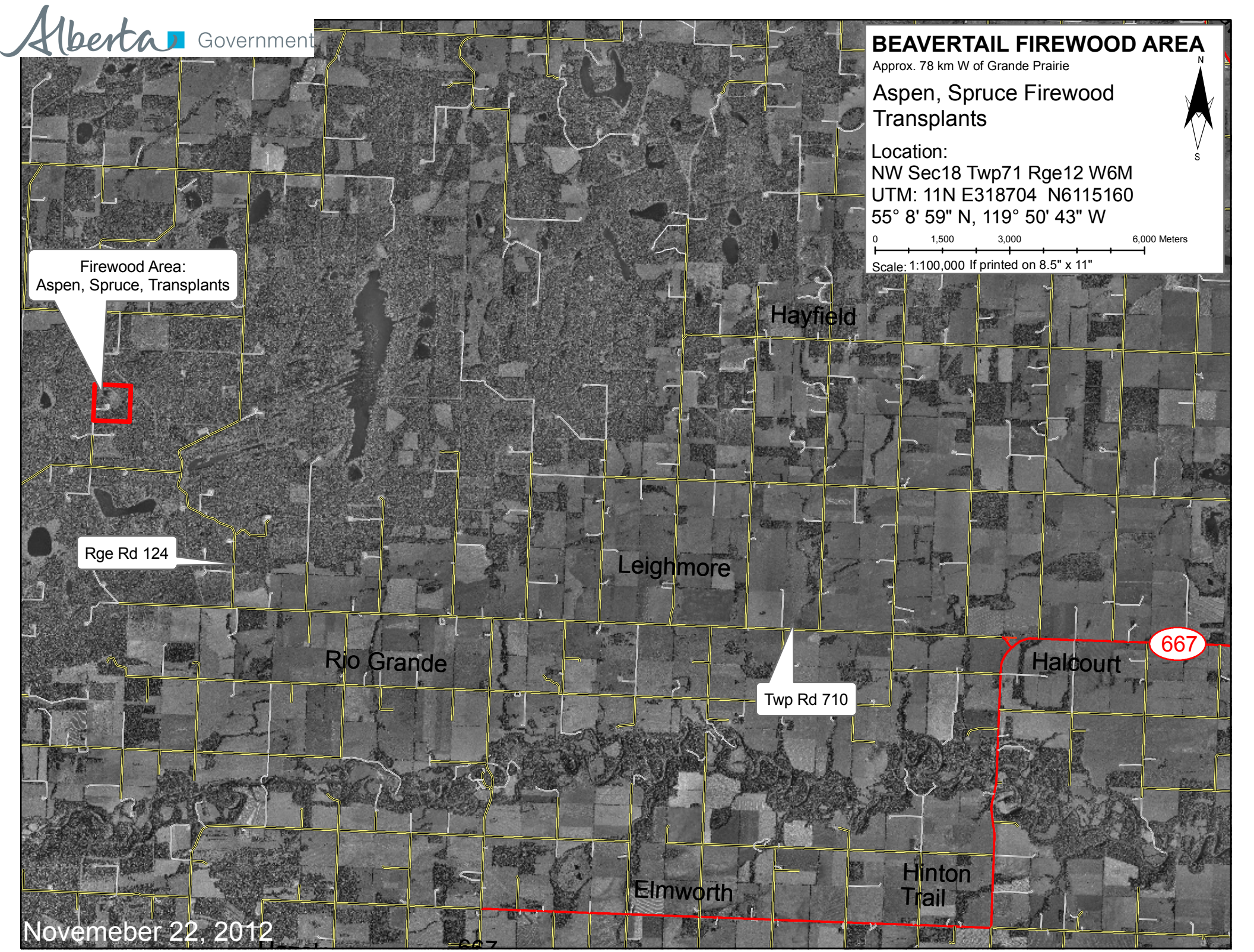
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BEAVERTAIL FIREWOOD AREA
Approx. 78 km W of Grande Prairie
Aspen, Spruce Firewood Transplants
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Firewood Area:
Aspen, Spruce, Transplants
Hayfield
Rge Rd 124
Leighmore
Rio Grande
Twp Rd 710
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Halcourt
Elmworth
Hinton
Trail
Novemeber 22, 2012

TM66 Forest Product Permit – Conditions of Use

(Includes Smoky Regional Tree Cutting Conditions)

Tree Cutting

Conditions that apply to all tree and timber cutting as outlined under the TM66 Forest Product Permit

Those wanting to obtain a timber permit must
- be over the age of 18
- be a resident of Alberta
- be in good standing with the Crown relating to timber, grazing and land use and not have any outstanding fines or dues

The permit authorizes the person named in it to harvest timber and shall state
- legal description of the land where timber is being harvested
- the period of time during which the timber may be harvested
- the terms and conditions on which the permit is issued

- All harvesting operations are to be conducted in accordance with Alberta's *Forests Act* and Timber Management Regulations.

