Equivalent</i> <i>Level of Safety Permit 7544</i> until May 31, 2009 (see <i>Glossary</i>) Labeling Maintain visible safety marks: Label or placard, UN number and Shipping name TDG Placards are required to be visible on all four sides of the tank 	 Take reasonable measures to prevent leaks & spills Spill control measures are required Spill Kit as per Minimum Requirements Locate large mobile tanks where potential spills cannot reach water courses or marine environments Additional spill prevention and control measures may be required in higher risk areas If large mobile tanks are placed on the ground, the following requirements apply: Collision protection will be provided Additional spill prevention and control measures



ESMS 2020 Field Book



Standard Operating Procedures

SPILL KIT REQUIREMENTS

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The purpose of this SOP is to ensure that spill kits have the minimum requirements in order to adequately handle a spill. For each location listed below, a spill kit must contain at a minimum:

EQUIPMENT (excluding logging trucks):

- 1 heavy duty garbage bag or other suitable container
- 5 grey pads, 5 white pads
- 1 1A5BC Fire Extinguisher (as per Fire Regs)
- 1 3A10BC Fire Extinguisher (or internal suppression system) (as per Fire Regs)
- PPE

VEHICLES CARRYING AUXILIARY FUEL / TIDY TANKS:

- 3 large heavy duty garbage bags
- 5 18" x 18" oil absorbent pads (white)
- 5 18" x 18" antifreeze absorbent pads (grey or yellow)
- 3 3" x 48" absorbent booms
- 1 4 litre container of dry absorbent
- $1 \frac{1}{2}$ lb container of dry stop-leak material (eg Plug-N-Dyke),
- 1 pair of disposable non-absorbent gloves
- 1 1A5BC Fire Extinguisher
- 1 shovel

STATIONARY OR MOBILE FUEL STORAGE (tanks or multiple drum caches)

- 5 large heavy duty garbage bags or one open topped containment drum
- 10 18" x 18" oil absorbent pads (white)
- 10 18" x 18" antifreeze absorbent pads (grey or yellow)
- 6 3" x 48" absorbent booms
- 1 4 litre container of dry absorbent
- 1 1 lb container of dry stop-leak material (eg Plug-N-Dyke),
- 1 pair of disposable non-absorbent gloves
- 1 shovel

NOTE: After using any of the above materials on a spill, make sure that they are replaced as soon as possible.

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SITE PREPARATION

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- 1. All work is to be conducted in a safe and environmentally sound manner.
- 2. All work is to be conducted according to the plan that is reviewed at the Pre Work meeting. All operators must have a map of the work area.
- 3. Ensure that steep slopes are identified and that appropriate steep slope safe work procedures are followed.
- 4. Be aware of the site disturbance limits for the block. Plan and carry out your activities to stay within the limit.
- 5. Machine operators must be aware of the location of all known riparian areas, wildlife features and sensitive areas within the work area.
- 6. Ensure you are leaving the required leave trees and/or vegetation in Riparian Management Zones. Be aware of all No Machine Zones, Reserve Zones, and approved stream crossings.
- 7. Always maintain natural drainage patterns.
- 8. Rehabilitate disturbed areas as the work is progressing. Machine ruts, where water can accumulate should be filled in and all bladed trails should be rehabilitated.
- 9. Do not operate on steep slopes where excessive site disturbance will occur. When in doubt, discuss the area with your Supervisor.
- 10. Ensure that you have the required fire tools on site during fire season and observe restrictions relating to the fire hazard.
- 11. Ensure appropriate spill kits and fire extinguishers are located at fueling stations.

When in doubt, <mark>STO</mark> F	WORK and ask	your Supervisor
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OPERATIONS EMS TRACKING SYSTEM

General:

- EMS utilizes 3 reports
 - 1. Preworks
 - 2. Required Action Forms
 - 3. Inspection Reports
- All EMS reports can be found in the appropriate project file.
- The active life of a block begins when the first operational phase is initiated and ends at year-end of the year that the last operational phase was inspected and/or when all operational phases are complete. This time frame may be amended from time to time and may be changed to accommodate or to differentiate the harvesting and silvicultural operational phases, as that the total life span of a block from the first tree felled to Free to Grow may be upwards of 15 years.

