

Chapter 5.4 Completing Application Information Details: Forestry

5.4 Forestry Information Tab

Submission of an application for an oil and gas or associated activity must include additional application deliverables specific to forestry. The required forestry deliverables vary based on the planned activity.

The forestry tab requires specific application information details. This section includes an overview of forestry information, guidance and details related to forestry specific application requirements and detailed instructions for completing the data fields within the forestry tab.

Please Note:

This manual is written as a whole and provided to industry in sections to allow permit holders to access activity chapters. It is prudent of the permit holder to review the manual in its entirety and be aware of the content in other sections of the manual.

5.4.1 Forestry Information Defined

The Commission issues cutting permits to facilitate the cutting of timber required as part of the construction of proposed oil and gas or associated activities. Cutting permits are issued under a Master Licence to Cut (MLTC), and stumpage is payable according to the applicable (interior or coast) appraisal manual.

5.4.2 Forestry Information Requirements for Various Application Types

The Application Management System requires input of information to inform a decision to issue a cutting permit for applications where new cut is required.

Cutting permits for most primary oil and gas or associated activities are issued along with the permission or authorization to carry out the primary or associated activity. However, the Commission does not issue cutting permits for activities on:

- Woodlot areas.
- Timber reserves on private land.

In these areas, cutting permits must be issued by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations through the woodlot tenure holder or land owner. When preparing applications for submission to the Commission in these areas, applicants should not include these areas in new cut area calculations.

Amendments

When submitting an amendment application associated with an existing approval, submit amended forestry details where applicable.

Forest Act – Cutting Permit

The Forest Act – Cutting Permit application can be used in scenarios where a new cutting permit or changes to an existing cutting permit (with no modifications to the existing permissioned area) is required. Some additional scenarios where only changes to the Forestry authorization may be needed include: amalgamations; transfers; expired cutting permit(s); expired Master Licence(s) to Cut and where new cut is required only over MoTI areas.

Reduction to permitted area of cut does not require an application as this will be addressed through the post construction process.

Stumpage

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations posts appraisal manuals for the interior and coast outlining the process for determining stumpage payable on cutting permits issued for oil and gas development.

In the Fort Nelson, Mackenzie, Peace and Rocky Mountain districts, stumpage for timber cleared for most oil and gas purposes is calculated on a per-area basis. For these permits, as-cleared information reported by the permit holder on the post-construction plan or geophysical final plan submission is forwarded to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. As-cleared area is multiplied by the reserve stumpage rate for the district to determine stumpage payable.

For cutting permits outside of the districts noted above, or for pipeline right-of-ways over 2,000m³ of timber volume, stumpage is calculated on a per-volume basis.

Refer to the Ministry's [Timber Pricing](#) page for more information and guidance.

Stumpage Waste Assessment

Operators cutting Crown timber are required, regardless of utilization, to report and pay the province for the timber. According to the specifications detailed in the Master Licence to Cut, exempted merchantable fibre, outside the Forest Districts described in Section 6.6 of the [Interior Forest Appraisal Manual](#), must have a waste survey completed and ensure stumpage is billed accordingly.

5.4.3 Forestry: Additional Considerations

Forest Health

Fibre waste left onsite must be managed to minimize fire and pest risks and must be disposed of at the end of the clearing phase or at the end of the summer fire season, whichever comes first.

Post Construction Information

As a condition of the MLTC, permit holders submit as-cleared information within 60 days of clearing. As-cleared information is submitted to the Commission as part of the post-construction plan submission requirement. The Commission forwards as-cleared information to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for stumpage billing.

5.4.4 Forestry: Data Field Completion

Table 5-D below provides detailed instructions for each of the data fields requiring input (not auto populated) within the Application Management System.

Table 5-D: Application Instruction Table for the Forestry Tab

Label	Instructions
New Cut Required	Select yes, if new cut will be required for this application.
Area of Proposed Cut Over Crown Land and MoTI	Enter the total proposed area of new cut disturbance on Crown land for the corresponding forest district (including unconstructed area within MoTI road allowances; excluding woodlot areas).
Additional Area of Proposed Cut Over Crown Land and MoTI	Provide the additional area of new cut required over Crown land and MoTI. This does not include permitted area of cut or area of cut reported to date.
Upload Spatial Data	Spatial upload should only include area with MoTI right-of-way.
Merchantable Deciduous Timber Volume on Crown Land (m ³)	Enter the volume of deciduous timber on Crown land impacted by the application area (less volume within woodlot area).
Merchantable Coniferous Timber Volume on Crown Land (m ³)	Enter the volume of coniferous timber on Crown land impacted by the application area (less volume within woodlot area).