

Forest Practices Act 1985		<b>Forest Practices Plan</b>		FPP No.:	RJN0026-01
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<p><i>It is necessary to read this Forest Practices Plan in its entirety for the specifications required by Section 18(2) of the Forest Practices Act 1985. This Forest Practices Plan authorises forest practices and operations to which it refers on the land specified in the Plan and during the period specified in the Plan, provided that the operations are carried out in accordance with the Plan.</i></p> <p><i>This authority is given for the purposes of the Forest Practices Act 1985 only. Those carrying out the operations under the Plan should ensure that they comply with all relevant laws including the conditions of licences, permits and other authorities issued under other laws.</i></p>					
Coupe Name: RS113B	Location: Gunns road	PTR Number: -			
Tenure: State Forest	IBRA 4 region: Ben Lomond	UPI or PID Numbers: -			
District: Bass	Municipality: Launceston	Landowners: FORESTRY TASMANIA			
Map Sheet: BEN NEVIS : 5441	Grid reference: 554050mE, 5410795mN	Principal Processors:			
Applicant: FORESTRY TASMANIA, PO Box 126, SCOTTS DALE TAS 7260					
Parent 1: Devonian Granite & derived Tertiary Rock	Soil 1: Clayey (CLA)	Stoniness 1: L			
2:	2:	2:			
Erodibility Class 1: Low (L)	2:	Majority Slope: 11 deg.	Maximum Altitude: 850 m		
Within town water catchment: Yes	Within a landscape zone in a Municipal Planning Scheme:		No		
Water Intake: 37 - South Esk River - Mathinna	Known Domestic Water Supply Intake within 2km:		No		
Distance to Intake: 32.2 km	Net Area of Crown Land Reserve:		<not defined>		
Emergency meeting Point: 36 - ROSES TIER - CNR TELOPEA RD, BLESSINGTON RD & MEMORY RD					
Plan certified by: RJN -	Date certified: 03/08/2012	Plan lifetime: 06/08/2012 - 31/08/2017	Date notice of intent sent: 30/07/2012		
Discrete Operational Phase	Estimated Start Date	Estimated End Date	Details		
Timber Harvesting	06/08/2012	31/08/2017	Minimum Class of Equipment to be used		
			Dry: C1 Wet: C2 Cable: NA		
Current RFA Forest Community and/or Land Use		Prescription	Ha		
Plantation : E. nitens (PEN)		Thinning (THN)	41.00		
Net Operational Area: 20.00	Total Area to be Reforested: 0.00	Total Area to be Harvested: 41.00	Total Area of Operation: 41.00		

  
03/08/2012.

**FOREST PRACTICES PLAN RS113B**

**A. GENERAL**

- Forest practices shall be carried out in accordance with the principles and approaches specified in the Forest Practices Code. All Forest Practices Code mandatory statements (“will” statements) apply, whether or not they are referred to below. The specific requirements set out below are also mandatory.
- A copy of the approved FPP and all subsequent variations will be available on site from the time of commencement of operations.
- Operations will not commence until the contractor is fully briefed on site by Forestry Tasmania Representative.
- Logging, Construction and Regeneration machinery is to be washed down prior to arriving on site as per *Wash down Guidelines for Weed and Disease Control Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment Edition 1*.

**B. BUILDING ACCESS TO THE FOREST (ROADING)**

(See also section D. Conservation of Natural and Cultural Values and section F. Management of Fuels, Oils, Rubbish and Emissions.)

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**General**

- Access to the coupe is from Gunns road through Gunns#4 spur. (FT to maintain.). There will be no new road construction required under this FPP although maintenance of existing roads may be required prior to harvesting commencing.

**Formation:**

- NA

**Drainage:**

- NA

**Gravelling:**

- Of Gunns#4 may be carried out if required to maintain a stable running surface.

