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PERMIT

ROAD CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AMENDMENT: RP 14006a

The staff of the Maine Forest Service, after reviewing the application and supporting documents submitted by Seven Islands Land Company Inc., to amend Road Construction Permit RP 14006, finds the following facts:

1. Applicant: Seven Islands Land Company Inc.
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2. Date of Amended Application: January 8, 2015
3. Location of Proposal: Seven Ponds Township, Franklin County
4. Zoning: (P-MA) Mountain Area Protection Subdistrict
5. Period of Operation: January 9, 2015 through December 01, 2015

Proposal:

6. The applicant proposes to construct a winter haul road in Seven Ponds Township (T3 R5 WBKP) across land belonging to BBC Inc. The proposed amended road project will consist of 2250 feet of road construction within the P-MA Protection Subdistrict. The road is necessary to access timber harvesting activities on land of the applicant in Oxbow Township (T4 R5 WBKP). Access is not available to the site other than as planned and outlined in application RP 14006. Best management practices will be employed during and after road construction to stabilize disturbed soils.
7. The proposed road project specifications are attached to application RP 14006 and RP 14006a and are incorporated by reference herein.
8. Forestry Operations Notification # 451075 was submitted and is on file.

Findings

9. The applicant has determined that trucks cannot negotiate a section of road when frozen conditions exist. The failure to have trucks negotiate the original section of road has necessitated a reroute of the previously approved winter road.
10. Both of the applicant's foresters that will be supervising the reroute project and the contractor doing the construction work hold certifications from the Department of Environmental Protection in erosion control practices.
11. The relocation project will 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 14006, amended Application RP 14006a 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 amended application of Seven Islands Land Company, Inc. with the following conditions:

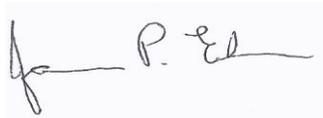
1. Road construction authorized in this permit can commence on the effective date of this permit and should be completed within the time outlined in Section 5 above. If such activities are not started and completed within this time period, this permit lapses and no activities may then occur unless and 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. Seven Islands Land Company will assume full responsibility for the construction, maintenance and closeout of the road and the rerouted section as outlined in the original application.
4. The period of operations shall be from January 9, 2015 to December 1, 2015.

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 OLD TOWN, MAINE THIS 9th DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.



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