

FPR Intent to Cut Notification: Heavy Cutting

This guide is designed as a companion to the [Heavy Cutting application](#).

1. APPLICATION:

Landowner* Name: Provide complete landowner's name. Name(s) should be the same as the name found on the deed, lease, or other agreement that establishes ownership of the land and/or the timber or wood products to be harvested.

** A "landowner" means a person or entity that owns or controls the land and/or the right to harvest timber or other wood products, including: 1) an individual, partnership, corporation, association, unincorporated organization, trust or other legal entity, including a joint venture or affiliated ownership, 2) municipality or state agency, 3) individuals and entities affiliated with each other for profit, consideration, or any other beneficial interest, and 4) individual's parents and children, natural or adoptive, and spouse, unless the individual establishes that he or she will derive no profit or consideration or acquire any other beneficial interest.*

- **Landowner Contact information:** Home or Business Address: Provide the complete mailing address (including telephone numbers) of the residence or business, whichever applies. Please include email address if you have one. For businesses, please provide your Federal Identification Number (FIN) in the appropriate spot.
- **Designated Agent information (if applicable):** If the Landowner is working with a Forester, Logger or other agent responsible for oversight of implementation of the harvest, please provide that information including address and telephone numbers.
- **Location of the Parcel:** Provide the name of the county(s), town(s), and nearest road(s) name for the parcel to be harvested. The road should be the town road that provides access to the parcel. Please provide ***SPAN number*** for the parcel being harvested as well.
- **Size of the Parcel/size of proposed Heavy Cut:** Provide the total number of acres in the parcel and provide the total number of acres which are proposed to be heavy cut.
- **Locations of Other Owned Parcels Heavily Cut Within 2 Miles:** If the landowner has received heavy cut notice of determinations for other parcels within 2 miles of the area proposed in this application within the past 5 years, please provide the Heavy Cut number from those Notices of Determination.

Map: All intent-to-cut notifications require a map to be submitted.

The following map standards are the minimum requirements to be included on the map of the area proposed to be heavy cut:

- ❖ Inset/locus map showing the greater area in which the parcel lies; including parcel boundary, main town road(s), any major tributaries/rivers.
- ❖ Parcel Map depicting:
 - Property Boundaries
 - Polygon of the proposed area to be heavy cut
 - Stand boundaries, number and forest type
 - Any State water resources located within the parcel (i.e. rivers, streams, wetlands, etc.)
 - Main town roads that provide access to the parcel
- ❖ Map Elements:
 - North Arrow

- Legend
- Scale(s) numeric and/or graphic
- Title- include landowner(s) name(s) and address of subject parcel
- Mapped by: name of person creating map and date

2. EXEMPTIONS:

The landowner will check off the appropriate exemptions listed on Page 2 of the application. In the space titled Landowner Certification, the landowner certifies that he/she is in compliance.

Required information for Exemptions:

- Appropriate documentation of the plan (Current Use, ACT 248, Stewardship or other plan) should be attached, with the map, and filed in the district office.
- For agricultural exemptions indicate the intended agricultural activity and proposed timeline for completion.
- Once all appropriate documentation has been submitted FPR will review these certifications and send back a Notice of Determination indicating that NO FURTHER REVIEW is required.

3. FOR PARCELS THAT DO NOT QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION:

If there are no specific exemptions that apply: the landowner must provide the details of the proposed heavy cut and the FPR Forester will make a determination as to the suitability of the proposal in relation to applicable rules:

- Stand or Forest Type
- Species Composition by %
- Basal Area: Total, AGS (acceptable growing stock), and UGS (Unacceptable growing stock)
- Trees/Acre
- Quadratic Mean Diameter (QMD)
- Desired Future Condition: Even-aged Management, Uneven aged management
- Silvicultural Guide(s) Referenced
- Current stocking position relative to the ‘c-line’ on the applicable Silvicultural Guide
- Silvicultural Prescription from the applicable guide (prescription letter if applicable)
- Regeneration Objective – description of existing regeneration intended to be kept or, for stands being regenerated, please refer to U.S. Forest Service Handbook, GMNF Supplement No. 4;1979.

If upon review of documentation, FPR requires additional information, FPR will request additional information. Application review will continue once all needed information is received.

AUTHORIZATION/DENIAL TO PROCEED:

If the landowner fails to provide enough information, or the information is not in compliance with the appropriate rules, then the Field Forester may prescribe conditions that must be met or may deny the application. If the landowner agrees to meet the conditions, then the FPR Forester will sign the AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED. In either case, the landowner has 30 days to appeal the conditions or denial to the Commissioner of Forests, Parks and Recreation.

Contact david.wilcox@vermont.gov if you have additional questions.