Operational Prework:

- The Prework Package (produced in triplicate) will consist of:
 - Prework Report that identifies the Significant Aspects related to the block,
 - Map (e.g. Logging Plan Map),
 - Separate Sign Off form (optional).
- Prior to commencement of operations, a meeting between the Contract Supervisor and the Contractor Representative occurs to review the contents of the Prework Package.
- The Prework Package requires signature by the Contractor Representative and a record of all present at the prework meeting.
- A copy of the Prework Package:
 - remains with the Contractor Representative for review and signoff with any crew members not present at the prework meeting.
 - is filed on the EMS file as a record of the prework.

Inspection Reports (IR)

- The Contract Supervisor completes an Inspection Report following an official ESMS field inspection.
- Prior to the Inspection, the Site Plan, Prework and any issued Corrective Actions must be reviewed.
- All Inspections should ideally occur 2 weeks before the completion of the phases to facilitate remediation of any deficiencies.
- Any environmental remediation work that is required as a result of an inspection shall be recorded on the Corrective Action portion of the Inspection Report Form.
- Once completed, one copy of the IR goes in the EMS Block File.
- One copy goes to the Contractor Representative who responsible for completing any Corrective Actions.



One copy stays with the Contract Supervisor. When Corrective Actions are completed, the Contract Supervisor signs off the form and files their copy in the appropriate project file.						
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NACFOR		Standard Operating Procedures DEVELOPMENT AND LAYOUT				
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1. All w	ork is to be conduct	ed in a safe and environmentally sound manner.				
	 All lay-out will be done to minimize the impact on non-timber resources including species at risk while maintaining total chance timber development opportunities. 					
ril aı	NACFOR Development Standards will be followed for all development work. Standardized ribbon/paint colors will be used in all phases of layout. Exception to the standards may occur and minor deviations from this general scheme are acceptable <i>but must be clearly labeled on engineering summaries and operational plan maps and discussed during pre-work meetings.</i>					
 N N or Fi re In di m 	 Non classified drainages will be marked down the center with appropriate coloured ribbon if deemed important for drainage or habitat considerations. Non fish bearing streams (S6 and S5) will be referenced with "Machine Free Zone" colors by one of the following methods: at approximately 5 meters on each side of the creek or at approximately the centre line of the creek. Fish bearing streams (S4 – S1) will have reserves marked RRZ colors with reserve width as required by legislation (or District Policy), and identified on the site level prescriptions. 					
 Fi p; R m S 	 Cut block boundary marking should be consistent throughout operating area Final landings (including right of way landings), road stations, and culvert locations may be painted the appropriate colour (optional blazing/tags) in addition to standard ribbon colors. Roads will be surveyed with tight chain traverse if slopes exceed 50% (minimum section length must be >/= 100m) side slope or where an engineered design is required. Standard tie points from the end landings to creeks will be established (if a creek is within 100 meters of the landing location). 					
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7. WTF	o's, Parks, Woodlots	and private land will be located on all maps produced.				



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STANDARD FIELD MARKING

ACTIVITY	RIBBON COLOUR	RIBBON TEXT	PAINT
	Blue / White Striped with		
Recce Line or Deflection Line	White Stations		
Recce (not incl. Recce Line)	Yellow		
Block Boundary	Orange	Timber Harvest Boundary	Orange
Wildlife Tree Patch	Orange	Wildlife Tree Patch	Orange
Harvest Unit Boundary	Red and Black Striped		
GPS Traverse Station			
Recce	Yellow (two ribbons)		
Layout Bdy	Black and White Striped		
Attribute (all)	White		
Road (Primary Traverse)	Blue		
Road (Second Traverse)	Blue		
Road Recon	Blue		
Final Bdy	Blue		
Proposed Road	Pink (3 ribbons @ POC & POT)		
Culvert (Proposed Road)	Pink	Culvert	Orange
Culvert (Road Reconstruction)	Pink	Culvert	Orange
Proposed Road Right of Way	Red	Right of Way	
Landings	Pink (3 ribbons)		
Skid Trail, Skid Bridges,			
Yarder/Forwarding Trail	Pink	Forwarding Trail	
Backspar Trail	Pink	Backspar Trail	
Streams	Green on C/L of creek	Stream	
NCD's	Purple		
Machine Free Zone	Yellow	Machine Free Zone	
Riparian Reserve Zone	Red	Riparian Reserve Zone	
Riparian Management Zone	Yellow	Riparian Management Zone	
Site Plan Plot Center	Orange and Black Striped		
Cruise Plot Center	Orange		
Cruise Plot Trees			Blue





PROCEDURES FOR WORKING ALONG POWERLINES

NACFOR will refer all cut blocks with trees in the powerline Limits of Approach (LOA) or that may fall within the LOA to BC Hydro to determine BC Hydro requirements and contact information.

