



## Questions and answers

# January 2026 Public Notice Commercial Timber Permits for Sale by Sealed Tender

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#1 Can reforestation be completed by the commercial permit holder in lieu of paying a levy to Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta?

If a commercial timber permit is held by a person who is not a quota holder nor a forest management agreement holder, the permit holder shall pay to the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta the reforestation levies for coniferous and deciduous volumes cut under the authority of the permit.

If a commercial timber permit is held by a person who is a quota holder, the permit holder shall complete reforestation as required by the [Timber Management Regulation](#) within the harvested area of the permit or pay the Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta the reforestation levies for coniferous and deciduous volumes cut under the authority of the permit.

If a commercial timber permit is held by a person who is a forest management agreement holder, the permit holder shall carry out reforestation as required by the [Timber Management Regulation](#) within the harvested area of the permit.

#2 For deciduous that cannot be avoided and is not hauled to the mill, are dues owing?

Deciduous trees will be harvested, utilized and have dues owing as per the [Timber Management Regulation](#).

#3 If a bidder has other security deposits or performance guarantees with Forestry, are the security deposits for these timber permits still required?

Yes, security deposits for each timber permit held are required.

#4 Is the reforestation levy payable to Forest Resource Improvement Association of Alberta (FRIAA) going to be

No, there will not be an adjustment to the FRIAA levy rate.

adjusted to reflect  
any adjusted  
reforestation  
requirements in  
community hazard  
fuel reduction harvest  
areas?

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#5 What are the  
utilization requirements  
of these CTP permits?

The utilization standard is listed on the permit document.

Forest Management Unit	STUMP DIAMETER (cm)	TOP DIAMETER (cm)	STUMP HEIGHT (cm)
E09 and H01 Conifer	15	11	15
E09 and H01 Deciduous	15	10	30
G51 Conifer	15	10	15
G51 Deciduous	15	11	15
B52 Conifer	15	11	30
B52 Deciduous	15	10	30

#6 Is deciduous a  
mandatory utilization or  
can it be left standing?

Yes, deciduous can be left standing in permits in B52, E09 and H01.

#7 If incidental  
deciduous has to be cut  
to facilitate harvesting,  
can it be left  
unprocessed on site?

Deciduous trees will be harvested, utilized and have dues owing as per the [Timber Management Regulation](#).

#8 As E09 and H01  
permits are harvesting  
close to Town of Hinton,  
can non merchantable  
trees and small  
merchantable trees be  
retained on blocks?

Yes, non-merchantable, low merchantable and understory can be retained.

#9 If there is retention,  
what is the rate? Small  
operator dues rates or  
General dues rates?

The rate of coniferous timber dues will be the accepted bid per m<sup>3</sup> and is the only timber dues rate that applies to coniferous volume. Timber dues for the deciduous species harvested from these permits will be assessed at the base rate, as defined in the Timber Management Regulation section 2(1.03). All timber from these permits is required to be weighed and sample scaled or other method

of volume determination approved by the department. Timber dues will be assessed based on volumes of timber measured.

#10 What are the layout specifications? For example, if areas are not operational such as too steep, or not accessible, or within a Department of Fisheries and Ocean (DFO) bounding box can these be left out of blocks reducing areas and volumes? Dues are only on delivered volume with the smaller block area?

In E09 and H01 the proposed harvest boundaries may change significantly once laid out. Proposed harvest areas may be removed due to steep ground, inaccessibility, DFO requirements, Alberta Timber Harvest Planning and Operating Ground Rules (OGR) requirements, merchantability, stand type changes etc. There are some specific areas where the boundary cannot be expanded as there have been commitments made or there are avoidance areas related to potential historical sites. Prior to layout being completed, please contact [krista.woods@gov.ab.ca](mailto:krista.woods@gov.ab.ca) or 780-740-3342. Layout is submitted to the forest area office and reviewed in detail prior to annual operating plan (AOP) submission. Dues are not paid on volume excluded from the block during layout or not harvested for operational reasons.

#11 What are the retention specifications for layout

Retention will follow the Alberta Timber Harvesting and Operating Ground Rules (OGRs), Section 2.6. Currently, OGR 2.6.2 indicates that blocks over 75 ha require 5% retention. Blocks under 75 ha will have to meet the minimum 3% retention. Blocks less than 5 ha do not require retention.

