

# HARVEST PLAN OPERATIONAL MAP

Western Region - Harvest Plan WCc1408 **State Forest Name: East Cookeys Plains Compartment: 17, 18, 19** 



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Water Features 10m Stream Buffer (1st Order) ▲ Trig/Repeater Station **Harvest Area** Other Exclusions ✓ Contour Available for Harvesting (FMZ 4) / Drainage ✓ Transmission Line EEC Modified Harvest Area (FMZ 3B) Dam ✓ Railway Wetlands Logging Deferred (IFOA clause 32A) Boundaries Heath Compartment of Interest State Forest Boundary DISCLAIMER: This map is not guaranteed to be free from error or omission. Therefore, the State of New South Wales and its employees disclaims liability for any act done or omission made on the information on the map and any consequences of such acts or omissions. NPWS This map is produced on the Geodetic Datum of Australia1994 (GDA 94)

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# FORESTRY CORPORATION OF NSW - WESTERN REGION

#### NATIVE FOREST HARVESTING PLAN No. WCc1408

Refer: FPC 2010/01

# East Cookeys Plains State Forest - Compartments 17, 18, 19

# Certification This plan has been prepared in accordance with the Integrated Forestry Operations Approval issued under the Forestry and National Park Estate Act 1998. The Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest Operations in Western Region - South-Western Cypress v.3 apply to this operation. Prepared By: S Grallelis Endorsed By: Ross Irvine Approved By: Andrew O'Brien Asst District Manager Environment & Resources Mgr Senior Manager Signature Signature Signature 13 1/0/2014 Date Date Note: Approval includes the Harvest Plan Operational Map (HPOM) with the corresponding approval date displayed on the map, verifying final approved version. Locality and forest type maps may be included for information only and do not form a part of this approval. PRE-OPERATIONAL BRIEFING (SUPERVISING FOREST OFFICER ACKNOWLEDGMENT) I confirm that I have received a copy of the Harvest Plan for the above Compartment, I have been briefed on the conditions of the Plan. I understand the requirements for supervision and operational control as explained to me by the Forest Manager or his/her delegate. SUPERVISING FOREST OFFICER: Date: Signature: PRE-OPERATIONAL BRIEFING (LICENSEE/CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT) I confirm that I have received a copy of this Harvest Plan and that: I understand the conditions of the Plan, I will inform all relevant people not present at this briefing, prior to them starting operations, of these aspects of the Plan, as explained to me by a Forestry Corporation officer. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_Name: \_\_\_\_\_Date: Position: Licence No:

Principal licensee/contractor/other (explain)

#### **Description of Proposal**

White cypress sawlogs will be harvested under regulation of the Integrated Forest Operations Approval for South-Western Cypress Region.

The operation will use mainly mechanical harvesting and processing to produce logs and forward them to dumps. The logs will be removed from the forest by truck.

Natural regeneration is planned. No after-harvest burning or planting is proposed.

Attachment 1: Site Safety Plan prescribes the safety requirements and Medical Emergency Evacuation Plan for this harvesting operation.

No construction, reopening or upgrading of roads or bush tracks is proposed. Prescriptions for maintenance of existing roads and tracks are specified below.

#### **Area Identification and Yield Estimates**

State Forest	Compartment/s	Region	Management Area	Plan Number
East Cookeys Plains	Pt 17, 18, 19	Western	Forbes	10636

COMPARTMENT	17	18	19
Plan Compartment ID	20936	20937	20938
Gross Area (ha)	564.0	243.7	347.6
Net Harvest Area (ha)	413.1	191.1	233.6
High Density Area (Y/N)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Estimated Yield Cypress	1200-	400-	600-800t
Sawlog (m <sup>3</sup> or t)	1500t	600t	

#### Silviculture and Harvesting Prescriptions

The planning area has a long history of silvicultural treatment with reliable records going back to the 1950's.

The mature cypress stands within compartments 17, 18 and 19 were established during regeneration events in the 1890's. They have had some early-age thinning, and were last commercially thinned in 1980/81. Parts of Cpts 17 and 19 had regen thinning in 1986/87

Regeneration has established as a result of this disturbance and created conditions suitable for release harvest. There are some areas throughout the compartments where the stocking of mature trees has suppressed the regeneration growth and thus would require a thinning operation.

#### Silvicultural Planning

The 'release' operation is aimed at releasing established regeneration from competition with the mature overstorey. Once released, the stand will require thinning in the next 10-20 years.

