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Application No.

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**Application to the West Coast
Regional Council for a**

FORESTRY ACTIVITIES CONSENT

Instructions to Applicants

- Ensure ALL parts of this form are filled out
- Sign and date the application
- Keep a copy for yourself
- Payment of \$1,540.50 (inc. GST)

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GENERAL NOTES

1. This form should be used for any forest development operations.
2. The more information provided with this application, the more quickly it can be processed.
3. WCRC Consents staff can give you a lead on how to find data/information, e.g. about significant sites, stream life, slope instability or with whom you should consult.
4. Attach any written approvals obtained from parties potentially affected by your proposal to the end of this application.
5. This application will become public record: place any commercially sensitive information on a separate document and attach at the end of this application
6. The applicant should be aware that neighbours might be affected by noise from harvest operations. Please consult your local District Council about noise limits and related time restrictions. The granting of a consent does not allow for any objectionable noise to travel beyond the site.

Important:

All applications must be **signed** by the applicant or authorized agent: i.e. an emailed application must have an electronic signature. Even if you do email or fax your application, you must still mail or hand deliver a signed **paper** copy to Council.

SECTION A: **General Information**

Applicant(s) Name(s): (Please write in full)

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Postal Address

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Mobile Ph

Private Ph

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Owner/Contractor's Name(s)

(if different from above)

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Business Ph

Mobile Ph

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Service name and address

(if different from above)

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Location of Activity and/or property

address

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NZMS 260, 1:50,000 Topo Map No.....

Grid Reference

and/or GPS

Site Description (Include the name of any relevant stream, river or other water body to which the application may relate, proximity to any well known landmark, etc.)

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Legal Description (from rates notice, CT or Valuation Notice):

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Territorial Authority in which the activity will be located (place tick in the appropriate box)

- Westland District Council
- Grey District Council
- Buller District Council

Resource Consents from other Territorial Authorities

Have you discussed your proposal with your territorial authority to find out whether or not you need other resource consents?

- No
- Yes

If other resource consents are required, have you applied for them?

- No
- Yes

SECTION B: Site Plan

Please show locations of:

Proposed development
Boundaries which adjoin neighbouring properties
with names of neighbours, both owners/ occupiers
Rivers, streams/creeks and drains (named)
Wetlands or other wildlife habitats
Known significant/historical sites
Power &/or telephone lines
Stream crossing sites & type (e.g. culvert)
Existing/proposed roads, tracks, buildings
Locations of sediment traps
Any new/existing quarries/gravel pits
Log processing sites
Log hauler/skid pads



Please Attach:

1. Topographical map/s and/or aerial photograph/s at 1:50,000 or larger,
2. with proposed operational area and key site features (roads, fords, processing sites etc)

SECTION C: Description of Activity

NOTE:

- If this application is for land preparation and/or tree planting complete Part A only
- If this application is for tree harvest and associated roadworks complete Part B only

Part A: Land Preparation for Tree Planting

1. Silviculture Details

- a) What species do you intend planting?
- b) What area of land do you intend to disturb? hectares
- c) What period of time will there be between harvest and the land preparation/replanting?
..... weeks/months (cross out whichever is not applicable)
- d) Describe how you will ensure that fertilizer or any chemicals do not get into waterways or lakes.
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2. Land Preparation

- a) Do you propose to V-blade the planting area? No Yes
If yes, has the land been V-bladed previously? No Yes

NOTE: If no, please ensure you have read the provisions of Rule 6.1.1.1 of the Proposed Regional Land & Riverbed Management Plan regarding V-blading as a permitted activity.

- b) Are you going to use any other land preparation methods, e.g. scrub slash/burn/roll?
No Yes
If yes, please outline here
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- c) Will you be preparing land for planting close to any waterbodies? No Yes
If yes, how close? metres
- What steps will you take to minimise the effects of your chosen land preparation method/s on those waterbodies?
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Part B: Harvesting of Trees

1. Operation Time Frame

- a) When do you propose to start harvesting?
- b) What is the proposed completion date?

2. Description of Harvest Area

- a) What is the area of land to be harvested?hectares
- b) Are any of the trees to be harvested on slopes greater than 25 degrees? No Yes
If yes, how many hectares? hectares
- c) What size vegetation buffers will be left between the harvesting area and the water bodies?
.....metres
- d) Will any trees need to be felled into or across any waterbodies? No Yes
If yes, explain why you will be unable to avoid doing this?
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f) What type of soil/s do you have on the harvest site? (*Tick as applicable*)

- gravel and sand
- sandy loam
- loam
- clay loam
- light clay
- medium to heavy clay
- Other

NOTE: the soil types given are from AS/NZS Industry Standard 1547:2000. Ask a WCRC Consents Officer if you need help with determining your soil type.

g) How prone are these soils to erosion?

h) Is any part, or all of the area about to be harvested, prone to natural hazards, e.g. strong winds, flooding, slope instability/landslips? No Yes
If yes, which one/s and where will they occur?

NOTE: If necessary ask at WCRC for information about slope instability in the area

SECTION D: **Assessment of Environmental Effects**

Read this statement:

Forestry operations, particularly at harvest time, have the potential to cause significant environmental effects. As an applicant you need to identify all the possible effects your proposed operation could have and then show how you can avoid causing them or how you can mitigate them (i.e. reduce the effects to a level the Council will approve of).

