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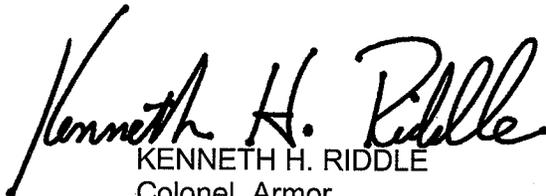
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This is a new regulation dated 1 September 2008:

- No Changes to date.

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History. This publication is a new regulation.

Summary. This Regulation sets forth policy and procedures for obtaining firewood and other forest products on Fort Drum.

Applicability. This Regulation applies to all personnel, Military and Civilians, who engage in obtaining forest products on Fort Drum.

Proponent. The proponent is the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division, Forest Management Program.

Suggested improvements. Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 28 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank

Forms) to Environmental Division (DPW), Attn: Forest Management Program, 85 First St W, IMNE-DRM-PWE, Fort Drum, NY 13602.

Distribution. This publication is available in electronic media and is available to all persons engaged in obtaining forest products on Fort Drum.

Restrictions. There are no restrictions.

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1. Purpose

This regulation sets forth policy and procedures for obtaining firewood and other forest products on Fort Drum.

2. Forest Product Permits and Access Procedures

a. In order to provide safe and compatible usage of the Fort Drum Military Installation, ALL persons harvesting forest products in designated areas must possess a valid Fort Drum Forest Products Permit Form 593-E. Forest Products include but are not limited to the following: firewood, wood chips, wood pulp/poles, and pine straw. Contact Fort Drum's Forest Management Program (315-772-6767) for product availability and fees. Permits are available at the Forest Management Program Office Mon – Fri from 0700-1630 in Bldg T-4848. All sales are **cash only**.

b. Information required for the permit will include the following:

(1) Names of all persons engaging in harvesting forest products including those accompanying harvesters.

(2) Full address and phone number of permit holder.

(3) License plate number, year, make, model and color of the haul vehicle being used.

Only one vehicle may be used for hauling per permit.

(4) Dimensions and license plate number of trailer, if used.

c. **The permit is valid for 7 days from the day the permit was issued. There are no exceptions for any reason.**

d. The permit is valid for ONLY the sub-training area designated on the permit.

e. The permit is non-transferrable and non-refundable.

f. The forest products permit is also your pass to access the installation. This permit must be carried in the vehicle hauling the forest products at all times.

g. Possession of a Fort Drum Forest Products Permit does not give approval to enter training areas without following appropriate check in procedures. Forest Products Harvesters **must check in telephonically daily with Range Branch at 315-772-7152**. Harvesters must leave their permit number and confirm the designated area on the permit that can be accessed (including the Cantonment Area). Failure to comply with check in procedures is grounds for terminating the permit and future access to Fort Drum. At the end of the day, harvesters must check out telephonically with Range Branch.

3. General Information and Restrictions

a. Violation of this regulation may result in the loss of harvesting privileges and future access on Fort Drum.

b. Failure to comply with lawful orders, posted signs, or written notices is illegal.

c. **All observed violations of Federal, State or Fort Drum Regulations or Laws must be reported to the Military Police (772-5156 or 772-5157).**

d. Persons observing wildland fires and/or unexploded munitions must notify Range Branch, Bldg. P-4855 (772-7152). If Range Branch cannot be reached, contact the Military Police, Bldg. P-10715 (772-5156 or 772-5157). Munitions must not be handled or removed from their locations.

e. Accidents and lost persons must be immediately reported to Range Branch (772-7152). If Range Branch cannot be reached, contact the Military Police (772-5156 or 772-5157).

f. Recreational activities (e.g., hunting, trapping, and fishing) are not allowed during forest product harvesting operations. It is unlawful to possess any firearms or associated implements while engaged in harvesting forest products.

g. No person shall discard, bury or dispose of any trash, waste or litter on Fort Drum. **This includes the use of flagging.** Flagging must be biodegradable or removed after use.