The cypress thinning operation is aimed at reducing competing stems whilst concentrating growth on the retained, higher quality, future sawlogs. This stand will require further thinning in around 10-20 years.

#### **Harvesting Prescription**

Stand type	% of net area	Area (refer to HPOM for details)	Treatment Refer to Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest Operations in Western Region. – South-Western Cypress v.3 for more detail.
Mature Cypress with adequate regeneration.	80%	Comp'ts pt 17, 18, 19	Release cypress silviculture.
Mature Cypress without regeneration	20%	Comp'ts pt 17, 18, 19	Thinning silviculture

The SFO will ensure that all relevant tree retention and silvicultural prescriptions are met during harvesting operations.

The operation must, as far as practicable, not damage individual plants of good form regeneration or sapling size of white cypress or ironbark, especially where there are few others nearby.

#### **Tree Marking**

The area will be tree marked for **retention**. The operation must, as far as practicable:

- For the allowed species, fall each tree not marked for retention, unless it clearly does not meet the product standard, and
- Not fall or damage trees marked for retention, or marked as boundary trees.

#### 4. Special Conditions

#### **Critical boundaries**

The harvest area is bounded by roads and fences on three sides. The western boundary of cpts 17 and 18 is marked in the field by a fenceline. Refer to the Operational map for more detail.

Private Property - not applicable.

National Park – not applicable.

#### **Research / Inventory Plots**

There are no current trial or plot sites within the harvest area. However, there are four (4) temporary inventory plots within the harvest area which, if found, should be ignored. There are also two abandoned growth plots in compartment 19. These should be ignored, but harvest crews are advised that steel posts mark the four corners of these plots and care should be taken when harvesting and forwarding.

#### Leases/OPs

The area is or may be subject to grazing under Grazing Permit. In particular:

 Fences. No fence may be damaged except at places approved by the Supervising Forest Officer. Any damage to a fence by the Contractor must be immediately reported to the lessee via the Supervising Forest Officer and fixed immediately by the Contractor.

- Gates and roads. The Contractor must keep the gate(s) on the property as found (open or closed). Existing roads must not be blocked or damaged. Any damage must be repaired immediately.
- Apiary Sites. A 20m buffer must be applied around each bee hive encountered.

#### **Transmission Lines/Cables/Pipelines**

There are no known electrical transmission lines present within the harvest area. However, contractors are reminded that if they encounter a transmission line then:

Harvesting machinery must not operate within 20m of this transmission line.

# **Forest Management Zoning Conditions**

FMZ 3B - Three areas of FMZ 3B are located within the harvest area. Special conditions for these are:

- a) Two areas of grassy box woodland exist in the harvest area. In both areas white cypress pine will be targeted for removal.
- b) An area of gilgais-belah exists in cpt 18. The primary condition is to avoid damage to the gilgais, while targeting of white cypress pine for removal.

FMZ 4 'General Management' occurs within the compartment (shown on HPOM). Normal harvesting prescriptions apply in this area.

## **Cultural Heritage Conditions**

There are no cultural heritage sites (Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal) known in this compartment. If a site that might be a cultural heritage site is found:

- Its location must be promptly reported to the Forestry Office via Supervising Forest Officer.
- A 20m no-harvest zone must be applied around this site until advised otherwise.

#### Flora and Fauna Conditions

The SFO must search for threatened species and mark-up the block as per the <u>Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest Operations in Western Region.</u> – <u>South-Western Cypress v.3</u>.

#### **Mark-up Conditions**

Refer to <u>Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest Operations in Western Region. – South-Western Cypress v.3</u> for prescriptions.

#### **Tree retention Conditions**

Refer to <u>Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest Operations in Western Region. – South-Western Cypress v.3</u> for prescriptions.

#### Site-Specific Conditions, Exclusion Zones & Modified Harvest Areas

There are no known areas of heath, rocky outcrops, cliffs and/or endangered ecological community (EEC) occurring within the net operational area that need additional harvest exclusions or modified harvesting zones implemented.

The SFO should watch out for any of these areas that may occur.

These areas are not shown on the Operational Map.

During the traverse a small number of stick nests were located in the northern part of compartments 17 and 19. Many of these are within the designated non-harvest area and will not require any special protection. Those outside of that area, and any additional nest sites if found, will be protected by ESA-buffering (refer IFOA provisions).