1. Identification of Environmental Effects

Read the list below and tick the boxes relevant to this application.

Think who/what/where/when/why.

Does your forestry development proposal have the potential to cause:

1. Any stripping/disturbance of vegetation and/or soil?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not.

2. Erosion of stream banks or lakesides?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not.

3. Sedimentation of stream water

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not.

4. Reduction in stream floodway capacity

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not.

5. Reduction of downstream water quality

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not.

6. Disturbance of any nesting birds either nearby or downstream?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not.

7. Unacceptable noise to nearby residents, stock animals, nesting birds?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not.

8. Closure of public access to rivers/beaches, e.g. for recreational activities?

- No
- Yes

If no, explain why not.

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3. Sediment Control

Forestry activities such as roadmaking, land preparation, establishment of processing sites and harvesting have the potential to cause sediment runoff into nearby waterbodies. This sedimentation can have adverse effects on downstream water quality. Measures to control any sedimentation of waterbodies usually need to be put in place for all or some forestry activities.

NOTE: Put n/a against those activities not applicable to your proposal.

a) During the construction of roads or tracks, what steps will you take to remedy or mitigate discharges of sediment to nearby waterbodies?

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b) During the construction of the stream crossings which you have shown on your SECTION B: Site Map, what steps will you take to remedy or mitigate discharges of sediment to nearby waterbodies?

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c) If all/some of your stream crossings will be fords, how will you avoid creating ongoing sedimentation?

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d) When preparing land for planting, what steps will you take to remedy or mitigate discharges of sediment and/or plant debris to nearby waterbodies?

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e) When establishing/using, processing sites, what steps will you take to remedy or mitigate discharges of sediment to nearby waterbodies?

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f) When harvesting trees, will you need to haul logs across any waterbodies? No Yes
If yes, explain how you will ensure that sediment/slash does not cause adverse downstream effects in those waterbodies.

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h) When harvesting trees, how will you avoid disturbing the vegetation buffers you have left alongside waterbodies within your harvest area (as per SECTION C:2c)?

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h) When harvesting trees, how are you going to minimise harvest slash/plant debris getting into any waterbodies?

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i) Will you be using "sediment traps" to prevent sedimentation of waterbodies in the areas where you will be preparing land for planting OR harvesting trees? No Yes
If yes, use the lines and space provided to describe and draw a diagram of the type of trap you will use. Include specifications and the type of materials.

Description: **Diagram:**

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j) Where will these sediment traps be located? Describe briefly and either draw a diagram in the space provided OR attach a map/diagram showing placement.

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Placement of Sediment Traps

4. Refuelling/Vehicle - Machinery Maintenance

a) Where will machinery involved in the operation be refuelled or/maintained/repaired?

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b) What measures are proposed to prevent fuel spills?

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c) Do you have an emergency oil/fuel spill kit? No Yes

If no, explain what you would do if you have an oil/fuel spill.

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5. Monitoring

Do you propose to undertake any type of monitoring? No Yes

If yes, who will be doing this?

At what stages of operations will monitoring occur?

How often will this be?

SECTION E: Consultation

1. Why consult?

Your forestry development proposal has the capacity to cause effects outside your proposed working area, particularly downstream. Therefore it is prudent to get approval for your proposal from those potentially affected by it. Any approvals obtained prior to lodging of this consent application should be attached at the end of this application. Keeping copies of approval letters is recommended.

2. With whom should I consult?

Below is a checklist of some of the parties you may have to consult with regarding your proposal to carry out forestry activities.

The West Coast Regional Council usually considers the Department of Conservation and Fish & Game West Coast to be affected parties for forestry permit applications due to their statutory responsibilities.

Agency / Individual	Consultation		Written Approval Attached	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Owner of the site/land				
Owner of site access				
Department of Conservation				
Fish & Game West Coast				
Adjacent landowners				
Local iwi/hapu				
Downstream water users				
Utility Operators of: <i>Road Networks</i> <i>Rail Networks</i> <i>Power Lines</i> <i>Phone Lines</i>				
Recreation Groups				
Other/s (specify).....				

Has the proposal changed in any way since any written approvals were obtained?

No **Yes**

(Any written approvals obtained prior to the change in the proposal may need to be reviewed.)

If you have ticked NO to any of the above boxes please explain briefly why:

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SECTION F: **Checklist and Signature**

Have you?

- Given us all the details required about yourself as applicant and others involved in this proposal (owners, leasees, contractors etc as relevant)
- Noted accurately the location of the proposed activity (grid reference/s, GPS points/photographs/sketch maps in relation to fixed landmarks etc)
- Supplied a site plan for your proposed activity
- Described exactly what you propose to with timeframes
- Made an assessment of the potential effects your proposal will have on the environment
- Attached written responses from people you have consulted
- Arranged payment of \$1,540.50 (inc. GST) for this application

Then sign here:

"I/the applicant, hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information given in this application is true and correct. I/the applicant, agree to pay all actual and reasonable costs incurred by the West Coast Regional Council in processing the consent application/s regardless of whether or not the application is granted. I/the applicant, also agree to pay 10% penalty interest on amounts not paid within 30 days of the due date. This also applies to any subsequent compliance monitoring charges relating to the resource consent."

Signature of Applicant..... Date
(or authorized agent)

Name: (BLOCK CAPITALS)

NOTE: This resource consent application will become a public document once lodged with the West Coast Regional Council.