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Wetlands Bureau

Forestry Notification

Purpose

To protect and preserve submerged lands under tidal and freshwaters and its wetlands (both salt water and fresh-water) from unregulated alteration that would adversely affect the natural ability of wetlands to absorb flood waters, treat stormwater and recharge groundwater supplies, impact fish and wildlife of significant value and depreciate or obstruct the commerce, recreation and the aesthetic enjoyment of the public.

Applicability

Applies to forest management or timber harvesting activities regulated under the notice of intent to cut wood requirements of [RSA 79:10](#), Notice of Intent to Cut implemented by the [NH Department of Resources and Economic Development](#).

NEW – [Chart to Evaluate Forestry Requirements](#) 

Statute and Administrative Rules

[RSA 482-A:3, V](#) Excavating and Dredging Permit; Certain Exemptions
Env-Wt 303.04 (e), (g) Minimum Impact Projects (see [Env-Wt 100-900 Wetlands Rules](#))

Application

[Wetlands Forestry Notification](#) 

[Forestry Notification Instructions & Required Attachments](#) 

Fee

\$25 per application 

Processing Time

Typically 7 – 10 days

Term/Renewal

Two years as noted under [RSA 482-A:3, V](#), and Env-Wt 502.01 General Conditions Applicable To All Permits/Duration of Permit (see [Env-Wt 100-900 Wetlands Rules](#)).

Modification/Amendments

None. As of January 1, 2013, DES will no longer grant amendments to "Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notifications." Please be sure to carefully plan for all wetland and stream crossings with your initial notification. Once a notification has been processed, any changes will require submission of a new notification.

Transferability

DES will transfer the permit after receipt of a written request by the new owner or legal authority unless there is pending enforcement action.

Appeals

Any person aggrieved by a final decision of the Wetlands Program can appeal the decision to the [Wetlands Council](#) in accordance with [RSA 21-O:5-a](#).

Status of Current Applications

[Wetland and Shoreland Permit Application Status Check](#)

More Information

Please review the requirements for filing a complete application at [How to Ensure Your Permit Application is Accepted](#).
Note that an evaluation for the presence threatened and endangered species from the [Natural Heritage Bureau](#) is required.

Forest management must be done in accordance with [Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire](#) 

Contact Us

Wetlands Bureau at (603) 271-2147

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WETLANDS FORESTRY NOTIFICATION

Water Division/ Wetlands Bureau

Land Resources Management

Check the status of your notification: www.des.nh.gov/onestop



RSA/ Rule: RSA 482-A, Env-Wt 100-900

Refer to the Forestry Notification - Instructions & Required Attachments document to determine if your project qualifies for this notification and for the list of required attachments.

Administrative Use Only	Administrative Use Only	Administrative Use Only	File No.:
			Check No.:
			Amount:
			Initials:

1. PROJECT LOCATION (A separate notification must be filed with each municipality jurisdictional impact will occur in)

ADDRESS: []		TOWN/CITY: []	ZIPCODE: []
TAX MAP(S): []	BLOCK(S): []	LOT(S): []	UNIT(S): []

2. PROPERTY OWNER

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: []			
MAILING ADDRESS: []	TOWN/CITY: []	STATE: []	ZIPCODE: []
PHONE: []	EMAIL or FAX: []		

3. APPLICANT (if different than property owner)

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: []			
MAILING ADDRESS: []	TOWN/CITY: []	STATE: []	ZIPCODE: []
PHONE: []	EMAIL or FAX: []		

4. LOGGER/FORESTER

LAST NAME, FIRST NAME, M.I.: []			
COMPANY/AGENCY NAME: []			
MAILING ADDRESS: []	TOWN/CITY: []	STATE: []	ZIPCODE: []
PHONE: []	EMAIL or FAX: []		

shoreland@des.nh.gov or (603) 271-2147
 NHDES Wetlands Bureau, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095
www.des.nh.gov

5. SIGNATURES

The property owner, applicant and logger/forester signatures are required below. By signing this notification, I am certifying that:

- a. I Agree to the conditions listed in the Forestry Notification - Instructions & Required Attachments.
- b. I have accurately described the activity(ies) associated with my project and I certify that the proposed project meets the project criteria for the Forestry Notification outlined in the Instructions & Required Attachments document.
- c. I have attached all Required Attachments outlined in the Forestry Notification - Instructions & Required Attachments.
- d. The information submitted as part of this notification is complete and accurate.
- e. The property owner is in compliance with RSA 79:10, *notice of intent to cut*.
- f. The mailing addresses I have provided are up-to-date and appropriate for receipt of NHDES correspondence. NHDES will not forward returned mail.
- g. If my notification is accepted, NHDES will send the logger/forester a *Confirmation of Complete Forestry Notification* placard (Tyvek) to their permanent mailing address, which will be posted in a secured manner in a prominent place at the site of the approved project.

