

Direct Award of Harvesting Tenures Bulkley/Kispiox/Cranberry Timber Supply Areas

The *Forest Act* allows the district manager to accept applications and direct award the following:

1. Forestry licences to cut for salvage of small dispersed patches of timber that are dead, infested with pests, damaged or otherwise in danger of being significantly reduced in value, lost or destroyed, **not exceeding 2000 cubic meters**.
 - Examples of this include salvage of blowdown, burnt or dead timber, abandoned log decks or removal of beetle infested trees
2. Forestry licences to cut for harvest of small dispersed patches of *green* standing timber, **not exceeding 50 cubic meters**.
 - Examples include deciduous species and special forest products
 - **Note: the harvest of standing green coniferous logs (cedar, spruce, hemlock, balsam and pine) will not be authorized under this provision**
3. Free use permits for
 - a person who requires a Christmas tree for their personal use and not for sale to others,
 - a person who requires firewood for their personal domestic purposes and not for sale to others,
 - a First Nation individual or group who requires Crown timber for a traditional or cultural activity, and is not selling the timber to others.

Free use permit volume will not exceed **50 cubic meters**.

An exception to this where First Nations may obtain up to **250 cubic meters** if the timber will be used for the construction of a longhouse, community hall, or other similar structure.

Forestry Licence to Cut (FLTC) conditions

- Applicants are encouraged to contact the district office to discuss prospective areas prior to expending undue energy, time and costs pursuing an application.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals for salvage of dead and dry, insect infested or blowdown timber, rather than standing green timber, particularly in areas of the district which are increasingly being impacted by the mountain pine beetle.
- The district manager's authority to direct award these tenures is not intended to create a sawlog sales program, which is within the mandate of the BC Timber Sales program. Applications to the district manager for standing green coniferous sawlogs or standing green cottonwood will not be accepted. Applicants for these products will be encouraged to contact the appropriate BC Timber Sales office.

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- Applicants must complete the application form (*Application to Purchase Crown Timber – Small Scale Salvage* available at the district office or on the ministry website at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/isb/forms/lib/FS86b.doc>) and submit it along with a map of the application area, to the district office in Smithers. Applications can be either in paper form or online at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dss/PurchaseTerms.htm> ; maps should be in paper form.
- Applicants will be required to identify, in the field, the timber proposed for harvest, either by marking individual trees, ribboning block boundaries and/or providing GPS mapping of those trees or areas. Ministry staff will generally conduct an inspection of the area proposed prior to determining whether to issue a tenure over the area.
- If the application area falls within a major licensee or BC Timber Sales chart area, district staff will discuss the application with the licensee or BC Timber Sales staff to seek their concurrence.
- Regardless of total volume authorized under a FLTC, harvested openings must **not** exceed 1 (one) hectare in size. Proposals exceeding this maximum area will be rejected.
- Operations under forestry licences to cut will **not** be authorized within riparian reserve zones.
- The method for collection of stumpage (cash up front versus scaled) will be at the discretion of ministry staff
- Security deposit will be either \$500 or zero. That decision will be based on ministry staffs' assessment of the risk of revenue loss
- **Security deposits can not be transferred from an expired or finished tenure to a new applied tenure.** Another \$500.00 deposit may have to be put up towards the new tenure. The deposit from an expired or finished tenure which have had all obligations completed should be requested in writing to be returned. This will expedite the return of your deposit.
- There is no legislated limit on the number of FLTCs that a person may apply for or hold. However, the number of active direct award tenures that a person can hold at any one time will be at the discretion ministry staff.

Free Use Permit conditions

- A number of Free Use Permit areas have been set aside, specifically for harvest of firewood and Christmas trees for personal use. These areas have been identified on the Skeena Stikine Forest District website and applications for permits in these areas will be accepted online (<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dss/PurchaseTerms.htm>) or in person at the district office in Smithers.
- For proposals in areas outside the above noted Free Use Permit areas and/or for materials other than firewood or Christmas trees, applicants are encouraged to contact the district office prior to expending undue energy, time and costs identifying an application area. Applications such as this must be in writing submitted to the district office in Smithers