ATTENTION – Forestry Activities

within Unorganized and Deorganized Areas

Change in permit and notification process for:

Timber harvesting, land management roads, water crossings on/for land management roads, and gravel pits less than 5 aces in size. The Maine Forest Service now regulates these activities in management subdistricts and protection subdistricts (except for in development areas in P-RP subdistricts).

Public Law 2011, Chapter 599 (Enacting LD 1739)

Where to send your permit application:

Forestry Operations Permits (FOPs), Road Construction Permits, Bridge Construction Permits, and Gravel Pit Addendums to Road Permits for the activities listed above

Located in:
- Management Subdistricts
- Protection Subdistricts (except for development areas in P-RP Subdistricts)

Now regulated by MFS (207) 287-2791. Send applications to:
Maine Forest Service
Attn: Arlene Davis
22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04330

Located in:
- Development Subdistricts
- Development areas within P-RP Subdistricts

Still regulated by LUPC (207) 287-2631. Send applications to:
Land Use Planning Commission
22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04330

**Activities located partially within a development subdistrict and either a management or protection subdistrict will require review by both the MFS and the LUPC. Please fill out one application, make a photocopy and send a copy to each agency.

Where to send your FON (Forestry Operations Notification):

Continue to mail all FONs to the Maine Forest Service, Attn: Arlene Davis, 22 SHS, Augusta, ME 04330.

Note: The accompanying application is a LUPC form that is in the process of being revised to reflect the changes outlined above. The MFS is using this LUPC form temporarily while updated forms are being developed. Consequently, there may be places where references to the LUPC’s Chapter 10 Land Use Districts and Standards will be replaced with references to the Maine Forest Service Chapter 27 Rules. Chapter 27 is now in effect.
January 12, 2006

Dear Landowner,

Three years ago the Land Use Regulation Commission directed staff to prepare revised rules that would allow limited development in the Flood Prone Area Protection (P-FP) Subdistrict. The development of the revised rules in a form that satisfies the strict requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) allows the landowners in LURC’s jurisdiction to continue to purchase federal flood insurance. To comply with NFIP requirements, the Commission has adopted Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) flood maps by reference. New language in the description of the P-FP Subdistrict in Chapter 10 Land Use Districts and Standards refers to the maps, and a new Appendix E lists the pertinent plantations, towns and townships.

The new rules, which took effect November 7, 2005 and have been incorporated into Chapter 10, are much more detailed than prior Chapter 10 provisions regarding development in flood prone areas. Another change necessary to comply with the federal program is that land management roads in or through the P-FP zone, including those flood zones shown on FEMA maps, now require a permit. There are also many additional Development Standards for Activities in Flood Prone Areas in 10.25, T.

Enclosed is a copy of the new LURC Addendum to the Forest Operations Notification (FON) which, starting February 1, 2006, must be submitted with any FON that involves the construction of land management roads in LURC Jurisdiction. The addendum asks for the permit number for the land management road, if it goes through a P-FP or FEMA zone, in order for the Forest Operations Notification to be accepted. To determine whether your proposed road goes through a P-FP zone, refer to the applicable LURC zoning map. To determine whether your proposed road goes through a FEMA flood zone, refer to the applicable FEMA flood map should one exist. A map on the back of the Addendum shows the communities in LURC’s jurisdiction that have FEMA flood maps. Copies of the FEMA flood maps are available at LURC regional offices or on the following website: http://www.maine.gov/spo/flood/map/online_firms.php. The website contains information about how to obtain a free “FIRMette” (a portion of a flood map) or how to purchase an entire flood map panel.

Please feel free to give staff a call at the appropriate LURC regional office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Catherine M. Carroll
Director

Encl.

Catherine M. Carroll, Director

[Contact Information]
LURC Addendum to Forest Operations Notification Number
(regarding road construction in flood prone areas) (write the Notification Number on the line above)

The Maine Land Use Regulation Commission adopted rules for Flood Prone Area Protection (P-FP) Subdistricts that took effect on November 7, 2005. The new rules affect forest landowners who construct land management roads through any P-FP Subdistricts and/or National Flood Insurance Program FEMA flood zones (listed in Chapter 10, Appendix E). Land management road construction in P-FP Subdistricts or FEMA flood zones now requires a permit.

Forest Operations Notification (FON) forms need to be revised to comply with the new rules. To reduce costs to taxpayers, the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission will use this LURC Addendum to Forest Operations Notifications until the current supply of notification forms is depleted.

This addendum must be completed and attached to all Forest Operations Notifications filed on or after February 1, 2006 for land management roads in areas under Land Use Regulation Commission jurisdiction.

Instructions

1. Please fill in the information requested in the section below.

2. Write in the Notification Number in the space indicated at the top of this form. The Notification Number is printed in red at the bottom right-hand corner of the Forest Operations Notification form.

3. Attach this addendum to your completed Forest Operations Notification and mail both forms to: Forest Operations Notifications, Department of Conservation, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0022.

4. If you have any questions about this form, call the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission at 207-287-2631.

Section 3. Harvest, road construction, or water crossing information for LURC

Will you be constructing a land management road through a LURC Flood Prone Area Protection (P-FP) Subdistrict? Yes □ No □

Will you be constructing a land management road through a National Flood Insurance FEMA flood zone in a community listed and shown on the map on the back of this form? Yes □ No □

(Check the community’s FEMA flood map to determine whether the proposed construction falls within a mapped flood zone. Copies of FEMA maps are available at LURC regional offices or online at http://www.maine.gov/spo/flood/map/online_firms.php)

If the proposed land management road passes through a LURC P-FP or FEMA flood zone, please submit a Forest Operations Permit (FOP) application for the road(s) to the appropriate LURC regional office and indicate the FOP number here: __________________. This information is necessary in order for the FON form to be accepted.

After completing the above questions, proceed to the Landowner Signature Block (below).

I, the Landowner, hereby certify that the answers to the questions above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

LANDOWNER SIGNATURE

DATE / /

I, the Designated Agent, hereby certify that the answers to the questions above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DESIGNATED AGENT SIGNATURE

DATE / /

Complete the Designated Agent signature ONLY if you have a Designated Agent representing your interests in this land management road construction. A Designated Agent is a person, company, corporation, or other legal entity representing the landowner in timber sales or land management who is responsible for the operation.

All FOREST OPERATIONS NOTIFICATIONS filed on or after February 1, 2006 for land management road construction in areas under LURC’s jurisdiction must have an Addendum attached. Mail your completed Notification and LURC Addendum to: Forest Operations Notifications, Department of Conservation, 22 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0022. Thank you.