Large habitat trees (LHTs) recorded during traverse survey are shown on the operational map. Additional LHTs may be identified as mark-up progresses.

Refer to Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest Operations in Western Region. – South-Western Cypress v.3 for prescriptions.

#### **Species Known or Likely to Occur**

There are no known records of Threatened fauna or flora present within the planning area that require prescriptions within this plan.

Contractors and supervisory staff must immediately report any sightings of Schedule 1 and 2 species to the Supervising Forester. The Harvesting Plan must then be amended to include additional prescriptions if necessary.

#### **Fisheries Licence Conditions**

Applicable Fisheries Licence conditions are detailed in the South-Western Cypress – IFOA. Refer to Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest Operations in Western Region. - South-Western Cypress v.3 for prescriptions.

#### **Soil and Water Protection Conditions**

Applicable Environmental Protection Licence conditions are detailed in the South-Western Cypress – IFOA. Refer to Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest <u>Operations in Western Region. – South-Western Cypress v.3</u> for prescriptions.

Site-specific EPL conditions – The following features occur within the planned area. Refer to operational map for more detail.

Elements	Conditions
Unmapped Drainage Lines	5m Drainage Feature Protection Zone
1st order mapped drainage line or mapped drainage depression	10m Drainage Feature Protection Zone
2nd order mapped drainage line or mapped drainage depression	20m Drainage Feature Protection Zone
3rd order mapped drainage line or mapped drainage depression	30m Drainage Feature Protection Zone
4th order mapped drainage line or mapped drainage depression	40m Drainage Feature Protection Zone
Dams	10m

It is the responsibility of the SFO to identify any exclusion areas which will need to be crossed during harvesting. The SFO should then contact the Planning Officer to obtain the necessary approval.

There is one drainage line crossing anticipated for use as an operational road within this operation. Details are:

Drainage Feature	Road / Bush Track / Extraction Track	Soil Dispersibility Assessment Date (IFOA Clause 299)	Senior Manager / EPA Approval Date or N/A
Crossing of 4 <sup>th</sup> order mapped drainage line during hauling.	Operational road	tba	tba

If additional drainage feature crossings are required to be used during this operation they must be shown on the Operational Map and indicated in the table above.

Copies of the Schedule 3 Approvals <u>must be attached</u> and any site-specific prescriptions in those approvals must be applied as conditions of this plan

#### **Road Works Conditions**

Nil anticipated.

#### **Legal Conditions**

This operation may only proceed while this operational plan, the relevant site safety plan and the <u>Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest Operations in Western Region. – South-Western Cypress v.3</u> are held on site.

This operation must comply with the following:

- Standard Harvest Plan Conditions for Native Forest Operations in Western Region - South-Western Cypress v.3
- Tree-marking Protocol for LHT's in Native Forest Operations in Western Region South-Western Cypress v2.
- q Licence conditions issued by Forests NSW under the Forestry Act (2012).
- **q** Forest Practices Code, Part 2, Timber Harvesting In Native Forests (4<sup>th</sup> edition 1999).
- **q** Forest Practices Code, Part 4, Forest Roads and Fire Trails (1999).
- q Integrated Forestry Operations Approval issued under Part 4 of the Forestry and National Parks Estate Act 1998 (IFOA) as amended July 2013 including associated licences:
  - Threatened Species Conservation Licence (TSCL) issued under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995
  - Fisheries Management Licence issued under Part 7 (Div 3) Fisheries Management Act 1994
  - o Environmental Protection Licence (EPL) issued under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997.

#### SFO FEATURE USAGE RECORD – LOG DUMPS

## Dates of commencement and cessation of logging

Date of cessation of logging:	
DUMP USAGE RECORD	

Record the commencement and completion of harvesting at each dump

Dump number	Start date	Finish date	Easting*	Northing*	**Temporary track drainage Required?	Comment

<sup>\*</sup> GPS coordinates in MGA 1994 Zone:

<sup>\*\*</sup> If a downhill extraction track enters a log dump from the uphill side, then at the end of each day on which it is used during a logging operation, a drainage structure must be in place on the extraction track within 40 metres of the log dump, on its uphill side.

