

**NONTIDAL WETLANDS BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICE AGREEMENT
FOR
FOREST HARVEST OPERATIONS**

Applicant Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Location of Operation _____

Landowner _____

On and in areas that have been determined to be “wetlands” according to the “Federal Manual for Identifying and Delineating Jurisdictional Wetlands”, 1989, promulgated by the Federal Interagency Committee for Wetland Delineation. I/We agree to adhere to and follow best management practices (BMP’s) not limited to, but including the followings:

Check when appropriate:

Major skid trails, wherever feasible, will be located on soils that resist compaction and ruts, or other disturbances that adversely impact nontidal wetland hydrology.

Appropriate equipment to skid logs will be selected based on slope and the ability of the soil to resist erosion or other disturbances.

Truck roads, wherever feasible, will be located on uplands or on the highest available ground available as to minimize impact to nontidal wetlands.

Truck roads will be of minimum dimensions necessary to accomplish their purpose and minimize impacts to nontidal wetlands.

Truck roads will follow the natural contour of the land, wherever feasible, and shall be stabilized to minimize erosion.

Wetland hydrology will be maintained by construction diversion ditches at the minimum depth to maintain flow of water.

Wooden mats, filter cloth or similar temporary structures will be used to reduce compaction or creation of ruts.

Fill material will be used only when absolutely necessary to maintain or construct a road. If needed, fill shall be excavated from uplands and shall be free from state or federally designated toxic pollutants.

Intermittent and perennial streams, sloughs, or channels will not be crossed unless absolutely necessary. When necessary, crossing will be at the shortest distance feasible, be of appropriate design, and allow unrestricted movement of aquatic life in the stream.

NOTE: A WATERWAY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT MAY BE REQUIRED.

