

## **HARVEST and CUTTING GUIDELINES**

### **Instructions**

**Certified Master Loggers Please Read** The following guidelines are to be used when harvesting. The guidelines are developed by a Cooperating Forester in consultation with the Certified Master Logger and have been approved by the Center for Forest and Wood Certification. The guidelines are designed to ensure that harvests can be conducted in a manner that allows the forest to be FSC/ATFS certified. This means that harvest must be completed so that the forest can regenerate a new age class of trees of the appropriate species and in areas where a selective harvest is completed ensures that the trees that are left have the ability to vigorously grow. In some cases this means leaving (retaining) trees that have merchantable value and in some instances it requires significant tree removal that may border on being non-merchantable. However, every attempt is made to facilitate adequate volume and value removal while ensuring that the forest is well managed. Certified Master Loggers are required to implement these guidelines to the best of their abilities and to ensure that all other aspects of the harvest are conducted according to certification standards.

The harvest unit (boundary) may have been divided into stands or management units. This indicates that there are different areas within the harvest boundary that have different soils, trees species and sizes. It is not uncommon for these stands to require different cutting practices. Some may be ready to regenerate a new set of trees others may have a number of trees that need to continue to grow. The form below provides cutting guidelines for each stand or area within the harvest boundary. There is also the case, which can occur with small boundaries, where the entire area can be treated as one stand and in this instance there is only one cutting guideline for the entire boundary.

The Cooperating Forester is responsible for reviewing the cutting guidelines with the Certified Master Logger to ensure that all parties are capable of implementing the guidelines.

The Harvest and Cutting Guideline Form is divided into three parts as follows:

- General Guidelines for the Entire Harvest Boundary – this area is used to provide information that is applicable throughout the harvest boundary. For example SMZs are described or set backs or special cutting guidelines for special conditions (ex. cliff lines, archeological sites, special habitats) that may occur within the harvest boundary.
- Stand Cutting Guidelines – stands (areas within the harvest boundary) that require a specific set of cutting guidelines. This will include what species and sizes of trees that should be removed or left and other similar cutting guidelines.
- Continuation Sheet – use as needed if space enough space is not available in the General Guideline or Stand sections.

A **Map** provided by the CMLP logger, Cooperating Forester, or landowner will be used to designate the harvest boundary and the stands where the specific cutting guidelines apply. Also any special areas SMZ, etc. will also be drawn or indicated on the map.

### **NOTE:**

**CMLP Logger:** The CMLP logger is required to use these cutting guidelines to the best of their abilities. These harvests will be visited during CMLP annual audits and compliance to these cutting guidelines will be evaluated and treated similar to reviewing contract or written harvest agreements with landowners.

**Cooperating Forester:** Evaluation of the Silviculture Planning Form and Harvesting and Cutting Guideline Form must be reviewed and approved by the Center prior to harvest and the FMU and harvest will be visited as a part of annual Center FMU audits.

## **HARVEST and CUTTING GUIDELINES**

**Landowner** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tract Location** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **County** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cooperating Forester** \_\_\_\_\_

**Certified Master Logger** \_\_\_\_\_ #: \_\_\_\_\_

### **GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR THE ENTIRE HARVEST BOUNDARY**

**The following are guidelines that apply to the entire harvest boundary and are to be used in addition to the STAND GUIDELINES on the following page.** These general guidelines often refer to Streamside Management Zones and other special areas like cliff lines or wetlands. They can also provide information on dealing with Threatened or Endangered Species and other situations that require special attention.

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**MAP** The attached map contains the following:

- Harvest boundary
- Location of Stands
- Location of SMZs and other special areas within the harvest boundary

The different stands must be shown on the map so that it is easy to determine where the cutting guidelines provided below are to be used.

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**Cutting Guidelines:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Precautions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Final Stand Conditions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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