h. No person shall injure, deface or disturb any part of a building, range structure, sign, equipment or property found on Fort Drum.

i. The collection of any artifact (such as old bottles, coins, etc.), disturbance of any feature related to past human activity, and the collection of paleontological specimens on Fort Drum is prohibited. The use of metal detectors on Fort Drum is strictly prohibited. Violators will be prosecuted under both the civil and criminal provisions of the Archeological Resources Protection Act, 16 USC Sections 470ee-470ff.

j. By entering Fort Drum Military Reservation, individuals have consented to the search of their person or vehicles by law enforcement personnel, and the confiscation of all evidence of unauthorized activities.

k. Unauthorized excavation or digging is prohibited.

l. Feeding of any wildlife is prohibited.

m. Harassing or molesting any wildlife or taking of any wildlife species is prohibited.

n. Picking up, disturbing or taking Government equipment, ordnance, munitions or parts of the same is prohibited.

4. Restricted Areas and Times

a. Fort Drum Military Installation, and any part thereof, may be closed without notice at the discretion of the Installation Commander when deemed necessary. Forest products harvesting is secondary to military mission requirements. If training closes your area prior to filling of your permit, no refunds will be provided.

b. Areas permanently closed to forest products harvesting are posted with New York State yellow and green (Restricted Area) signs.

c. Harvesters are prohibited from entering environmental or archeological sensitive areas marked with "Off-Limits By Order of the Commander" signs or Seibert Stakes, either on foot or with motor vehicles. Seibert Stakes (a.k.a. Siber Stakes) consist of a 16 inch piece of PVC pipe with alternating rings of white, red, and yellow reflective tape mounted on a metal post approximately 4 feet above the ground. A black strip runs down the backside of each Seibert Stake. If this is visible, the harvester is within a sensitive area and must leave immediately.

d. The Main Impact Area is off limits to all forest products harvesting.

e. **All permanent structures on ranges (e.g., towers, buildings, concrete bunkers, trenches, etc.) except latrines are off limits to all harvesters.**

f. Entry onto Fort Drum property by any means may begin 1½ hours before sunrise. Exit of the property must be no later than 1½ hours after sunset. A table of sunrise and sunset times for Fort Drum can be found at Fort Drum's Fish & Wildlife Management Program web site.

g. Scouting of training areas prior to the purchase of a permit is allowed but potential harvesters must obtain a Fort Drum Recreational Permit and Access Pass and follow check in procedures stated in Fort Drum Regulation 420-3.

5. Roads and Motor Vehicles

a. It is unlawful to consume alcohol or other drugs, or be under the influence of the same, while operating a motor vehicle.

b. Vehicles may be operated on roadways (improved light duty roads, unimproved dirt roads, or trails) within the boundaries of block/subsidiary training areas.

c. **Any time vehicles leave roadways, all ground disturbances must be kept to a minimum and any damage will be repaired at the harvester's expense.**

d. Speed limit on Fort Drum roads/tank trails is 25 mph during daylight hours and 10 mph during hours of darkness.

e. Harvesters may use headlights while traveling on roads and trails although travel should be minimized during hours of darkness to reduce conflict with military operations.

f. Motorized vehicles are prohibited in environmental or archeological sensitive areas. See paragraph 6 (c) for more information.

g. Hauling or loading forest products by mechanical means (i.e. tractors, four wheelers, bobcats, etc.) is permitted after completion of Form 593-1-E Equipment Information (see Appendix B) and registering the equipment with the Forest Management Program. Prior to commencing daily harvesting activities, the Forest Management Program **must be called** (772-6767) to report the harvest location. Any ground disturbance will be repaired at harvester's expense.

h. To use equipment to haul or load forest products on Fort Drum in accordance with paragraph 5(g), the following provisions must be followed:

(1) No persons 15 years of age or younger may operate equipment.
(2) Passengers may not be carried on equipment.
(3) All persons desiring to operate equipment must have the following on their person and must show it if requested by Fort Drum authorities:

- (a) NYS proof of Registration for ATVs.
- (b) Proof of NYS minimum required insurance (\$50,000/\$100,000 for death, \$25,000/\$50,000 for injury, and \$10,000 for property damage in any one accident.)
- (4) The following equipment must be worn while operating equipment on Fort Drum:
 - (a) Department of Transportation compliant helmet or hard hat.
 - (b) Eye protection (glasses, goggles, or face shield).
 - (c) Full-fingered gloves.
 - (d) Long-legged pants.
 - (e) Long-sleeved shirt (sleeves rolled down) or long-sleeved jacket.
 - (f) Leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes.
 - (g) A high visibility garment.

6. General Forest Products

a. Forest products can be harvested in any open training areas or the cantonment areas that are not active construction sites, current logging operations, or otherwise restricted.

b. **Only dead trees on the ground** are allowed to be harvested with a general forest products permit. Felling of standing trees is only allowed in select areas in accordance with paragraph 8.

c. Hauling or loading forest products with mechanical means (i.e. tractors, four wheelers, bobcats, etc.) is allowed in accordance with paragraph 5(g).

d. Harvesting of Christmas trees or other seedlings is not permitted.

e. Cutting of any live trees or brush is prohibited, except in accordance with paragraph 8.

7. Large Quantity Bid Opportunities

a. When large quantities of forest products become available, the Forest Management Program will sell the product through a sealed bid process to the highest bidder.

b. The sealed bid process will be as follows:

(1) An invitation for bid will be mailed to all forest products harvesters who purchased a permit in the past 24 months.

(2) The invitation will provide details for prospective bidders such as an estimate of quantity, location, time periods for removal and other site specific details. All sales will allow harvesters 30 days to view the products available and submit a sealed bid.

(3) The winning bidder will pay in cash, sign a forest products contract, and provide a list of all vehicles, equipment, and personnel that will be utilized prior to removal of products.

c. Any equipment used will be in accordance with paragraph 5(g).

d. Access procedures will be in accordance with paragraph 4(g).

8. Standing Firewood Lots

a. Occasionally standing firewood lots will become available for harvest. The purchase of lots will follow the same sealed bid process outlined in paragraph 7(b).

b. The trees available for harvest in these lots will be marked with blue paint. Only trees marked with blue paint may be harvested.

c. Any trees not marked with blue paint considered merchantable that are cut, injured through carelessness or killed by fires as a result of the harvester or his designates, will reimburse the Forest Management Program at the rate of \$29.00 per square inch of basal area.

d. Proof of NYS minimum required insurance (\$50,000/\$100,000 for death, \$25,000/\$50,000 for injury, and \$10,000 for property damage in any one accident) is required to be filed with the Forest Management Office prior to commencing harvesting activities removal.

e. Any equipment used will be in accordance with paragraph 5(g).

f. Access procedures will be in accordance with paragraph 4(g).

9. Penalties

Immediate suspension: Any person cited with a violation of any provision of the Environmental Conservation Laws of the State of New York, applicable Federal Laws, Army and Fort Drum Regulations, by New York State Conservation Officers, Federal Game Wardens or Military Police shall immediately surrender his/her permit to the citing official and be barred from obtaining future permits.

Appendix A

References

Section I

Required Publications

This Section contains no entries.

Section II

Related Publications

A related publication is an additional source of information. Users of this regulation do not have to read related publications to understand the contents of this regulation.

10 USC 2665 – Sale of certain interest in land: logs.

Army Regulatory Guidance: Reimbursable Agricultural/Grazing and Forestry Programs (17 August 1999).

