

	<p><b>APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR A NOTICED GENERAL PERMIT FOR A MINOR SILVICULTURAL SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM</b></p> <p><i>SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT</i></p> <p>2379 BROAD STREET ! BROOKSVILLE, FL 34604-6899 (352) 796-7211 OR FLORIDA WATS 1 (800) 423-1476</p>	
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The land owner or other authorized agent can use the following application procedure for an activity that qualifies for a noticed general permit for a minor silvicultural surface water management system, as described in Section 40D-400.500, F.A.C.

1. Submit the completed original and TWO copies of a "Notice of Intent to Construct a Minor Silvicultural Surface Water Management System," together with an original and two complete sets of noticed general permit application information and a permit processing fee, to the local District service office.
2. The District staff may visit the site to determine if additional information and documentation are needed to identify the proposed activity and assure ERP permitting compliance.
3. If the District does not notify the Applicant otherwise after receipt of the application, the application will be considered sufficient, and the Applicant may conduct the activity authorized by the noticed general permit.
4. If more information is needed, the land owner or other authorized agent will be notified that the system does not qualify for a noticed general permit, and the Applicant may respond by providing additional information and/or by revising the work plans.

**NOTE: The Following list of minor silvicultural surface water management systems described in Section 40D-400.500, F.A.C., may qualify for a noticed general permit. (A copy of Chapter 40D-400, F.A.C., is available from the District.)**

**A.** A permanent culverted fill road with a road surface of 28 feet or less in width placed in or crossing a stream or other watercourse of less than ten (10) cubic feet per second average discharge at the location of the work or with a drainage area upstream of the work of less than ten (10) square miles. The design of the work must allow for conveyance of normal flows and for overtopping during large storm events, and any fill placed in wetlands associated with the stream or other watercourse must be less than one-half (2) acre in area. Under this paragraph, the fill material shall be no more than twenty-four (24) inches above culvert structures. The fill material on the road approaches shall be no more than twenty-four (24) inches above grade, except within an area of one hundred (100) feet

of either side of a culvert. The road must be designed with culvert inlets positioned at or below natural grade of the bed of the stream or other watercourse to prevent the permanent impoundment of water, and to provide an overflow area or areas which will prevent erosion and adverse effects to water levels upstream and downstream of the road.

**B.** A temporary culverted fill road or a temporary bridge up to 50 feet long, with a road surface of 28 feet or less in width placed in or crossing a stream or other watercourse of less than ten (10) cubic feet per second average discharge at the location of the work or a drainage area upstream of the work of less than ten (10) square miles. The design of the work must allow for conveyance of existing flow during the period of installation and use and any fill placed in wetlands associated with the stream or other watercourse must be less than one-half (2) acre in area. The work must be designed only to facilitate the temporary movement of equipment and must be removed immediately after the operation for which the crossing was needed is

complete or within thirty (30) months of the filing of the Application, whichever is sooner.

**C.** A permanent bridge up to 100 feet in length and 28 feet or less in width supported on pilings or trestles, placed in or crossing a stream or other watercourse of less than ten (10) cubic feet per second average discharge at the location of the work or with a drainage area upstream of the work of less than ten (10) square miles. The design of the work and associated approach roads, if any, must allow for conveyance of normal flows and for overtopping during large storm events and any fill placed in wetlands associated with the stream or other watercourse must be less than one-half (2) acre in area. The height limitation for fill on the bridge approach roads shall be a maximum of twenty-four (24) inches above natural grade.

**D.** A permanent culverted fill road or bridge with a road surface of 28 feet or less in width, placed in or crossing a wetland or other impoundment, excluding reservoirs created by dams, where less than one half (2) acre of fill is placed in the wetland or other impoundment. Such crossings must be located in a manner which minimizes the area of wetlands being filled.

**E.** Temporary stream channel diversions necessary to complete the works described in paragraphs A., B., or C. above, provided that the area used for the temporary diversion is restored to its previous contours and elevations.

**F.** Clearing and snagging in a stream or other watercourse within fifty (50) feet of the center line of a culverted fill road or a bridge described in paragraphs A., B., or C. above, necessary to construct said work.

**G.** A permanent low water, hard surfaced crossing in a stream, other watercourse, wetland or other impoundment consisting of the placement of rock or similar material no more than twelve (12) inches higher than the bed of the stream, other watercourse or impoundment. Such crossings must be designed only to facilitate the movement of equipment by creating a stable foundation in shallow streams, other watercourses, wetlands or other impoundments. Temporary low water, hard surfaced crossings may be constructed using logs, but must be removed immediately following the completion of the silvicultural operation or within thirty (30) months of the filing of the Application in subsection (3), whichever is sooner.

