## TL BEST ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES Supplier Minimum Standards

### **HARVESTING**

### **GENERAL**

- If there is any doubt about an environmental issue always contact your Timberlands Limited (TL) Manager for instructions.
- All operations must comply with the Work Prescription, Environmental Hazard ID Form, Council standards and resource consent conditions and any other relevant document or instruction from TL.
- Draining of sump oil and dumping of fuels, oils, and containers is prohibited. All waste oil is to be removed from the forest.
- No chemicals, fuels or oils should be stored or mixed where a spill could enter a watertable, stream or riparian zone.
- Spill kits appropriate to the nature and quantity of fuels, oils and chemicals must be on site.
- Machinery must be clean of dirt and seeds prior to moving to another site.
- ♦ Unless instructed in writing by **TL**, operations are not to be undertaken within or adjacent to **archaeological sites**.
- If a **new archaeological site** is discovered or suspected, work in the immediate area is to stop and the site reported to **TL**. Work cannot proceed until written permission is received from **TL**.
- All environmental incidents are reported to TL as soon as they are discovered.
- Other environmental issues such as sightings of endangered species, environmental hazards, archaeological sites, etc are reported to TL.

### Upon completion of the operations the operation manager shall ensure that the following is completed:

- Removal of all machinery, vehicles, equipment, used parts, wire rope, grease and oil containers, lunch wrappings and general refuse from the area upon completion of the operation and leave the area in a tidy condition to the satisfaction of the TL Operation Manager.
- The clean-up complies with Council standards and resource consent conditions and waste products and materials disposed of in an only at Council or legally approved landfill or waste disposal sites.

### STREAMSIDE AND RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT

- Ensure the operations do not encroach into riparian zones or reserve areas.
- No vehicle should operate in the riparian zone, unless crossing at a designated crossing.
- Place debris where it will not enter riparian zones or destabilise the site.
- No tree should be **felled** into the riparian zone, unless it is for safety considerations.
- All stem butts should be raised when cable logging through the riparian zone.
- Harvest slash and debris should not be placed in a position where it may enter a waterway.
- The following streamside management policy is to be followed in all TL operations:

Model Summary (permanent Streams)  Plateau Streams					Escarpment Streams					
TO SERVICE STREET	Horizontal Dist	10m	10m	30m	30m	20m	30m	30m	30m	
	Slope Angle	0-15°	STEEP BANK*	ADJAC SLOPE 16-25°		0-15°	16-35°	36-45°	46°+	
Activity:		Minim	Minimum Distance from Stream							
Machine Access		5m	5m*	30m	30m	10m	30m	No machines		
Tracks-Roads-Landings- Earthworks		30m	30m*	30m	30m	30m	30m	No tracks	s-roads- earthwork	



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### **WATER CONTROL**

At the Pre-Operation Induction, existing water/sediment controls are to be defined and machine operators to be instructed not to interfere with them. The following water control guides are to be followed in all **TL** operations:

#### Install to "WATER CONTROL SPECIFICATIONS" below:

SLOPE (Degrees)	SPACING OF WATERBAR/CUTOFF (m)					
	Impervious Soils (e.g. Clay)	Pervious Soils (e.g. Pumice)				
0 - 5°	40	30				
6 - 10°	40	20				
11 - 15°	30	10				
16 - 20°	20	10				
21 - 25°	10	5				

### SKIDDER TRAILS

- Adequate water control (as above) should be installed, including cutoffs, culverts, fluming, sediment traps and watertables.
- Water control should be directed onto stable areas and runoff directly into waterbodies avoided.
- Cut-offs/waterbars will be installed to at least 0.5m height/depth. Cut-offs will be installed at an angle of 20 to 30° across the track with a minimum gradient of 3%. Water bars will be installed across the complete width of the track.
- Sources of major surface runoff controlled. This includes the construction of sediment traps.
- ♦ Haul tracks should be located to extract trees with the minimum site disturbance.

### **FELLING AND EXTRACTION**

- Avoid **felling edge trees** into and disturbance of riparian zones, reserve areas, across boundaries and other features such as roads, powerlines, fences, etc.
- Fell trees in a direction that will cause the least soil and vegetation disturbance when extracted
- Most trees should be de-limbed where felled, except where this is not safe or debris may enter riparian zones.
- ♦ In steep erosion prone areas techniques to maximise log suspension should be implemented.
- Extraction should cease when **weather and site conditions** will result in unmanageable risks to environmental values.
- Where practical all bird nests and other debris should be left in a stable state.
- ♦ If the above is unavoidable the trees should be removed with minimal damage to the feature and the resulting debris cleaned up.