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PERMIT

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PERMIT: RP 14004

The staff of the Maine Forest Service, after reviewing the application and supporting documents submitted by Seven Islands Land Co., for Road Construction Permit RP 14004, finds the following facts:

1. Applicant: Six Rivers Limited Partnership
c/o Seven Islands Land Co.
PO Box 1168
Bangor, Maine 04402-1168
2. Date of Completed Application: September 22, 2014
3. Location of Proposal: T 8 R 10 WELS, Piscataquis County
Munsungan Ridge Road
4. Zoning: (P-AL) Accessible Lake Protection Subdistrict
5. Waterbody: Munsungan Lake
6. Approximate Time Period of Operation: October 1, 2014 – October 1, 2016

Proposal:

7. The applicant proposes to construct a logging road in T8 R 10 WELS in proximity to Munsungan Lake. The proposed road project will be 2,230 feet long with 1,750 feet of the road construction within the P-AL Protection Subdistrict. The road is necessary to access timber harvesting sites. Access is not available to the site other than as planned and outlined in application RP 14004. Best management practices will be employed during and after road construction to stabilize disturbed soils and protect water bodies.
8. The proposed road project specifications are attached to application RP 14004.
9. Forestry Operations Notification # 488124 was submitted and is on file.

Review comments:

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

Findings

11. The road 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 Road Project Permit Application RP 14004 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 Seven Islands Land Co. with the following conditions:

1. Road construction 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 road 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. The road will be blocked to vehicle access by either large rocks or by the installation of a gate upon the completion of timber harvesting operations.
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 October 1, 2014 to October 1, 2016.

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 1st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014.

By: 

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