



## **FOREST HARVESTING**

# **OPERATIONAL PLAN/AGREEMENT**

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## PROPERTY DETAILS

**Property manager/Landowner:**

**Property Address:**

**Postal Address:**

**Phone Number: Home:**

**Mobile:**

**Property Description:**

**Vegetation Management Act Classification/s of Harvest Areas (if applicable):**

## HARVEST MANAGER and/or CONTRACTOR DETAILS

**Name:** Private Forestry Southern Queensland Inc

**Address:** 224 Mary Street Gympie Qld, 4570

**Postal Address:** As Above

**Phone Number: Office:** 54836535

**Mobile:** 0413967833

## HARVEST CONTRACTOR DETAILS (if different from the above)

**Name:** John Gossow

**Address:** 39 Burtons Rd, Kingaroy, Q, 4610

**Postal Address:** As Above

**Phone Number: Home:** 41628112

**Mobile:** 0402788171

## RESOURCE DETAILS

**Size of Area to be Harvested (ha):**            **Gross:**                    ha    **Net:** 12.5    ha

**Forest Type:** Dry Eucalypt Forest

**Commercial Species:** Spotted gum, Grey gum, Grey Ironbark, Bloodwood,

**Range of Commercial Products:**

Sawlog, salvage, poles, girders, veneer billets, fencing timbers, etc as available

**Management Unit Description:**

Specific areas to be logged as per attached map (attach an example map)

**Utilities Present:**

Power lines, buildings, underground cables, etc as per attached map

## OPERATION LIMITATIONS

**Safety in Harvest Operations:**

All standard harvest operation signage must be erected before and during harvest operations and placed according to Workplace Health and Safety Queensland (WPHS) requirements, including the most current WPHS Queensland 'Forests Harvesting Code of Practice'.

Appropriate person protective equipment (PPE) must be worn at all times during harvest operations. No person is to enter harvest area without appropriate PPE, which includes helmet, safety boots and high visibility vest.

All harvest machinery will have appropriate 'Roll over protection systems' (ROPS) and 'Falling object protective systems' (FOPS) according to WPHS.

**Buffer and No Logging Zones:**

Areas where no logging is permitted should be identified, zones to be marked with red paint and recorded on the attached map.

**Filter Zones:**

Areas where no felling of trees is permitted in the direction of any waterway or watercourse. Filter zones should be identified in field with paint marking and then recorded on the attached map.

**Stand Hygiene Standards:**

All machinery maintenance disposal material i.e. grease canisters; oil, drums, filters and other rubbish must be removed from the site.

**Wet/Dry weather operations:**

In negotiation with cutters and haulage contractors. Haulage from the property will only occur in dry conditions.

**Harvesting Slope Limit:** NA

**Property Access Points:** As per attached map

**Tree Selection Basis:**

Selection of retained trees will be based on the criteria of superior crown, crown dominant or codominant position, superior tree bole form, growth potential and stocking level appropriate to site conditions. All trees marked for retention under the premise of retaining the best possible stand for future forest health and productivity. The logging area will be marked on a selection for retention basis using orange paint. All "unmarked trees" are able to be harvested.

**Tree Marking System:**

Orange dots on retained stems/trees

**Boundary/Logging areas clearly identified:**

Property boundaries identified by walking and/or driving property with the contract cutter and property owner.

**Maximum Stump Height:**

Stump height should be as low as possible (should aim for 300 mm)

**Equipment Restrictions:**

A rubber tyred skidder is the only acceptable machinery for snigging operations on this property.

**Roading (Construction and Maintenance):**

Road maintenance for access to the property and maintenance of loading ramps for log haulage, if required, will be negotiated between the Landowner and Harvest Manager.

**EMERGENCY FIRE EQUIPMENT**

<b>Contact</b>	<b>Contact Phone</b>	<b>Fire Equipment:</b>
<b>Merv Gibson</b>	<b>54833815</b>	

**Water Access Points:**

As per attached map or identified to the Harvest Manager and/or Contractor by Landowner/Property Manager.

## **HARVEST MANAGEMENT**

### **Responsibility for Compliance with Regulations:**

During the period of this harvest agreement, the harvest manager will ensure compliance with all provisions of the Vegetation Management Act 1999 and Code of practice applying to freehold native forest practices.

### **Loading areas/log dumps:**

The location of loading areas and log dumps will be negotiated between the Harvest Manager and the Landholder and identified as per attached map. Any further loading areas, log dumps, and ramps will be negotiated.

### **Snig Tracks:**

The location of all major snig tracks will be negotiated between the Landholder and the Harvest Manager.

### **Drainage and Erosion Control:**

The Harvest Contractor will drain all snig tracks and major road access after harvest completion in accordance with Queensland's Vegetation Management Act 1999, as amended, and Forest Practices Code. All associated costs of drainage will be borne by the Harvest Contractor.

### **Special Feature Management Areas:**

### **Post Harvest Inspection:**

At the completion of harvest operations and post harvest drainage, before any harvest machinery leaves the site there will be a joint site inspection by the Harvest Manager and the Harvest Contractor. (The Harvest Contractor will provide appropriate notice of anticipated inspection date and time).

## **INFRINGEMENT PENALTY CLAUSES**

### **Damage to fencing:**

All damage caused by harvest operations must be repaired at the Harvest Contractor's expense.

### **Penalty for felling trees into a watercourse:**

Harvest Contractor will avoid felling trees towards watercourses, if unavoidable all tree heads must be removed immediately.

### **Penalty for harvesting marked or non available trees:**

Any marked trees felled without the Harvest Manager's permission will have the appropriate stumpage calculated and the Harvest Contractor will pay the determined value. No cutting and snig rate will be paid for unauthorised removal.

### **Penalty for excessive stump height:**

If stump height is regularly excessive in the opinion of the harvest manager, the Harvest Contractor will be required to re-cut all identified stumps as directed by Harvest Manager.

### **Management of logging smash/damage to retained trees:**

The Harvest Contractor will avoid causing damage to retained trees by applying skilled directional felling techniques. In the case where tree weight distribution determines that the tree will cause damage to a retained tree, the Harvest Contractor will consult the Harvest Manager.

The Harvest Contractor will take all necessary care to avoid damage to marked trees during snigging and loading operations.

The Harvest Manager has the right to cease all harvest operations instantly, when excessive smash/ damage to retained trees is occurring.

**Felling Debris:**

The Harvest Contractor will avoid pushing logging debris or leaving felled tree heads around the base of retained trees.

**Tree Hang-ups:**

All hang-up trees must be removed instantly unless for unavoidable reasons this cannot happen. In the case where a hang-up has to be left for a period, the danger zone of one tree length around the hang-up must be cordoned off with flagging tape and appropriate danger signage erected.

**HARVEST RATES AND TERMS****Stumpage Payment Rate:****Stumpage Payment Terms:**

Example: Payment to landholder at ramp prior to haulage or within 14 days of receipt of timber, etc

**Cut and Snig rates:****Cut and Snig rates for special products:****Proposed Commencement Date:****Proposed Completion Date:**

**Harvest Plan prepared by:** Ken Matthews (Private Forestry Southern Queensland)

**PROPERTY OWNER RESPONSIBILITY**

The Landholder shall not perform any forest management activities such as controlled burning, felling, tree paint marking, etc during the period of time the property is being harvested by the Harvest Manager.

**Landholder:**

Signed: .....

Signed: .....

Date: .....

**Harvest Manager:**

Signed: .....

Date: .....

**Harvesting Contractor (if different from the above):**

Signed: .....

Date: .....