 OWNER	__ / __ / ____ DATE
 APPLICANT	__ / __ / ____ DATE
 LOGGER/FORESTER	__ / __ / ____ DATE

7. Refer to the Forestry Notification - Instructions & Required Attachments document to complete a - c below.

a. Does your project require roadway construction during winter months (Env-Wt 303.04(e))? Y N

b. The Natural Heritage Bureau DataCheck Receipt File ID: NHB -____ and date of the *report*: __ / __ / ____

c. Prime Wetlands

Check one:

No waiver required - My proposed project does not include any crossing of wetlands located within the prime wetland or within 100 feet of a prime wetland (prime wetland buffer).

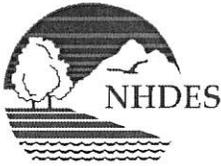
A prime wetland waiver was granted on / / (indicate date).

A copy of the prime wetland waiver request letter is included with this notification.

Please note that if you submit the prime wetland waiver request with this notification, you may not begin work until the waiver is issued. NHDES must wait 14 days for the Municipal Conservation Commission to review the prime wetland waiver request before acting upon it.

MAILING & STARTING WORK

- Attach all Required Attachments outlined in the Forestry Notification - Instructions & Required Attachments to this form.
- Mail the notification form and attachments to the address on the top of this form.
- NHDES will send the logger/forester a *Confirmation of Complete Forestry Notification* placard.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
LAND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT
WETLANDS BUREAU



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Website: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/>
Notification Status: <http://www2.des.state.nh.us/OneStop/>

FORESTRY NOTIFICATION INSTRUCTIONS & REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Chart to Evaluate Forestry Requirements: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/permit-forest-timber-harv.htm>

