



Fact Sheet 3

Using forest resources roads

This fact sheet provides information on what forest resources roads are, their purpose, management, and how to apply to access a forest resources road in Yukon. If you require further information, please contact your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office or the Forest Management Branch.

What are forest resources roads?

Forest resources roads are temporary roads built to assist the harvesting or management of forest resources. They are built to reduce impacts on the land while accessing forest resources. Forest resources roads are not public roads and you need a permit to use one.

All forest resources roads have signs posted that tell you the road name, any restrictions on the use of the road, and the phone number of the local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office.

How is access managed on forest resources roads?

Access management is considered during strategic community-based forest resources management planning and at the operational timber harvest planning

stages. There will be opportunities for those interested to provide input into access management objectives during:

- the development of forest resources management plans;
- the development of timber harvest plans; and
- the environmental and socio-economic assessment process (YESAB). All new roads go through this process.

The outcomes of the planning process will define road use objectives. Permits are given to individuals based on those objectives.

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• Land Use Permits

Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections

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Ph: (867) 390-2531

Watson Lake

Ph: (867) 536-7335

Ross River

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Can I get a permit to use a forest resources road?

All forest resources roads require authorization to use. Usually, your road authorization will be included in your harvesting licence documents. It is your responsibility to make sure you have authorization to access a forest resources road before use.

If you need access to a forest resources road and don't plan to harvest timber, you can apply for a forest resources road permit. This application will include submitting a rationale for use. For example, a person may want to use a forest resources road to access their mining claims; they would need to apply for a forest resources road permit.

To apply for a forest resources road permit, visit your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office and fill out an application form. A decision on your application will generally be made within 10 business days.

You can apply to construct, modify, maintain or decommission a forest resources road.

Are there limitations to what I can use a forest resources road for?

Limitations are specific to the forest resources road and where it is located. Contact your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office for more information.

Are there fees associated with using a forest resources road?

Currently, there are no application fees for a forest resources road permit. However, depending on the type and intensity of use, a road use fee for construction,

maintenance and decommissioning may apply. See Fact Sheet 4 for more information on fees applicable to forest resources.

What happens to the road when the forest resources harvesting or management is completed?

Forest resources roads are temporary roads. During planning, the timeline for decommissioning a forest resources road is identified. Decommissioning usually takes place upon completion of forest management activities. Decommissioning activities follow forest resources roads standards and guidelines, available on Yukon.ca.

A note on compliance and enforcement in Yukon forests

Compliance and enforcement are a significant part of managing Yukon forests for their long-term health and to ensure that we can continue to realize the many benefits forests provide. As a forest user, it is your responsibility to ensure you are complying with applicable laws, regulations and any terms and conditions outlined in licences and permits. For more information about your responsibilities and possible penalties for non-compliance, read Fact Sheet 5, contact your local Compliance, Monitoring and Inspections office, or the Forest Management Branch.

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- Business Registration

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Transportation
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- Access Permits

Other Agencies

Yukon Workers' Compensation Health and Safety Board
Ph: (867) 667-5645
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Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board
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• Harvesting Fuelwood
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