NACFOR and the Contractor will sign off BC Hydro Logging Near Powerlines Emergency Contact Form

Review and follow BC Hydro handbook – *Safety Guide for Utility Tree Workers* - about limits to approach and emergency procedures in case of powerline contact as part of job pre-work. Have this handbook on site when conducting operations for reference.

Pre-work proposed worksite and examine access and trees to be felled with NACFOR supervisor.

Any issues or uncomfortable with task - do not initiate work If issues or difficulties arise during job, stop and seek assistance as needed.

Additional workers for spotters and traffic control will be needed if trees along the powerline paralleling highways can reach the road.

NACFOR will inspect trees within the LOA with a Certified Utility Arborist (CUA) to determine procedures for falling. The CUA will hold an Assurance of No Reclose Permit (ANRP).

- Trees situated outside of the LOA and that will not fall within the LOA are to be felled by contractor
- Trees situated outside of LOA but which may fall within the LOA to be felled under the supervision of a CUA who holds an Assurance of No Reclose Permit (ANRP). The falling of these trees may be done either by the CUA, a buncher or a handfaller
- Trees situated within the LOA must be felled by a CUA or under the supervision of a CUA.

Rotten trees such as birch should be felled concurrent with other stems.

Fall direction should be perpendicular or close to perpendicular as possible from power line direction.

Assess weather conditions and suspend operations if conditions are unfavourable (wind, snow).

Any incident:

- 1. Ensure safe distances to approach are maintained from contact point
- 2. Refer to BC Hydro Logging Near Powerlines Emergency Contact form for local contact information
- 3. contact 1-888-POWER ON to report incident
- 4. Contact NACFOR representative to report incident

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MIGRATORY BIRDS

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- 1. All managers, supervisors, and contractors will be provided with information on migratory birds and incidental take so they are familiar with the migratory bird management practices, how the practices apply to their operations, and what they must do to meet legal obligations.
- 2. The nest density risk ranking layer is overlaid with the development area and used to evaluate the risk of incidental take of birds in NACFOR tenure. High risk areas should be avoided.
- 3. Known nest locations are overlaid on the development area. Known nests are visited to monitor activity and to create the necessary buffers around the nests.
- 4. During block layout, high risk areas should be avoided as much as possible and not have roads through them. Any active nests and WHFs that are encountered should be buffered and the location should be entered into the Nest Database and possibly reported as a WHF.
- 5. Site-specific field data on stand type(s) is used to update the risk Rank(s) and improve the accuracy of the risk assessment.
- 6. Forest health issues within the block are assessed using the Forest Health Guidance Chart and may alter the risk Rank(s).
- 7. Final risk Ranks are determined for the development area. BMPs are applied depending on the Rank.
- 8. All BMPs applied to the development area should be documented in the Site Plan and all contractors operating in the area should be made aware of the BMPs in place.
- 9. If a nest is encountered during harvesting or road construction, the Stop Work Procedures must be followed and a Chance Encounter Form must be filled out and returned to the NACFOR Supervisor or Project Manager.
- 10. Perform a nest sweep of the Site to avoid impacting breeding birds during silviculture operations. Buffer known nests, change the work schedule, and apply BMPs as necessary.

