

Ministry of Forests and Range Access Management



Ministry of Forest and Range Access Management - Roles and Responsibilities

- **Implementation of Legislation:**
 - **Forest Act:**
 - MOFR issues Road Permits –needed for new road construction – logging of new road right-of-way.
 - **Forest and Range Practices Act:**
 - MOFR reviews and approves Forest Stewardship Plans
 - planning for new roads is addressed by the Forest Stewardship Plan. The FSP map shows large geographic areas within which road construction may occur.
 - * Detailed road designs or plans for new roads do not need to be prepared and there is no approval process under FRPA.
 - review and approval of the FSP looks at the results and strategies proposed by the licensee to meet established government objectives.

FRPA – Objectives set by Government for managing and protecting values

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- Soils
- Visual quality
- Timber
- Forage and associated plant communities
- Water
- Fish
- Wildlife
- Biodiversity
- Recreation resources
- Resource features
- Cultural heritage resources

There's also "Practice Requirements"

FRPA Practice Requirements Related to Roads

*Practice requirements (FPPR) must be met when conducting practices
"on the ground":*

- Soil disturbance limits
- Permanent Access structures
- Landslides
- Natural surface drainage features
- Revegetation
- Restrictions in riparian zones
- Stream crossings
- Fish passage
- Protection of fish and fish habitat

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Forest and Range Practices Act:

- MOFR issues Road Use Permits to Forest Licensees for industrial use of roads.
- Licensees are responsible for road maintenance until the road is deactivated or the District Manager notifies them that the road should not be deactivated.

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Forest and Range Practices Act:

- Road deactivation:
 - To be relieved of obligations, a licensee must declare a road deactivated. Road deactivation requirements may include removal of bridges and stream culverts and stabilization of the road prism. Deactivation may also require barricading the road surface to motor vehicles in high risk situations (erosion and public safety).
 - Deactivation occurs on most Industrial roads after logging and reforestation activities are completed, unless the Road Use Permit is issued to another person.

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- **Compliance and Enforcement**
 - **Inspections** - delivery of Results and Strategies in approved Forest Stewardship Plans.
 - Practice Requirements
 - MOFR inspection planning based on risk assessment.
 - field inspections of:
 - road construction (was it built right)
 - road maintenance (is it looked after)
 - road deactivation (was it put to bed right)
 - **Investigations**
 - **Remedies for non-compliance with FRPA**
 - Administrative remedies (e.g. stop work order, remediation order)
 - Prosecution (fines range between \$5,000 and \$ 1 million)

Road Deactivation - Why?? Protection of the Environment



Road Deactivation - Why??
Public Safety

