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1.0 Purpose

This EMS Standard Operating Procedure helps to enhance and control harvesting, while ensuring the safety of operations contractors and licensees.

2.0 Scope

This procedure applies to employees, contractors, and overlapping licensees who conduct work on the Lac Seul Forest.

3.0 Responsibilities:

3.1 ORC Operations Forester or Designates

3.2 ORC Silviculture Forester or Designates

3.3 All Contractors and Sub-Contractors for ORC and OLL

3.4 Overlapping License Holder or Designates (OLL)

4.0 Procedures:

All processes and operations related to harvest are listed below in the following checklist:

Pre-harvest Checklist

- Before commencing harvesting operations, be sure that all appropriate licenses and approvals are in place.
- **Review the Block Sign Off Map** with the Overlapping Licensee/Contractor Supervisor to ensure that all AOC symbology and prescriptions are understood. Once this has been done ensure that proper signatures are on Block maps.
- **Be Familiar with all AOC symbology** and that AOC prescriptions are understood.
- **Cutter/Feller Buncher operator must have a signed Block Sign Off Map in the machine at all times** identifying where the harvest boundaries and/or control lines are located.
- Block must be ribboned before cutting can occur as per Ribbon Colors in Forest Operations Handbook.
- **Trees with ribbons attached must be left standing.**

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- Harvesting adjacent to boundary lines must only occur during daylight hours. Harvesting during night shift must only occur within previously felled boundaries. Control lines must be established and blocks closed off before any harvesting is to occur.
- **Supervisor and Cutter/Feller Buncher operator must meet on-site** to confirm and discuss starting position, as well as any additional detail(s) associated with the harvest block - before any harvesting operations may commence.
- Make yourself aware of any AOC(s) and FOP(s) (e.g. protect advanced regenerations, CLAAG) associated with the operating area/block.
- Ensure that all AOC prescriptions and conditions on regular operations (CROs) such as leaving Wildlife Trees, are adhered to and protect regeneration as per the existing FMP and current AWS.
- **Do not fell trees across boundary lines.**
- Ensure that appropriate snag trees are left.
- Minimize disturbance to all sites (e.g. rutting).
- Ensure that GPS data for the forest is up-to-date.

Harvesting Operations Ribbon Colours

PINK: No-Cut boundary

ORANGE & BLACK: Roads

BLUE: Block division, sensitive sites, unidentified riparian zones, compliance

GRAVEL PIT RIBBONS

PINK: Permit boundaries (pits)

PINK & BLACK: Set back line

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References

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