When in doubt, **STOP WORK** and ask your Supervisor

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WILDLIFE HABITAT FEATURES

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- 1. Contractors will be provided with information regarding wildlife habitat features (WHFs) and the legal requirements under the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA). All contractors must be made aware of the WHF Order and their responsibilities. This information will act as training for how to comply with the WHF Order.
- 2. Download the WHF data layer for GIS applications from the Land and Resource Data Warehouse (LRDW). Overlay the WHF layer with the NACFOR tenure boundary or a development area boundary and determine if any WHFs occur in the potential development area. Another way of viewing the WHF data layer is to open the layer online in iMap or Habitat Wizard. The tenure or development boundaries can be uploaded to these applications as shapefiles.
- 3. Search for survey information (e.g. LRDW, eBird, Species at Risk) and overlay BEC and range maps (found in the field guide) of key species to determine if key species could be present in the development area even if no WHFs have been identified
- 4. Ensure that development complies with any timing windows that may be important for WHFs. Refer to the WHF field guide for timing windows and more information.
- 5. While doing layout in the development area, field crews should identify any WHF they come across. Grid searches are unnecessary, but crews should always be aware of any potential WHFs in the area. Use the field guide and field cards to help with identifying WHFs.
- 6. All WHFs in the development area should be given an appropriate buffer so as not to damage the WHF or render it ineffective. A feature becomes ineffective if it can no longer be used for its original purpose or if wildlife avoids or abandons the feature. Refer to the field guide for examples of appropriate buffers.
- 7. Record WHFs using the WHF data entry sheet. This can be downloaded as a spreadsheet onto any device.
- 8. All WHFs must be submitted to the data submission site before June 1st every year.
- 9. All WHFs must be protected during development and maintain their effectiveness.
- 10. Exemptions can be requested under the Wildlife Habitat Features Order in the same way as any other GAR Order. Exemptions should be requested by the NACFOR Project Manager.
- 11. After WHFs have been established and the development in the area is complete, WHFs should be revisited to note any changes and to be sure they're still in use.
- 12. Costs related to managing for a WHF (i.e. delivered wood costs) should be calculated.

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ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PROCEDURES

Non-compliance is a failure to conform to regulatory requirements and is a major non-conformance. **Scope and Purpose**

This ERP applies to NACFOR contractors and their workers involved in forest practices within community and domestic consumptive watersheds. The purpose of this ERP is to prevent and respond to water disruption (from sedimentation, spills, or interrupted flows) resulting from NACFOR-authorized activities.

Emergency Response Procedures (ERP) provide preventative measures and guidance to contractors for incidents that requires an immediate response and follow-up. NACFOR has two Environmental ERPs and a Summary of Fires Tool Required.

All contractors and their workers must be prepared at all times for an immediate response to safety and environmental incidents.

During fire season inspections will be conducted to ensure compliance with the Wildfire Act and Wildfire Regulation.

INSPECTIONS

Pre-work Inspection

The pre-work inspection will be conducted between NACFOR management and the contractor/consultant prior to work starting.

Initial Inspection

A full initial inspection will be conducted within two weeks of start-up of the activity. It will include detailed checks of environmental emergency preparedness (spills, fire); worker awareness of the project and obligations; presence of necessary project information; training and other documentation; and adherence to fuel management guidelines.

Progress Inspections

Progress inspections will be conducted by NACFOR management or contract supervisors.

Final Inspection

A final Inspection is mandatory and will review the overall plan performance, compliance, and completion of outstanding obligations.

- **Non-conformance** is the failure to meet a requirement of the ESMS that results in an impact to the environment. Non-conformance can be minor or major.
- **Minor non-conformance** is an isolated deficiency that does not adversely affect the overall performance of the ESMS. The contractor is notified of the deficiency and is required to remediate the problem and report to management within the designated timeframe.
- **Major non-conformance** is a serious deficiency that could have an adverse effect on the environment.



Preparedness Roles and Responsibilities

- □ Know the names of and contact information for water users within the area of active operations. Ensure this information is on site and available to workers (*refer to attached contact list*).
- □ Know the field location of applicable points of diversion (PODs) and associated infrastructure as identified on project maps, site plans, and assessments.
- Be familiar with applicable prescriptions (for example: site plans, road designs, drainage plans, riparian management prescriptions, terrain stability and soil erosion assessments, harvest plans) when working in and around drainage areas connected to PODs including protocols for changing site conditions. Review during office and field pre-work discussions. Minimize soil disturbance.
- Ensure adequate sediment control tool kit (e.g. filter fabric, stray bales, rock for armouring etc.) is available on site and workers are aware of their roles and responsibilities for sediment abatement.
- Conduct periodic emergency response drill(s) and or test(s) related to disruption of water, based on employee knowledge and experience and seasonal and site conditions.
- □ Monitor activities, site and weather conditions, and water turbidity for possible impacts occurring to water quality and stream conditions associated with PODs.
- □ Ensure potentially-affected water users and NACFOR are advised of planned water interruptions or potential sediment increases as a result of activities.
- Report to the NACFOR forest manager <u>any</u> amount of unexpected soil movement or <u>any</u> quantity of material spill or equipment fluid leaks within the watershed area.

