

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

Submit completed applications to:

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1. The “Application for Private Timber Mark” must be completed and signed by **all 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 State of Title Certificate 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. **To avoid any unnecessary delays in processing, please ensure that all information requested on the application is supplied.** Should you encounter any problems in the completion of the “Application”, please call FrontCounter BC for clarification before submitting the application.
5. E-Mail, Fax or Mail your completed “Application” to the address or fax indicated above. PLEASE ALLOW 21 DAYS 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 71 of the *FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES 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 BEARING 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. **The Scale site designation may be obtained by completing the Mark Site Designation Application (FS1307) and forwarding it to the Chilliwack Forest District Office (Fax: 604 702-5711, E-Mail: Forests.ChilliwackDistrictOffice@gov.bc.ca, Mail: 46360 Airport Road, Chilliwack, B.C.V2P 1A5).** 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 300m³, crayon may be substituted for hammer-indentation.
- If timber is to be watered before scaling please contact the district scaling office.
- When transporting blocks on a pallet, a minimum of 4 marked blocks on each corner of the 2 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 7 of the *WILDFIRE ACT* requires the disposal of logging slash on any logged area where it has been determined that a fire hazard exists. If a fire hazard has not been removed as required, Section 7 of the *WILDFIRE 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.

Where slash is to be disposed of by burning, a Burning Permit is required before the removal of the fire hazard. Please call 1-888-797-1717 for a burning permit.