# Supervising Forest Officer's Notes

Date (dd/mm/yy)	Authorisation given / hazard identified / instruction made / comments	Licensee/contractor acknowledgment
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	Certificate Of Clearance To Move From Current Compartment(s)							
To:								
	request approval to move my logging crew and all associated machinery from Compartment(s) in State Forest to the next area in accordance with Section 5.5 of the Forest Practices Code Part 2 Timber Harvesting In Native Forests.							
	rtify that:							
	all permanent roads, trails and mitre drains have been cleared of harvesting debris;							
С	butt damage to retained trees has been kept to acceptable limits;							
С	all trees marked for removal have been felled;							
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С	utilisation limits have been satisfactorily met;							
С	stump heights conform to requirements;							
С	all hanging trees have been brought down;							
С	all log dump sites have been satisfactorily restored as required;							
С	harvesting debris is not accumulated around retained trees;							
С	all accumulated litter has been disposed of properly;							
С	all modified harvesting conditions have been complied with;							
C has	all snig track and road drainage has been installed satisfactorily and other required rehabilitation work been completed;							
С	c all necessary repairs to damaged roads, signs, fences and other structures have been carried out.							
	elieve that I have met all my obligations under the conditions of the Timber Licence that applies to the area just applied and any N&PW Act Licence that applies to the area just completed, as stated in this Harvest Plan.							
Sigr	nature: Licence No:							
	Date:							
	Licensee/Contractor							
that satis	a result of inspections of the logging operations carried out in accordance with this Harvest Plan, I am satisfied , to the best of my knowledge, the harvesting licensee/contractor responsible for this harvesting operation has sfactorily completed all work. Approval is given for her/him to remove her/his machinery and equipment and ye the area/commence operations in another harvesting plan area, being:							
	Compartment(s):, inState Forest.							
defi	This clearance does not release the licensee/contractor from any obligation to undertake any remedial work if deficiencies, found during any inspections of the area made within 12 months of the date of this post-harvesting inspection, are shown to have resulted from inadequate practices during the harvesting operation.							
Date	e of last inspection of the area by the Supervising Forest Officer:							
Sup	date:							
	Signature Name							

# HARVEST PLAN AMENDMENT RECORD

Amendm			Date Prepared	Amendment Details	All Copies Amended	Signature
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Note: The purpose of this log is to track amendments to the Harvest Plan from time of first approval. All maps, Harvest Plans etc. are to be clearly identified with a version # and date so that changes to the Plan may be clearly identifiable. The Harvest Planner is responsible for ensuring all amendments are implemented, recorded and filed

# Supervising Forest Officer's Hand-Over Acknowledgment

I confirm that I have received a copy of the Harvest Plan for the above Compartment. I have been briefed on the conditions of the Plan and the progress of the operation. I understand the requirements for supervision and operational control, as explained to me by the current SUPERVISING FOREST OFFICER.

Signature:		Date:	
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# RECORD OF INCIDENTAL THREATENED PLANT OR THREATENED FAUNA FEATURE SIGHTING

- For each occurrence/population sighted/identified, a separate form 5 must be filled out and provided to the Region Ecologist as soon as practicable. The details must also be recorded on this form in the Supervising Forest Officer's copy of the operational plan, with the date the separate form 5 went to the Ecologist.
- Some features or species require no further prescription but should still be recorded while other features or species require an immediate prescription and/or further survey before logging may continue in the vicinity.
- Locations of species/features recorded on this form should be noted on the operational map.
   IR form = incidental record form 5. ECO = Regional Ecologist

Species or features detected	Map datum GDA94 Location (MGA reference) Easting Northing (6-digit) (7-digit)		Action taken	Date IR
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# Supervising Forest Officer's Post-Harvesting Notes

Record significant circumstances about harvesting this area. Draw or attach an annotated operational scale map.

# **ACTUAL AREA HARVESTED** (by silvicultural treatment)

Treatment	code on	Area (ha)	REGEN QUALITY			REGEN DENSITY			
	map	treated	Good	Fair	Poor	Dense	Fair	sparse	COMMENTS
THINNED	T1								
	T2								
RELEASED	R1								
	R2								
SALVAGE	S1								
	S2								
Not	NH1								
Harvested	NN2								
	NH3								

	NH3									
POSSIBLE NEXT HARVEST				Main	product type	An	Anticipated volume			
C = cypress $H = hardwood$						each relevant cell)	High			
					High quality la	arge sawlog				
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5. Any othe	r commen	ts – SUPER\	ISING F	OREST	OFFICER / FA	/ Forester				

# RECORD OF BASAL AREA SWEEPS OF ALL RETAINED STEMS - 10cm dbhob or larger

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BA is measured at 1.3m above the ground, and does not include stems less than 10cm diameter at that point.