**Surfacing**

- NA

**Maintenance**

- The harvesting contractor is responsible for keeping the table drains, culverts and trafficable grips clear and functioning at the completion of the operation or prior to leaving the area for extended periods.
- Roads will be maintained and restored to their original shape, ensuring a stable running surface and a drainage system that operates effectively. This includes all silt traps and drainage structures that are to be regularly inspected and maintained by clearing accumulated sediment.
- **It is the responsibility of the contractor to cease carting when:**
  - trucks are unable to travel under their own motive power,

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- Turbid water or mud runs in wheel ruts deeper than 100mm in the running surface of the road for a distance greater than the required culvert distance for that section of road.
- At completion of operations, road will be graded, if necessary, to provide a surface profile which will effectively drain the road pavement.

### C. HARVESTING OR CLEARING OF TIMBER

(See also section D. Conservation of Natural and Cultural Values and section F. Management of Fuels, Oils, Rubbish and Emissions.)

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#### General

All coupe boundaries (or a suitable discrete area of the coupe, agreed to between the contractor and FT Representative) must be marked prior to operations commencing. The contractor must check with the FT Representative that this has occurred prior to the harvesting operation commencing.

#### Landings

- Landing sites will be located generally as indicated on the FPP Map. On this occasion the landing is situated to the North of the harvest area on Gunns#4 where there is a stable gravel running surface.
- Landings may be moved or new landings constructed with the **prior** approval of a Forestry Tasmania Representative. Any moved or additional landings will be recorded on a map and filed with the original FPP.
- Landings (including logging debris) should be kept as far as practical from watercourses and will be kept at least 40m from the boundary of a streamside reserve or Class 4 machinery exclusion zone.
- Landing sites will be well drained at all times.
- Wood will be processed within the coupe and forwarded to a landing as marked on the FPP map.
- All rubbish to be removed on a **weekly** basis.

#### Forwarder Tracks

- On the attached map a main forwarder track is marked. This track is the original Gunns#4 spur, this will be utilised to forward timber out of the coupe for a distance of approximately 200m to the existing formed and gravelled road. Please see Forwarder track restoration for further details on completion of this operation.
- Additional forwarder directions are indicated on the FPP map.
- Forwarder tracks are to be located so as to cause minimum damage to retained stems and allow for best drainage. No more than 3 major Forwarder tracks should be in use at any one time.
- Slash should be used along Forwarder tracks to reduce soil disturbance
- No watercourse bed or drainage line will be used for snigging along.
- Main Forwarder tracks will be "temporary gripped" prior to extended shutdowns.
- Machinery should not cross or travel on roads unless authorised by a FT representative prior to the movement.
- **It is the responsibility of the contractor to cease logging when wet weather limitations apply as per Section C2 of the Forest Practices Code.**

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**Felling prescriptions**

- The prescription for this operation is thinning of an *E.nitens* stand.
- The coupe boundary is marked with blue tape. **No trees to be felled outside or over this line.**
- The coupe has been marked for thinning using Orange paint, this denotes the required trees for Koppers Poles. All painted trees should be removed where unpainted trees should remain, however if unpainted trees are required to be removed for Safety or product recovery reasons this maybe allowed after consultation with the responsible F.T officer.
- A clear fell operation may follow on this FPP by way of variation.

**QUALITY REQUIREMENTS OF THINNING OPERATION-(KOPPERS POLE OPERATION.)**

- Quality assessments will be carried out by a representative of Forestry Tasmania during the course of the operation.
- Focus of plot assessments will be on RETAINED PRUNED TREES and a balanced stand.
- Plots will be put in by the contractor and an average of 15 trees per plot in a radius of 12.62m should be maintained.
- Damage should not exceed 5% of retained pruned stems. Wound (damage) size should be less than 3.5cm<sup>2</sup> (ie. Egg size).
- Where damage levels exceed the tolerance level, an officer of Forestry Tasmania has the right to suspend the operation until the cause of the damage is identified and rectified.
- To minimise damage, the following prescription will be adopted for this operation:
- Processing will take place in the coupe in natural gaps where possible.
- Adequate turning space will be provided for trucks and harvesting machines at landings.
- Processed wood will not be stockpiled against butts of retained trees.
- Contractor will use heads and waste to matt the forwarder tracks to stop rutting and maintain the harvesting equipment on a level plane.
- Once felled, stems are to be placed conveniently so as to reduce damage during processing or snigging.
- Mechanical directional falling is to be used to assist processing and extraction and to minimise tree damage.
- Stump heights are to be retained as low as possible.