16 USC, Section 470ee, Archeological Resources Protection Act of 1979.

Section III

Prescribed Forms

Fort Drum Form 593-E

Forest Products Permit

Fort Drum Form 593-1-E

Equipment Information Form

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FOREST PRODUCTS PERMIT

Permit No. _____

For use of this form, see Fort Drum Regulation 420-6. The proponent is the PW/Environmental.

DATA REQUIRED BY THE PRIVACY ACT OF 1974 (5 USC 552a). PRESCRIBING DIRECTIVE: AR 200-3. AUTHORITY: EO 9397, Title 5, USC, Sec 2951. PRINCIPLE PURPOSE: Voluntary gathering and removing of forest products from Fort Drum Military Installation lands. ROUTINE USES: Same as above. Disclosure is MANDATORY, permits cannot be issued without required information.

1. The following individual is authorized per AR 200-3 to gather forest products from designated areas on the dates indicates below.

a. NAME(S): _____ b. TELEPHONE: _____

c. ADDRESS: _____

d. HAUL VEHICLE TYPE / COLOR / LICENSE: _____

TRAILER: _____

Special Notes:

2. Requirements are as follows:

- a. The Government makes no guarantee as to the amount of forest product that is available.
- b. Forest product areas will be designated by the Installation Forester. All forest products will be dead and down unless specifically marked by the Installation Forester. No paint of any kind may be in the possession of the permittee while on Fort Drum. Stumps will be cut to within six inches of the ground. All limbs will be cut to four inches diameter. Any unused portion of trees must be slashed to lengths not to exceed four feet, neatly piled and not left in roadways or trails. Mechanical means to skid forest products must be approved by the Installation Forester.
- c. No Trash or refuse will be left on the installation.
- d. No firearms, bows, or other hunting instruments may be present while gathering forest products. No recreational activities may be done in conjunction with gathering forest products.
- e. This permit will be shown to Federal, NYSDEC, and Military police, or other officials upon request. Failure to comply with any part of this permit will result in termination of the permit.
- f. Permittees must sign in at Range Control (Telephone 772-7152).

3. This permit is for area _____ for the dates from _____ to _____.

a. This permit is for the gathering of _____ only.

b. The price per cord is _____. The volume to be cut is _____ cord(s). The total cash received is _____.

RELEASE

In consideration of receiving permission from the Fort Drum Installation Commander, to gather forest products, I, the below signed individual, agree to release the Installation Commander, Fort Drum, the Department of the Army, its agents, officers, and employees of and from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, and causes of actions whatsoever arising out of or relating to any loss, damage, or injury that may be sustained by the undersigned, or property of the undersigned while in, on, or upon the premises for these activities.

SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL (PERMITTEE)

