

THIS BROCHURE CONTAINS

1. What you should know before applying.
2. How to apply for a timber permit on DNRC school trust lands.
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4. How the permit is appraised.

Permit applications are available at your nearest DNRC Unit Office.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information, visit your nearest DNRC Unit Office or contact the Forest Product Sales Section of the Forest Management Bureau at (406) 542-4276.



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TIMBER PERMIT INFORMATION

Individual citizens may apply for a commercial timber permit for up to 100,000 board feet. In emergency salvage cases, a commercial timber permit may not exceed 500,000 board feet.



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An individual citizen may apply for a commercial timber permit. A timber permit is limited to 100,000 board feet unless there is an emergency case due to fire, insect, fungus, parasite, or blowdown. In such an emergency, a permit may not exceed 500,000 board feet.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW BEFORE APPLYING

The DNRC will charge full market value for permits. A performance bond, work comp, and liability insurance are required.

The applicant must provide documentation of legal access and information about the proposed harvest area including: current stand, harvest description, logging system, and post-harvest stand.

All permits must have a reasonable and environmentally practical harvest method and logging system. All activities must meet Federal and State laws including DNRC Administrative Rules (<http://dnrc.state.mt.us/FMRulesReplacementPagesMay703.pdf>).

Further environmental review may be required. Permits may be limited based on potential for cumulative effects. Salvage permits do not take precedence over the timely sale and harvest of green timber.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PERMIT?

1. Visit DNRC office for qualifying information and details.
2. Complete the permit application form and all attachments.
3. Using ribbon, mark the area of the proposed permit boundary.
4. On a USGS map, draw or highlight the proposed permit area and roads that would be used to remove the timber.
5. Provide documentation of legal access to tract(s) proposed for timber permit.
6. The DNRC will review the application within 30 days. If the project meets all requirements, an appraisal will be completed within 60 days.
7. A permit will be issued within 5 days after the applicant agrees to terms of sale.

A permit cannot be issued for timber that is already sold or is proposed for sale.

Repeated permits may not be issued to avoid advertising and competition.

HOW ARE APPLICATIONS EVALUATED?

Unit personnel will evaluate each application based on statewide standards. DNRC will consider whether the project would meet silvicultural needs, as well as SMZs, BMPs, and other rules.

The application must be complete and accurate, including the map. The applicant is responsible for obtaining any necessary permits and paying associated fees for road use.

Salvage permits may be categorical exclusions, as defined by current rules. DNRC personnel will determine if a proposal qualifies as a categorical exclusion.

HOW IS VALUE APPRAISED?

The DNRC will charge full market value for timber, based on an economist's appraisal of stumpage plus a forest improvement fee. Advance payment will be required, and truck tickets will be used to keep track of payments due. Permits may not be issued to avoid competition.

TRUST LANDS

These lands are held by the State of Montana in trust for the support of specific beneficiary institutions such as public schools.

DNRC is responsible for managing these lands to produce revenue while considering environmental factors and protecting the income-generating capacity of the land.