**Streamside management and special water quality protection measures**

There Are NO Streams in this coupe however there is a class 4 present adjacent to the northern boundary, all remnant native vegetation will remain in tact.

Any additional class 4 streams and or drainage lines FOUND during the harvesting operation within the coupe will be treated as per the provisions of the Forest Practices Code 2000 (Guidelines for the protection of class four streams).

Streamside reserve and harvesting boundaries to be marked by:  
 Person or organisation nominated: **FORESTRY TASMANIA**.....

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How marked: <b>With blue flagging tape</b>
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### Harvesting restoration

- The harvesting contractor is responsible for restoration of the coupe. There will be limited movement of machinery until restoration is completed to the satisfaction of Forestry Tasmania.

### Landings

- **Drainage**, On completion of each logging section or where areas are to be left for three months or more, landings will be drained, and water flowing towards landings will be diverted into the surrounding vegetation or silt traps.
- Adequate drainage should be carried out into surrounding vegetation to reduce puddling and erosion.

### Forwarder tracks

- On completion of harvesting and cartage operations as far as practical Gunns#4 spur will have all harvest slash and debris removed, there should also be grips placed where required as per the FPC 2000, they should be of a "spoon drain" type to allow for trafficability post this operation.
- Forwarder track restoration and drainage will be done progressively as harvesting of sections of the coupe are completed.
- Where Forwarder tracks are rutted to a depth of more than 300mm below the original ground level over a 20m section or longer, forwarder tracks will be restored by filling in and draining.
- Additional Forwarder tracks will be gripped to a standard satisfactory to Forestry Tasmania, prior to the completion of the operation. Grips will be constructed at approximately right angles to the water flow and have an outlet so that water discharges into the surrounding vegetation or logging slash.

### Fire Prevention

All hazardous forest operations will comply with the forest industry fire prevention protocol, "Fire Prevention at Timber Harvesting Operations": Procedures for initiating closures due to severe fire weather and specifications for fire weather monitoring and fire fighting equipment.

### Fire Equipment

Fire weather prevention at forest operations should be adhered to as per the annually updated Forest Industry protocols. This document can be sourced from your Forestry Tasmania Representative.

### Firebreaks

If the establishment of firebreaks is not practicable on the harvest boundary, provisions may be made Forestry Tasmania to construct firebreaks outside the harvest area, this is to be carried out by the Forest Establishment contractor.

Additional tracks will be recorded on a map and filed with original FPP.

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**Roads**

If required the road pavement will be restored to its original shape. Table drains, culverts and trafficable grips shall be left clear and functioning at the completion of the operation or when leaving the area for an extended period.

- Will be kept trafficable at all times
- If used by the forwarder during extraction, then slash must be removed prior to a clearance being given.

**Other**

**D. CONSERVATION OF NATURAL & CULTURAL VALUES**

Prescriptions to manage, flora, fauna, geomorphic, cultural heritage, landscape, and soil and water values.

**Flora** .....

No special prescriptions required. ....

**Fauna**

**Recommendation 4 for the wedge tailed eagle (13 March 2002)**

Although a nest has not been found during a pre-logging search conducted on the 30/4/2010. This is not a guarantee that no nests occur in the harvest area or immediately adjacent to the area. Therefore, please instruct contractors to notify the FPB Zoologist via the Forest Practices Officer in charge of the operation if any nests are discovered during the operation.