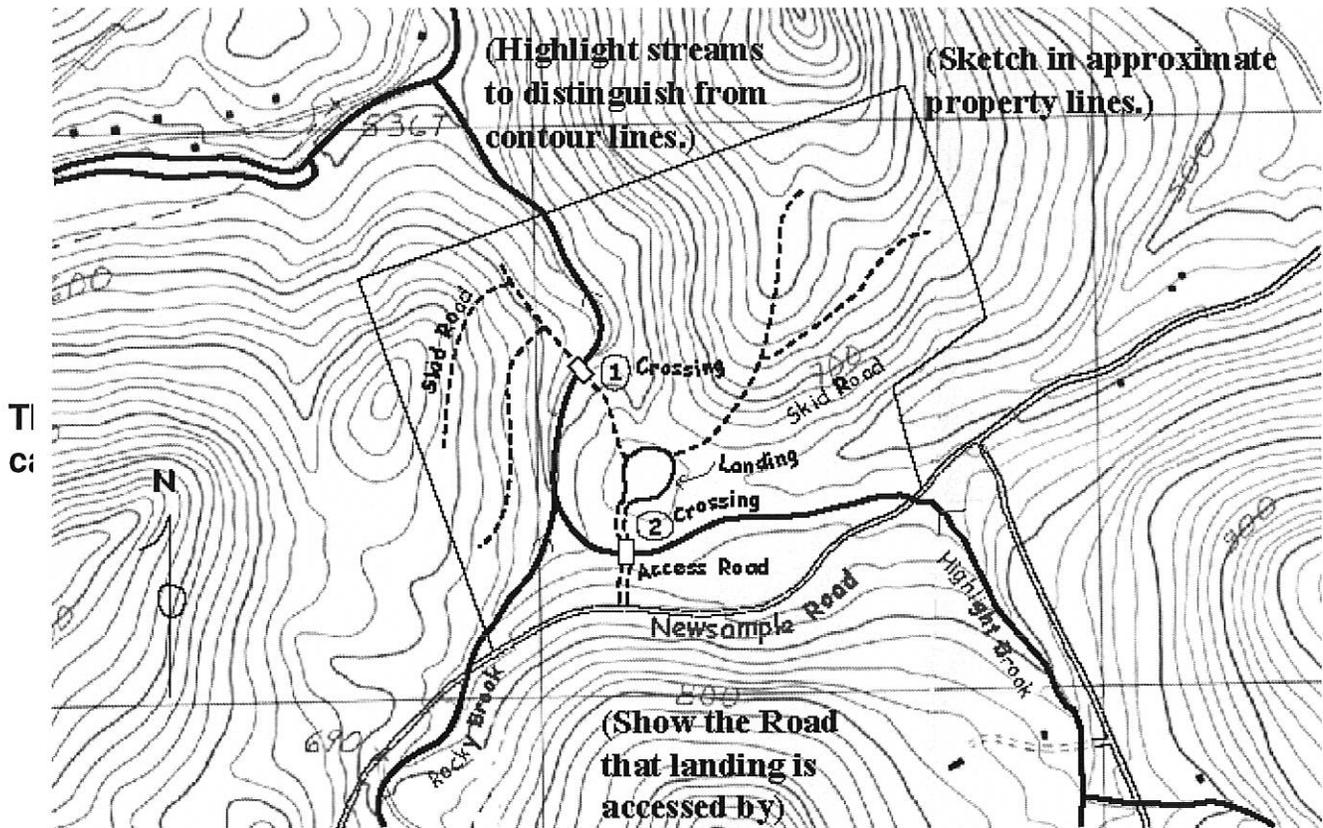
1. PROJECT CRITERIA:	
If the below conditions do not describe your project you must use a Wetlands Permit Application. Agree to the following statements that apply to your project by signing no. 5 on the Forestry Notification form.	
<p>ALL PROJECTS</p> <p>Env-Wt 303.02(k) Env-Wt 303.04(g) Env-Wt 304.05</p>	<p>A. All loggers and foresters working on the proposed project will comply with The NH Department of Resources and Economic Development's <i>Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire</i>: http://www.nhdfi.org/maps-and-publications/</p> <p>B. The proposed stream or wetland crossing or bridge footprint has not been identified by Natural Heritage Bureau (NHB) as an exemplary natural community, and/or does not have documented occurrences of state or federally listed endangered or threatened species OR you have received the <i>NHB DataCheck Results</i> from NHB and/or the NH Fish and Game Department providing you with recommendations to avoid potential impacts. See 2.C. below.</p> <p>C. The crossing of wetlands other than streams will not be located within 100 feet of a prime wetland OR the crossing of wetlands other than streams will be located within 100 feet of a prime wetland and the project has either been granted a waiver pursuant to RSA 482:A-11, IV (b), OR I've included a copy of the prime wetland waiver request letter with this notification. See 2.E. on page 2.</p> <p>D. The proposed project includes the installation of a structure and associated fill to cross wetlands, including streams, to a piece of property for forest management, including the transportation of forest products, provided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ access will not be used for subdivision, development or other land conversion to non-forestry uses, except for normal agricultural operations and/or trail construction or maintenance; ▪ roadway width to cross wetlands, including streams, will not exceed 20 feet; ▪ fill width, measured at toe of roadway side slopes, will not exceed 50 feet; ▪ the proposed access way for any single crossing will not exceed 50 feet long; ▪ the crossing of wetlands other than streams will not impact bogs, marshes, sand dunes, tidal wetlands or the undisturbed tidal buffer zone; ▪ Wetland, swamp or wet meadow crossings will be limited to those that have no standing water for 10 months of the year. <p>E. If the proposed project has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Temporary stream crossings that impact stream bed or banks, will be removed within 2 years of the date the <i>Wetlands Minimum Impact Forestry Notification</i> is issued or until weather conditions allow its removal, the structure may incorporate one or more in-stream piers or posts, limited to one pier or post per 15 feet of span; ▪ Permanent stream crossings that impact stream bed or banks of a perennial stream or intermittent stream having a scoured channel of 8 feet or less and abutments are limited to construction in the banks; no impacts to the stream bed. <p>F. Logging Operations Approval Conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Impacts to surface waters and wetlands shall be avoided or minimized in accordance with Env-Wt 302.04(b) and (c). ▪ All skid trails, truck roads, and log landings shall be located far enough from surface waters and wetlands so that waterborne soil particles will settle out before reaching the surface waters or wetlands. ▪ All skid trails, truck roads, and log landings shall be laid out using appropriate erosion control devices, as outlined in the <i>Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire</i>, department of resources and economic development, 2004, so that the grade approaching a surface water or wetland is broken, and surface run-off is dispersed. ▪ All permanent crossings on truck roads shall be adequate to handle a 25-year flood, the peak flow that statistically would occur once in 25 years.