Initial Response (Water Disruption Events)

- 1. Evaluate: Assess worker safety, hazards, & determine cause of disruption.
- 2. <u>Take Control:</u> If the disruption is a result of a forest practice, **STOP WORK.**
- 3. <u>Take Action:</u> Consider removal of POD intake and/or bypassing POD. Implement sediment abatement measures (sediment control kit).
- 4. <u>Notification: Contact affected water user(s) and NACFOR representatives as soon as possible.</u>
- 5. <u>Document</u> details of the incident and response measures on CHK-014 *Environmental Incident Report Form* and submit to NACFOR.
- 6. <u>Work Co-operatively</u> with NACFOR, other agencies, and water users to investigate incidents and to implement measures to restore disrupted water supply quickly, thereby minimizing impacts on water users.



SUMMARY OF FIRE TOOLS REQUIRED MARCH 1 – NOVEMBER 1 ERP - 003

FIRE TOOLS

When the Fire Danger Class (DGR) is III or lower, your NACFOR supervisor may approve a modified tool requirement list. This modified list must be documented and signed by the NACFOR supervisor. The modified tool list will only apply to the sites and dates specified on the documentation. When the (DGR) is greater than III, the following list must not be modified.

Hand Tools – All Sites Heavy Equipment including Logging Trucks	 Minimum of 1 hand tool per worker on site (in a combination and type to fight a fire) Hand tools include: round-nosed shovel, pulaski or mattock, or hand-tank pump (min 18L of water) 1 round-nosed shovel 1 pulaski or mattock 2 charged fire suppression systems (i.e. Fire extinguisher(s) and/or internal suppression system) 		
Pick-Up	 Minimum 1 hand tool Backpack pump (optional, unless otherwise specified by NACFOR) Fire extinguisher 		
Per Site:	The following firefighting equipment is required on site in addition to the items listed in previous sections above. A site is defined as work areas within 5km on tributary roads.		
Clearing ROW Felling Processing De-limbing Skidding Yarding Disk Trenching Sites with loading as the only active operation do not require a suppression system	 1 water delivery system for 1-10 workers 2 water systems for 11 or more workers (water delivery system includes: water pump of reasonable size, appropriate number of nozzles and sufficient hose to reach all corners of block) Available water source lake, creek etc. or; one 2,500L water tank 		
Piling or MSP with excavators	1 fire suppression system (defined as the excavator being capable of covering potential fire with soil)		
Hot Works (Welding/Grinding)	 Minimum of 1 Backpack pump 2 Fire extinguishers 1 Shovel 		
Brushing (with mechanical brush saws)	 Minimum 1 personal fire extinguisher for each brush saw operator Minimum 1 hand tool per worker on site 		



FIRE DANGER CLASS RESTRICTIONS

For information on current fire danger class ratings go to: http://bcfireinfo.for.gov.bc.ca/hprScripts/DgrCls/index.asp?Region=6

FIRE DANGER CLASS (DGR)	RESTRICTIONS	DURATION
3 - III Moderate	After 3 consecutive days of DGR III or greater, maintain a fire watcher after work for a minimum of one hour	Until after the fire danger class falls below DGR III
4 - IV High	Maintain a fire watcher after work for a minimum of 2 hours After 3 consecutive days of DGR IV, cease activity between 1 p.m. PDT (Pacific Daylight Savings Time) and sunset each day	Until after the fire danger class falls to DGR III for 2 consecutive days or falls below DGR III
5 - V	Cease activity between 1 p.m. PDT (Pacific Daylight Savings Time) and sunset each day and maintain a fire watcher after work for a minimum of 2 hours	Until after the fire danger class falls below DGR IV for 2 or more consecutive days
Extreme	After 3 consecutive days of DGR V, cease activity all day	Until after the danger class falls to DGR IV for 3 or more consecutive days, or falls below DGR IV