**H.** Upland field ditches of a temporary nature to facilitate only harvesting, site preparation, and planting, with a maximum cross-sectional area of eighteen (18) square feet spaced no closer than six hundred and sixty (660) feet from any other parallel ditch. After seedling establishment, the ditches shall be allowed to revegetate naturally. The permittee will not be required to fill field ditches after seedling establishment.

**I.** Above grade, unpaved, upland silvicultural roads with an average road surface width of twenty-eight (28) feet within a construction corridor up to fifty (50) feet in width. These roads must also incorporate sufficient culverts at grade to prevent alteration of natural sheet flow and may have associated borrow ditches. Road ditches shall be constructed only to obtain road material for the associated road and to provide only enough storage to maintain a dry road surface. Such road ditches must not provide drainage to the tract adjoining the road, other than to provide drainage of the road surface and minor, incidental drainage of abutting lands. These road ditches may be connected to other roadside ditches that were constructed pursuant to this section but must not connect directly or

indirectly to any works on-site or off-site which are designed or constructed to provide drainage or conveyance or which would result in drainage or conveyance. Road ditches must be separated from wetlands and other surface waters by a buffer strip of indigenous ground cover and a water turnout prior to said buffer strip. However, road ditches may discharge directly to a wetland when the slope of the uplands within 1000 feet of the edge of the wetland is equal to or less than two (2) percent, provided the ditch does not result in drainage of the wetland and provided that the ditch does not create a hydrologic connection between two or more wetlands. The width of the buffer strip shall be no less than 35 feet, or 50 feet when located adjacent to an Outstanding Florida Water, an Outstanding National Resource Water, or Class I waters.

**J.** Upland borrow areas needed to obtain fill material for crossings authorized by this noticed general permit of streams, other watercourses, wetlands and other impoundments. These upland borrow areas must not provide drainage and must not be hydrologically connected to roadside ditches or field ditches.

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSTRUCT A MINOR SILVICULTURAL  
SURFACE WATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PURSUANT TO SECTION 40D-400.500, F.A.C.**

1. When completed, please deliver the original and TWO copies of this Notice of Intent and other related information to the local District Regulation Service Office
2. This notice is for:    ☐ Construction and Operation                      ☐ Alteration and Operation  
   ☐ Removal                                      ☐ Abandonment                                      ☐ Maintenance
3. Name of Land Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Agent/Contact (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Only the minor silvicultural systems set forth in ss. 40D-400.500(4)(a)-(j), F.A.C., may qualify for a noticed general permit. Descriptions of those minor systems are listed A.- J. on the reverse side hereof. Please read the descriptions, then CIRCLE below the letter or letters to identify the minor system that most accurately describes the proposed project work.

A.	B.	C.	D.	E.	F.	G.	H.	I.	J.
Provide the name, description, sizes and dimensions of the proposed system (attach construction drawings, etc. as needed):									

Approximate Beginning and Ending Dates of Construction: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Location of Proposed System: Attach a copy of the USGS Topo Quad Map and a copy of the County Appraiser's most recent aerial photomap of the site, or other recent aerial photomap, with the location of the project clearly marked and boundaries outlined.

### Location Sketch

U.S.G.S. Topo Quad Map Name:

County(ies): \_\_\_\_\_

Tax Parcel(s) ID#(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Section(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Township(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Range(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Water Course/Water Body Most Affected:

Upstream watershed area (square miles) if a stream or other watercourse crossings pursuant to ss. 40D-400.500(4)(a), (b) or (c), F.A.C., is proposed: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please list any related permit application numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

7. I have full knowledge of and will comply with the requirements of Chapter 40D-400, F.A.C. I understand that this noticed general permit is available only under limited circumstances as set forth in Chapters 40D-400 and 40D-4, F.A.C., and that permittees are required to comply with all general conditions and performance standards listed in Section 40D-400.215 and Subsections 40D-400.500(4), (5) and (6), F.A.C. A District permit does not relieve a permittee from obtaining necessary approvals of any unit of local, state, or federal government.

Printed Name of Land Owner Signing

Printed Name of Authorized Agent Signing (if applicable)

Signature of Land Owner or Authorized Agent\*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\* Signature by a person other than the land owner is also certification that the person is officially authorized by the owner to act as the land owner's agent for the purpose of procuring the permit.