#12 Are bid price dues payable on beetle kill and dead timber harvested and delivered?

Yes, all conifer volume, regardless of condition, reported is charged the reforestation levy. However, please see answers to question #1 above.

#13 If a commercial timber permit is held by a person who is a quota holder and they elect to complete the reforestation, when do they have to make the choice to complete the reforestation and not pay the FRIAA reforestation levies?

If a the timber permit holder is also a quota holder, the choice of completing reforestation will be indicated at the time of security deposit payment and the choice will be reflected on the timber permit document.

#14 If there are DFO critical habitat crossings required who is responsible for getting approval and providing offsets to DFO? This

The timber permit holder is responsible for obtaining approval and providing offsets to DFO. Yes, extensions to the timber permit expiry would be considered for these cases. It is also acknowledged that harvest areas may be reduced due to DFO watercourses.

can involve a significant process, and time will the CTP's be eligible for extension in this case?

#15 Where permits are being sold as a package, e.g. CTPH010027 and CTPE090008, is a separate bid deposit required for each permit or just one for the package?

Yes, one bid deposit for the package is acceptable.

#16 There is no map of CTPE090008 on the website when will this be posted?

A map will be posted shortly.

#17 E09 and H01 Terms and Conditions item #15: Harvest area design should minimize blowdown on neighboring private property. Further direction on this requirement is needed as it may involve leaving sizeable buffers and reducing the harvest area? How is this measured and what are the consequences if blow down does occur?

In most cases blowdown buffers have been incorporated into the preliminary boundary already.

As these blocks have not had the boundary field reccecd there may be adjustments made, reduced or added, depending on the site. The individual conducting the layout will have to use their professional judgement and be mindful of blowdown, especially around private property. It will not be measured and there are no consequences to the disposition holder if blowdown occurs.

#18 When are dues owing?

Dues are owing when volume is reported as per the timelines established in the Timber Management Regulation.

Please see Timber Management Regulation 97.5 if any amount in excess of \$100 unpaid dues is owing more that 30 days after the date on which the amount becomes due and owing.

#19 What is the expiry date of the timber permit?

Each timber permit expiry date is noted in the 5<sup>th</sup> row of the tables within the sales notice.

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#20 Is the \$0.50 FRIP dues payable on volume harvested under these permits?

No, forest enhancement or FRIP dues are not payable on volume harvested under these permits.

#21 the shapefile for DTPG510064 and the map do not match. Can a new shapefile be posted?

Yes, a new shapefile is now posted.

#22 Where are the options for road access to DTPG510064?

The south boundary of the west block runs along existing cutline. The cutline would be available for access. Temp roads within the harvest boundaries are permissible and would be addressed in the Grazing Timber Agreement and Annual Operating Plan.

#22 If reforestation is waived, is the levy owing?

A reforestation levy is not required on areas where reforestation is waived. The sales notice, specifically CTPB520062 and CTPB520063, will be updated and reposted.

#23 Is there an option for harvesting during unfrozen conditions for the permits in E09 and H01?

For permits in E09 and H01 being sold in the large operator category, harvesting will occur in frozen ground conditions unless otherwise approved by the forest area will apply.

For permits in E09 and H01 being sold in the small operator category, harvesting will occur only in frozen ground conditions.

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#24 What are the debris disposal requirements for CTPB520062 and CTPB520063?

Forestry Division Directive AF-FDP-2017-07 Debris Management Standards for Timber Harvest Operations applies.

# 25 Are there any requirements regarding mandatory debris pile extinguishment following burning?

Extinguishment requirements are listed in the *Forest and Prairie Protection Act* and its regulations.

#26 What is the reporting requirement for burn piles to the forest area?

Prior to March 1<sup>st</sup> of the following year, the disposition holder shall supply a map that identifies all burning location and a declaration that all burned areas are inspected and extinguished. Please see the [Fire Control Supplement for commercial timber permits](#).

**Additional Questions**

Please remember that any additional questions must be communicated to Seena Handel at [seena.handel@gov.ab.ca](mailto:seena.handel@gov.ab.ca) or 587-985-0971 at least three (3) business days prior to the sale date and time. Any questions received after this deadline may be answered in the department's sole discretion.

Interested parties should check back to [this](#) site regularly, as any questions that are posed to the department and not deemed confidential will be posted along with answers as soon as possible after they are received.