

## INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICATION OF A PRIVATE TIMBER MARK IN THE CHILLIWACK FOREST DISTRICT

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1. The "Application for Private Timber Mark" must be completed and signed by **all the REGISTERED OWNER(S)** of the property from which timber is to be harvested.
2. THE TIMBER MARK IS TO BE USED EXCLUSIVELY ON THE TRACT OF LAND DESCRIBED IN THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION.
3. FULL NAMES of all parties appearing on the Certificate of Title for the property that the timber is to be harvested from must be listed on the "Application" and each individual must sign the "Application".
4. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THE APPLICATION IS SUPPLIED TO AVOID ANY UNNECESSARY DELAYS IN PROCESSING.** Should you encounter any problems in the completion of the "Application", please call the appropriate number above for clarification before submitting the application.
5. Mail or Fax your completed "Application" to the address or fax indicated above. PLEASE ALLOW A MINIMUM OF 2 WEEKS FOR PROCESSING.

### UNAUTHORIZED CUTTING OF CROWN TIMBER - TRESPASS

Timber (trees, whether standing, fallen, living, dead, limbed, bucked or peeled) on Crown land is the property of the Crown and requires Ministry of Forests authorization under the *FOREST ACT* before it can be cut or removed. Cutting timber without authorization is illegal and, therefore, is subject to timber trespass charges under the Section 119 of the *FOREST PRACTICES CODE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ACT* and may be further punishable under the Criminal Code.

DOCUMENTS FOR TIMBER MARKING DO NOT CONSTITUTE AUTHORITY TO CUT TIMBER. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOLDER TO LOCATE ALL LEGAL BOUNDARIES AND TO ENSURE CUTTING IS CONFINED WITHIN THOSE BOUNDARIES. BY ACCEPTING A TIMBER MARK THE HOLDER AGREES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL WOOD WITH THAT MARK.

### DESIGNATION OF PLACE OF SCALING

Timber may not be removed from the property unless a scaling site(s) has been designated, and timber may be transported only to scaling sites which have been designated for the timber mark. Scale site designations may be obtained by contacting the Chilliwack Forest District office. This includes designations to sites outside the Chilliwack Forest District.

**It is an offence to transport unscaled timber to any location other than a scale site to which it has been designated.**

### SCALING

ALL TIMBER REMOVED FROM PRIVATE LAND MUST BE SCALED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART 6 OF THE *FOREST ACT*. NOT TO DO SO IS AN OFFENCE, AND WOULD ALSO RENDER THE TIMBER SUBJECT TO FORFEITURE.

### TIMBER MARKING

BEFORE TIMBER IS REMOVED FROM THE PROPERTY IT MUST BE MARKED IN THE PRESCRIBED MANNER WITH THE TIMBER MARK REGISTERED TO THE PROPERTY.

- Where logs are transported by truck, the timber mark must be hammer-indented on at least 2 log ends at the front end and 2 log ends at the back end of the load. The timber mark must also be painted on each side of the load.
- Where the total volume to be removed from the property does not exceed 300m<sup>3</sup>, crayon may be substituted for hammer-indentation.
- Timber which is watered before scaling must have the timber mark indented on one end of each piece, using hammer **in all cases**
- When transporting blocks on a pallet, a minimum of 2 marked blocks on each of the 4 sides of each pallet is required. Crayon marking is permitted for blocks.
- Timber which is not marked in the prescribed manner is subject to forfeiture, and the holder of the timber mark is subject to prosecution for an offence.

### FOREST FIRE HAZARD REQUIREMENTS

Section 80 of the *FOREST PRACTICES CODE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ACT* requires the disposal of logging slash on any logged area where it has been determined that a fire hazard exists. The procedure to determine whether or not a fire hazard exists is specified in Section 33 of the *Forest Fire Prevention and Suppression Regulation*. If a fire hazard has not been removed as required, Section 82 of the *FOREST PRACTICES CODE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA ACT* authorizes a designated forest official to instruct the owner of the land or persons creating the slash to abate the hazard by burning or other means; if this is not done, a penalty may be assessed (the greater of \$500 per hectare or \$5,000).

Where slash is to be disposed of by burning, a Burning Permit is required before the removal of the fire hazard.