**If a nest is discovered during the breeding season (August - January inclusive)** immediately cease all forestry activity within 500 m of the nest or within 1 km if in line of sight of the nest. The nest site will be inspected by the FPB Zoologist and/or DPIWE specialist and advice on appropriate further action will be provided as soon as possible.

**If a nest is discovered outside the breeding season (February - July inclusive)** cease all forestry activities within 500 m of the nest. The nest site will be inspected by the FPB Zoologist and/or DPIWE specialist and advice on appropriate further action will be provided as soon as possible. At this time of year in most situations the operation can resume outside the agreed 10 ha reserve boundary.

**Cultural heritage**

- No special prescriptions required.

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**Aboriginal Archaeological Sensitivity Zones**

Post operation archaeological surveys to be carried out for high APZ areas of the coupe by an FPA Archaeologist, Cultural Heritage Officer, or their delegate.....

**Landscape**

No special prescriptions required .....

**Soil and Water**

No special prescriptions required.....

**E1. ESTABLISHING AND MAINTAINING FORESTS**

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Person or organisation responsible for reforestation and having primary responsibility for management of forest practices under this section of the plan **FORESTRY TASMANIA** .....

**Site preparation procedures (eg. clearing, windrowing, ripping, cultivation, mounding, catch drains, areas to be treated differently etc)**

- Not applicable

**Burning (eg. planned intensity and timing)**

- Not applicable.

**Sowing or planting treatments (artificial sowing, seed zone, natural regeneration, retained growing stock, planting etc)**

- Not applicable.

**Weed control (describe method(s) to be used)**

- Not applicable.

**Fertiliser application (describe method(s) to be used)**

- No application required.

**Restoration (e.g. drainage of fire breaks and access tracks)**

- As per Forest Practices Code for Restoration of Snig tracks and Access tracks but with roll-over grips.

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**Browsing (eg monitoring and control treatments)**

- Not applicable.

Is there a fire management plan for this area? **YES** / NO

**E2. ASSESSMENT OF REFORESTATION**

**Stocking standards (specify survey method and stocking standard to be achieved)**

- Not applicable.

Survey to be organised by: .....NA..... by (date): .....

**F. MANAGEMENT OF FUELS, OILS, RUBBISH AND EMISSIONS**

**Use of fuels, oils etc**

- Sites for equipment refuelling should be located at least 40m from any water course to minimise adverse effects on water quality in the event of any spillage and will be surrounded by an earthen bund capable of containing an oil spill.
- Equipment will be maintained so fuel leaks are minimised.
- Fuel, grease and oils to be stored on site will be stored in a bund location where any inadvertent leaks will not enter watercourses, swamps or other still waters either directly or indirectly.
- Any spills will be contained as soon as possible.  
FT Environmental Management System (EMS) Emergency Response Procedures, *Spill Control – Fuel and Oils* will be strictly adhered to.

