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Ministry of Forests & Range
North Island – Central Coast Forest District

FREE USE PERMIT APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

To be used for the harvest of wood for traditional and cultural use.

1. **Band Council Resolution.** *Indicating that the Chief and Council endorse the application as it is submitted and that the applicant is representing the First Nation community. The Free Use Permit policy does not allow for the issuance of a FUP to an individual, they must be a member of a recognized group.*
2. **A detailed description of the project for which the wood will be used.** *As the FUP is only valid for one year – the scope of the project should be confined to this timeframe and reflect realistic goals.*
3. **The species and volume of timber required and how the volume was estimated.** *Example - # of structures x volume & species of wood required. Keep in mind that a Free Use Permit can only be issued for volumes between 50 m³ and 250 m³.*
4. **A description of the proposed harvesting area - both written and in map form.** *The District Manager of the Ministry of Forests and Range is authorized to issue a Free Use Permit to a person (as a member of a group) requiring timber to undertake a traditional and cultural activity only on Crown land within the Provincial Forest. The MFR does not have authority to grant such a permit for harvesting timber within a designated Park or Conservancy area. That type of authority would have to come from outside the FUP process and with another government agency. For the FUP application(s), the applicant is urged to identify suitable harvesting areas outside of parks and conservancies. It may be prudent to discuss your proposal and planned volumes with all of the licensees operating within your asserted traditional territory to seek their input into suitable harvesting areas. Ideally the harvesting areas should be confined to areas where only the applicant's First Nation asserts territory*
5. **Indicate the desired time period for undertaking the activity.** *When do you plan to be ready to begin to harvest? How long do you propose it will take to harvest the volume associated with this application?*
6. **Send the above required application information to:** Ministry of Forests & Range, PO Box 7000, 2217 Mine Road, Port McNeill, BC, V0N 2R0 or fax to (250) 956-5079
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