

Grande Prairie Forest Area 2018/19 Operating Conditions

Schedule A

Standard Operating Conditions

- 1) This disposition is subject to and the disposition holder shall comply with, all the provisions and requirements of the document entitled “Canadian Forest Products Ltd. Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules, 2016” (herein referred to as groundrules) as amended or replaced from time to time and which is an integral part of this disposition.
- 2) Felling, skidding, removal of timber and any necessary site restoration must be completed by the expiry date.
- 3) This disposition does not convey ownership of the timber until such time as the disposition holder has cut for use by the disposition holder. Where any inconvenience resulting from the activity of a holder of a land disposition occurs, the timber disposition holder has the right to claim for compensation limited to areas containing the kind, size, and species of the timber authorized for removal by this disposition.
- 4) The disposition holder shall comply with all provisions and requirements of:
 - a. The *Forests Act*, and as amended from time to time,
 - b. Any Act of Legislature of the province of Alberta in force, or enacted hereafter from time to time and as amended from time to time, and,
 - c. Any Regulation inclusive to any amendments or substitutions in force from time to time under any of the Acts referred to in clauses (a) and (b), that apply to the disposition holder or to this disposition either specially or generally by express wording or by implication.

The Minister may, by notice in writing to the disposition holder, require the disposition holder to provide the Minister, within the time specified in the notice, an audited statement disclosing the information related to the disposition holder's forestry operation that the notice specifies, including, without limitation, information respecting production and sales of primary timber products and reporting of timber dues and levies.

Special Operating Conditions

- 1) An AOP (including proposed access and burn plan) must be submitted and approved prior to harvesting within the permit area.
- 2) All operations, including block cleanup and site restoration, are to be completed by February 26, 2019 or before “spring break-up” (whichever is earlier). Permits will not normally be extended without prior request from the Area Forest Officer.
- 3) All timber must be processed within 24 months of being felled unless otherwise approved by the Approval Manager.
- 4) The permittee must notify any trapper being affected by this permit, at least 10 days prior to commencing any timber operations.
- 5) The permittee must obtain road use and/or pipeline crossing agreements with Alberta Infrastructure / Transportation, the appropriate County or Municipal District, and any other Disposition holders prior to submission of the AOP.
- 6) Interior roads must be constructed in accordance with the Ground Rules.
- 7) The amount of internal temporary block roads and landings should not exceed 5% of total block area without approval as set out in the Forest Soils Conservation Guidelines.
- 8) Watercourse Protective Buffers must be maintained in accordance with the Ground Rules (e.g.: culverts or bridges over permanent watercourse).
- 9) All watercourse crossings should be minimized and constructed in accordance with the Ground Rules.
- 10) The permit holder must provide all contractors with a copy of the operating conditions placed on the permit and with the approved Annual Operating Plan (herein referred to as ‘AOP’). All operators must have a copy of this documentation on site at all times.
- 11) All operations must be only conducted under frozen ground conditions.

Additional Operating Conditions

- 12) Burning of brush piles is the responsibility of the permit holder. Burning should normally be done during snow covered ground conditions. Burning permits are required during the Fire Season (March 1st to October 31st). All burning must be done in accordance with the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act & Regulations*.
- 13) The disposition holder shall be required to integrate planning and harvesting operations with those of other disposition holders in the same general area with common access or permit boundaries.
- 14) Access using cutlines must be identified when developing AOP’s. The goal is to ensure that these lines are not re-opened unless necessary.

- 15) Crossing of ephemeral draws (as defined in the Ground Rules) with heavy equipment must be kept to a minimum and planned up front in the AOP.
- 16) If an operator finds ungulate mineral licks, dens, raptor nests, etc., operations are to be suspended until the inspecting Forest Officer has been consulted.
- 17) All landings are to be constructed within the block boundaries unless otherwise approved by the inspecting Forest Officer.
- 18) Flagged or painted outside block boundary trees are not to be cut, nor are any trees to be felled within the boundaries of reserve patches flagged or painted within the permits.
- 19) All coniferous understories higher than 1-meter height shall be protected (through avoidance) from damage during all stages of logging.

Note: All terms and conditions may be subject to change at any time.