**Rubbish**

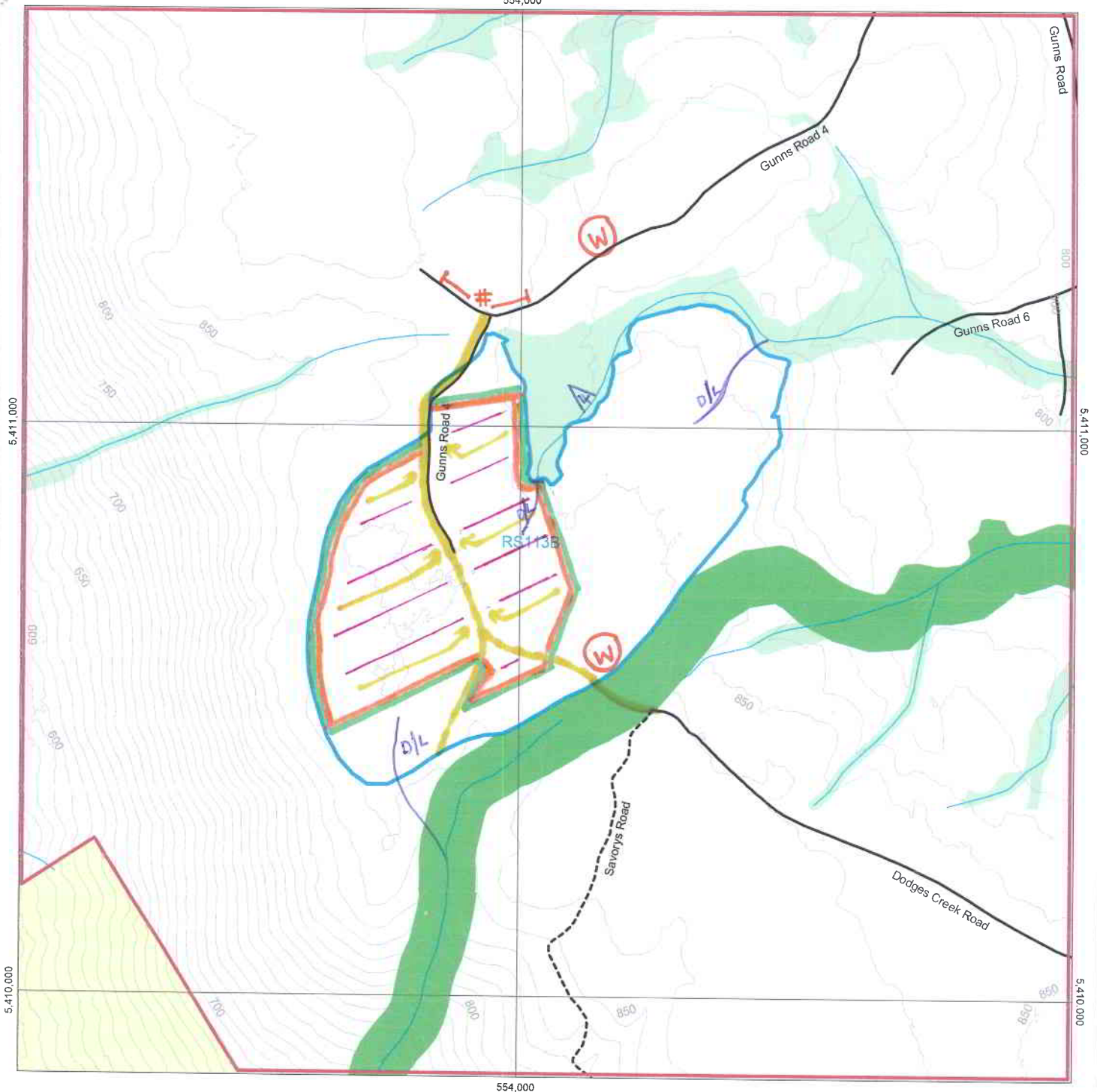
- Rubbish such as oily wastes, fuel and oil drums, filters and oily rags will be regularly removed as they are generated or emptied to a collection depot suitable for receiving hazardous wastes.
- All other rubbish eg.wire ropes, plastic wrappings etc., will be removed regularly to a collection depot or transfer station or recycled if appropriate.

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554,000



Scale 1:10,000

Mapsheet: BEN NEVIS 5441

Harvest Area 41.1 hectares

A4P



## LEGEND

Map Centre Coordinates: 554050 mE, 5410795 mN

Date: Monday, 16 July 2012

FPP boundary	Located or marked out road	Contractor boundary	Formal reserves	Constraint	LANDING
Harvest boundary	Provisional mapped road	Landing	Informal reserves on State forest	Hazard	GUNNS #4
Classed Stream	Walking Tracks	Crossing	Informal reserves on other tenures	Water	THINNING AREA
Unclassed Stream	Hydro/Comms	Bridge	Streamside reserves	WARNING SIGNS	NORTH
Road class 1-3	Contours	Cable setting	Conditional areas	ROW DIRECTION	SNIG DIRECTION
Road class 4	Snig direction	Special point feature	Private land		

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