CONT'D

1. PROJECT CRITERIA CONT'D:	
ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION DURING WINTER MONTHS Env-Wt 303.04(e)	The proposed project includes winter roadway construction, and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The roadway construction is through forested wetlands for the purpose of conducting forest management activities; ▪ Construction will be done during frozen conditions; ▪ Roads will be cleared by felling timber in and adjacent to the roadway; ▪ The road base will be constructed using either snow pushed on and frozen over the road base OR stumps inverted in places where support of the road base is necessary; ▪ Only the minimum required ditches to obtain adequate drainage shall be constructed; ▪ Each road crossing will be no more than 15 feet wide and no more than 200 feet long; ▪ Stream crossings shall incorporate pole fords with no stumping within the stream banks; and ▪ Spring retirement of the winter roads will include soil stabilization and drainage and water bars, as necessary, on the site to prevent the roadway from becoming a channel for ground or surface water runoff.

2. INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR NOTIFICATION ACCEPTANCE	
If your notification submittal does not include the following information, your notification will be returned to you.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A. Notification Form RSA 482-A:3, V(b) The Forestry Notification form (pages 1 through 2) with the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Town, tax map number and lot number of proposed project site; ▪ Name(s) and mailing address(es) of property owner(s), applicant(s); logger/forester ▪ Signed by property owner/applicant and logger/forester; 	
<input type="checkbox"/> B. Supplemental Site Map RSA 482-A:3, V(b) Copy of the US Geological Survey map (specifically a map at a scale from 1:12,000 to 1:25,000 scale); OR US Natural Resources Conservation Service soils map at a scale appropriate to see the scope of proposed activities. <u>Maps are required to clearly identify:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The type and location of all wetland and waterbody crossings; ▪ Including all log landings, skid roads, and property boundaries; ▪ If crossings are TEMPORARY or PERMANENT. See Appendix A for an example. Topographic Map Links: http://www.mytopo.com/maps/index.cfm OR http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/HomePage.htm	
<input type="checkbox"/> C. NHB Receipt RSA 212-A:9 and RSA 217-A-7 A copy of the NHB DataCheck Receipt and Map from NHB confirming that NHB and NH Fish & Game have reviewed the proposed project. This letter can be requested online at https://www2.des.state.nh.us/nhb_datacheck/ or by phone: (603) 271-2215 x 323. Allow up to 3-5 business days to receive the letter after submitting a request. Indicate the file number and date of NHB DataCheck Report on 7.b. of the Forestry Notification Form.	
<input type="checkbox"/> D. Notification Fee RSA 482-A:3, V(c) Check or money order for \$25 payable to Treasurer – State of NH	
<input type="checkbox"/> E. Prime Wetlands RSA 482-A:11, IV(b) and RSA 482-A:11, IV (b)(3) Refer to the link below to determine if your proposed project does not include any crossing of wetlands located within a prime wetland or within 100 feet of a prime wetland (prime wetland buffer). Original Prime wetland maps can be found at the municipal office. Electronic versions can be found at the following link: http://des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wetlands/prime_wetlands.htm Answer no. 7.c. on the Forestry Notification form. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Please note that if you submit the prime wetland waiver request with this notification, you may not begin work until the waiver is issued. DES must wait 14 days for the Municipal Conservation Commission to review the prime wetland waiver request before acting upon it.</i>	

APPENDIX A: SAMPLE SKETCH OF SUPPLEMENTAL SITE MAP SHOWING TYPE AND LOCATION OF ALL WETLAND AND SURFACE WATER CROSSINGS



PROPOSED CROSSINGS

- 1 Skidder Bridge (TEMP)
- 2 Culvert (PERMANENT)

KEY

- Access Road
- Proposed Skid Road
- Log Landing
- Property Line (approximate)

***If you propose alternate crossing types, please add them to the legend in sequential order and indicate on the map.** See NH Department of Resources and Economic Development's *Best Management Practices for Erosion Control on Timber Harvesting Operations in New Hampshire* for examples of appropriate crossing types which can be found at: <http://www.nhdf.org/maps-and-publications/>