Timber Management Regulation Clause that Applies to the TM66 Forest Product Permit	
67 (1)	On receipt of a **non-refundable** permit fee of $5, the director may issue a Forest Products Tag in the TM 66 tag form to any person for the cutting and removal of up to the following quantities of primary timber products for use exclusively on land owned or controlled by that person or the spouse or adult interdependent partner or children of that person or jointly by 2 or more of any such persons: a. 20 trees for transplanting, under 2.5 meters in height, b. 3 trees for use as Christmas trees, under 2.5 meters in height, or c. 5 cubic meters of roundwood timber.
(2)	The Forest Products Tag is effective for a period of **30 days from the date of issue** and is exempt from the payment of timber dues.

NOTE: The forest products described above are for personal use by the person authorized and not for resale or commercial use.

- You must ensure you are in the proper area before you do any cutting. No cutting is permitted within one kilometer (0.6 miles) of a designated recreation area (campground). If you are caught cutting trees outside of the designated wood cutting area, you could be prosecuted.
- When taking primary forest products from public land, you must carry your permit with you at all times when harvesting and transporting the products, and comply with the conditions specified on the permit.
- You must fill out the back of the permit when hauling wood.
- Cutting of green standing trees is strictly prohibited (except for birch). Only dead standing or wind fallen trees may be cut for firewood unless otherwise specified (except for birch, which may be taken green).
- All trees harvested must be cut within 30 centimeters (12 inches) of the average ground level.
- All trees are to be utilized to 4 centimeters (1.6 inches) or less top. All unused tops and limbs must be slashed, limbed and made to lie flat on the ground.
- All trees you fell must be removed. All trees must be harvested progressively as felled.
- No debris from logging shall be left on road right-of-ways or in ditches.
- No garbage (lunch bags, oil cans, etc.) shall be left lying around the cutting area.
- Keep damage to any surrounding live trees to a minimum.
- No mechanical diggers allowed.
- All holes made by digging transplants must be filled in.

Conditions for Christmas Tree Permits

Requests for specific areas of Christmas trees should be referred to Public Lands and Forest Division offices.

- Cutting activities are not to interfere with general roadway traffic.
- Delimb and scatter unused portion of trees.
- Trees harvested cannot be sold – they are for personal use only.
- Refrain from removing any trees with a stem diameter larger than 15 centimeters (6 inches).
- Topping of larger trees is not permitted.
- Stump heights are not to exceed 30 centimeters (12 inches).
- Removing trees from harvested cutblocks is not permitted. No cutting of trees off right-of-ways or in cutblocks (these have been replanted).
- All trees you fell must be removed. All trees harvested must be used.

Penalties for Non-compliance

For non-compliance, the Minister may, with respect to a timber permit:
- suspend it indefinitely or for a fixed period
- cancel it or reduce its terms

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Southern Rockies Regional Conditions that apply to all tree and timber cutting as outlined under the TM66 Forest Product Permit

General Conditions

- No cutting within one kilometer of recreation areas, campgrounds, Provincial Parks, and natural areas.
- You must ensure that you are not in a restricted area before you start to cut or dig. If in doubt, move to another location.
- The permit is good for 30 days.
- Keep you permit with you at all times while cutting and transporting. Fill in the back of the permit, after obtaining product
- Keep damage to any surrounding live trees to a minimum.
- Drive vehicles on designated trails and highlighted roads as per map. You can walk as far as you like to cut or dig, as long as you don't walk into a restricted area.
- Road conditions are variable, a 4x4 vehicle is recommended.
- December 1st some roads are gated as per map on reverse.

Restrictions - Do not remove trees or wood from:

- Reclaimed sites, for example -areas around man placed rocks, large grassy areas that do not appear natural (Reclaimed sand and gravel sites), very steep slopes where the trees are helping to keep the soil in place, previously harvested sites that have been reforested etc.
- Facilities, such as ranger stations, viewpoints, etc.
- Jumping Pound Demonstration Forest Area.
- Whitebark and limber pine are both listed as endangered under the Alberta Wildlife Act. These trees are not to be removed or damaged. Whitebark and limber pine can be identified by examining the needles. Both species have needles in clusters of five and are easily distinguished from lodgepole pine, which have needles in clusters of two.

