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# PERMIT

## BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT BCP 14003

The staff of the Maine Forest Service, after reviewing the application and supporting documents submitted by Prentiss & Carlisle Management Company, Inc., for Bridge Construction Permit BCP 14003, finds the following facts:

1. Applicant: Prentiss & Carlisle Management Company, Inc.  
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Bangor, Maine 04402-0637
2. Date of Completed Application: August 13, 2014
3. Location of Proposal: T 2 R 8 WELS, Penobscot County  
Sandy Stream Road
4. Zoning: (P-SL) Shoreland Protection Subdistrict  
(P-WL) Wetland Protection Subdistrict  
(P-FP) Flood Prone Protection Subdistrict
5. Waterbody: Sandy Stream
6. Approximate Time Period of Operation: September 5, 2014 – February 28, 2015  
September 1, 2015 – February 28, 2016

### Proposal:

7. The applicant proposes to replace an existing bridge on Sandy Stream in T2 R 8 WELS. The proposed project replaces the existing bridge decking and wood bridge abutments. The bridge is 23 years old and requires a new wooden deck and replacement of wooden bridge abutments with precast concrete abutments. The proposed bridge repairs will allow for rehabilitation of the bridge and allow for vehicle traffic to cross the bridge in the same location. No site preparation will be needed due to existing access from both sides of the bridge site. Clearing of existing vegetation during construction will be minimal. Approximately 200 cubic yards of material will be removed from behind the abutments and will be reused or removed off-site to a designated disposal site as depicted on the location map (Exhibit D). The stream will be accessible for recreational activity (fishing and kayaking) during the construction process.
8. The bridge is used for motor vehicle traffic as well as for a snowmobile trail in the winter.

9. The proposed bridge project design and specifications are attached to application BCP 14003.

Review comments:

10. No comments or concerns for this bridge were received from the project reviewers.

Findings

11. The bridge construction project would be conducted in conformance with the Standard for Chapter 27, Section 5, Land Management Roads and Water Crossings of the Maine Forest Service Rules for Timber Harvesting and Timber Harvesting Related Activities within Unorganized and Deorganized Areas of the State.
12. The above finding is based on the representations contained in the Bridge Project Permit Application BCP 14003 and supporting documents.

Based upon the above Findings, the MFS concludes that if carried out in compliance with the conditions below, the proposal will meet the Criteria for Approval, 12 M. R. S. § 685-A(1) of the Commission's Statutes, and Chapter 27, Maine Forest Service Rules.

**Therefore, the MFS staff approves the application of Prentiss & Carlisle Management Company, Inc. with the following conditions:**

1. Bridge reconstruction authorized in this permit can commence on the effective date of this permit and should be completed within the time outlined in Section 6 above. If such activities are not started and completed within this time period, this permit lapses and no activities may then occur unless and until a new permit or extension to the existing permit has been granted by the MFS.
2. All construction operations shall be stopped where the continuation of such operations will cause or contribute to the occurrence of erosion or the sedimentation of surface waters, whether such occurrence is precipitated by exceptionally wet weather, the failure of water control measures, or other factors. Adequate steps must be taken immediately to stop any erosion or sedimentation of surface waters and to correct the situation that led to such occurrences. The applicant will apply Best Management Practices and erosion control measures to prevent unreasonable sedimentation and protect water resources within the project area.
3. During the bridge reconstruction, the use of silt fence and hay bales is required to prevent the discharge of sedimentation into the stream. All debris material must be removed and properly disposed of off-site.
4. The Standards for Timber Harvesting and Timber Harvesting Related Activities within Unorganized and Deorganized Areas of the State, Chapter 27, MFS Rules is attached.

5. The period of operations shall be from September 5, 2014 to February 28, 2015. If construction cannot be accomplished during the above dates, the period of operations shall be September 1, 2015 to February 28, 2016. All construction operations shall coincide with seasonal low water flows.

This permit is approved only upon the above stated conditions and remains valid only if the permittee complies with all of these conditions. In addition, any person aggrieved by this decision of the staff may, within 30 days, request that the Maine Forest Service review the decision.

If no person requests that the Maine Forest Service review the decision of staff within 30 days of the date of this staff decision, this permit becomes final agency action subject to review of the Maine Administrative Procedure Act. Pursuant to 5 M. R. S. §§ 11001 *et seq.*, a person aggrieved by an MFS permit decision may appeal the MFS's final action to Superior Court. As part of such an appeal, a person aggrieved may seek judicial review of the components of MFS's final action and permitting decision.

DONE AND DATED AT ASHLAND, MAINE THIS 5<sup>th</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2014.

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