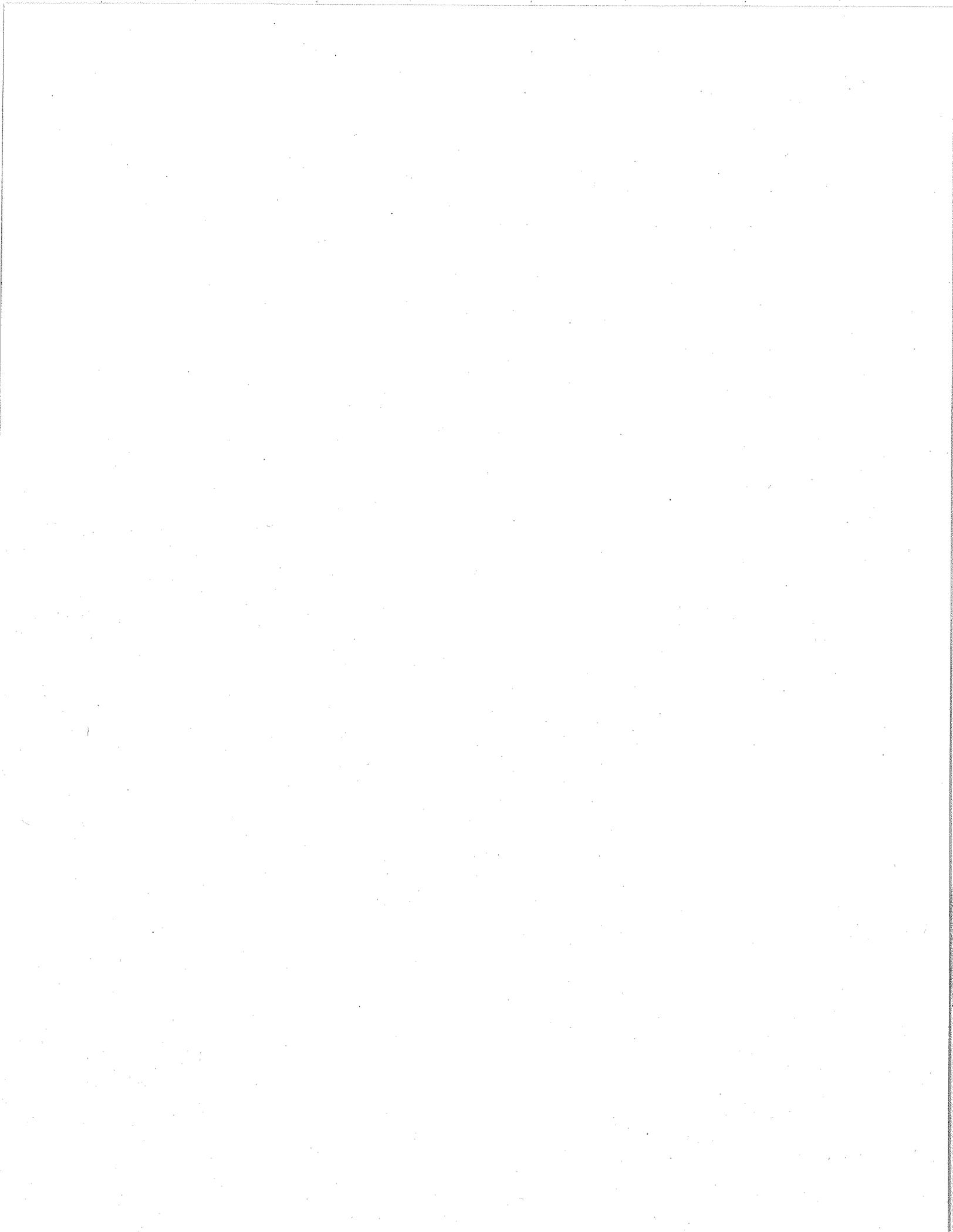
FORT DRUM Environmental Division Representative

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Officials checking should complete above blocks per haul load. Allow a minimum of 2 hours between loads. Blocks with an "X" are invalid for hauls.



FOREST PRODUCTS PERMIT - EQUIPMENT INFORMATION FORM

For use of this form, see Fort Drum Regulation 420-6. The proponent is the PW/Environmental.

FIREWOOD PERMIT NUMBER _____

PERMIT HOLDER'S NAME _____

Type of equipment (i.e. ATV, Tractor, Bobcat, etc.) _____

Make _____ Model _____ Year _____

Vehicle Size _____

(small, medium, large)

Mode of transport to site (i.e. back of truck, trailer by size and or type, etc.) _____

Proof of NYS Registration (applies to any vehicle required to be registered in NYS).

Proof of NYS minimum required insurance (\$50,000/\$100,000 for death, \$25,000/\$50,000 for injury, and \$10,000 for property damage in any one accident).

Please provide copy of current registration and insurance.

* Harvester must call the Forest Management Program (772-6767) each day to sign in equipment.

If no one is available you must leave a message containing your name, firewood permit number, and what equipment you will be using.

** Harvester must still follow call in/out procedures with Range Control 772-7152.

*** Equipment must be removed offsite at the end of everyday. No equipment shall be left overnight.

Remarks/Additional Information

See Proponent for Official Form