Firewood

- Firewood can be removed from along all public roadways and trails in the Forest reserve.
- Only dead standing or wind fallen trees may be cut unless otherwise specified.
- When cutting down standing trees, ensure that the stump is cut level and no higher than 30 centimeters (or 12 inches) from the ground.
- Tree is to be used down to a 5 centimeter (or 2 inch) top. (i.e. if you are going to cut a tree down, take as much of the tree as possible).
- Woody debris left from cutting firewood should have the tops cut off and branches scattered (lopped and scattered).
- Do not remove wood from log decks (all decks belong either to a logging company, or is salvage belonging to an oil and gas company).
- Do not remove wood from previously harvested areas because standing and down wood is often purposely left on cutover areas for various ecological reasons.

Transplants

- Species: Aspen, Poplar, Spruce, and Pine.
- Transplants can be removed from along all public roadways, trails, and power lines in the Forest reserve.
- Maximum tree height allowed is 2.5 meters (8 feet).

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- No mechanical diggers are allowed.
- Fill in the holes left from the removal of transplants as best you can.

Willow and Other Shrub Species

- Except for General Conditions and restrictions products can be removed from anywhere in the Forest reserve

Post and Rail

- Removed from Designated areas only see map for locations.
- Stumps not higher than 30 centimeters (or 12 inches) and cut level.
- Woody debris left from the cutting should have tops removed and all branches scattered (lopped and scattered).
- Utilize as much of the tree as possible. Your desired diameter should be taken from the base of the tree rather than midway up the tree.
- Teepee Poles for First Nations - Maximum harvest of 65 poles only.

Christmas Trees

- The permit is valid for 30 days and authorizes the holder to cut up to 3 Christmas Trees no taller than 2.5 meters.
- Keep your permit with you at all times while cutting and transporting. Fill in the back of the permit, after obtaining Christmas Tree(s).
- Drive vehicles on designated trails, and highlighted roads as per maps. You can walk as far as you like to cut, as long as you do not cross into a restricted area (see below).
- Road conditions are variable, a 4X4 vehicle is recommended.
- As of December 1st some roads are gated as per map.

Restrictions – Do Not Remove Trees From:

- Recreation areas, Campgrounds, Provincial Parks, Natural Area or Private Land.
- Reclaimed sites, for example – areas around man placed rocks, large grassy areas (reclaimed sand and gravel sites), very steep slopes where the trees are helping to keep the soil in place, previously harvested sites that have been reforested, etc.
- Facilities, such as Ranger Stations, Viewpoints, Turnouts, etc.
- Jumping Pound Demonstration Forest Area.

Useful Reminders

- Be prepared for cold weather and snow conditions
- Always let someone know where you are going and the time you are expecting to return home.
- Take extra winter clothing and emergency supplies (blankets, food and water, candles, etc).
- Enjoy your Christmas tree outing and don't forget your saw or hatchet.

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Smoky Area conditions which apply to all firewood cutting with a Forest Products Permit (TM 66):

Note: Firewood is for personal use only by the permit holder and not for resale or commercial use.

- Smoky Area allows cutting of:
  - Dead and/or Green timber in the designated areas on the Firewood Area map;
  - Removal of trees for transplant from the designated areas on the Firewood Area map.

- Cutting activities are not to interfere with general roadway traffic. Use caution when cutting near powerlines. Vehicles are not allowed to travel on pipelines.

- If you are caught cutting firewood outside of the cutting areas, you could be prosecuted.

- The permit holder must ensure they are cutting in allowable areas, not within:
  - provincial or federal parks or one kilometre of a designated recreation area (campground);
  - Indian reserves;
  - ecological reserves;
  - grazing reserves;
  - 30 metres of lakes and streams;
  - a log deck.

- Private Land: No cutting of firewood on private land unless consent is given first. If the wood is from private land, a forest product permit is not needed, but a bill of sale or manifest signed by the private land owner is needed and must be carried by the person hauling the wood.

- Grazing Lease: You must contact the grazing lease holder prior to cutting firewood from a grazing lease - a forest product permit is required.

- With a firewood permit, you are allowed to cut 5 cubic metres
  - $3^1/_3$ level loads with 8’ truck box
  - $4^1/_2$ level loads with 6’ truck box
  - 5 level loads with $5^1/_2$’ truck box
  - one 6x10 dump trailer

- All trees stumps shall be below 30cm (12”) and all trees are to be utilized to 10 cm (4”) or less top.

- All trees felled must be removed.

- All unutilized tops and limbs must be bucked, limbed and made to lie flat on the ground. Debris shall be spread in the bush and not on road right-of-ways or in ditches.

- No garbage shall be left lying around the cutting area.

- Keep damage to any surrounding live trees to a minimum. Do not cut during adverse ground conditions, as work may cause damage to soil and vegetation.

- Any leaning trees are to be felled, limbed and topped.

- Practice caution with cigarettes, OHVs, chainsaws and campfires. If you spot a wildfire, call 310-FIRE.

- Make sure safe practices and equipment are being utilized and loads are secure

- Please be respectful of the other users of the area and the values they have for the resources.