

<b>Title:</b>	<b>Directive - Final Cutblock Digital Data Submissions</b>
<b>Number:</b>	<b>AF, Forestry Policy, 2015, No. 3</b>
<b>Program Name:</b>	<b>Forest Management Branch – Forest Resource Analysis</b>
<b>Effective Date:</b>	<b>May 15, 2016</b>
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**Purpose**

To clearly outline the standards and specifications for submission of final cutblock boundaries to Alberta.

**Policy Context**

Spatial data submissions are required to allow Alberta to more accurately monitor and report on the following key attributes:

- i. total area (hectares) harvested;
- ii. the location and number of openings created.

This directive applies to operators harvesting greater than 10,000 cubic metres of timber annually from public land.

**Procedure**

Final spatial cutblock data submissions must meet the standards and specifications outlined in the document [Disturbance Updates – Standards and Specifications for Timber Harvesting, incorporated as Chapter 4 of the Alberta Vegetation Inventory Standards and Data Model Documents \(Version 3.1, November 2015\).](#)

All final cutblock boundaries must be submitted on May 15<sup>th</sup> within two (2) years from the reforestation clock start date or as agreed to, in writing, by the Executive Director, Forest Management Branch.

**Spatial Data**

Spatial data must be submitted in accordance with the standards and specifications outlined in AF, Forestry Policy, 2015, No. 1.

## **Feature Attributes**

The following feature attributes must be submitted for every cutblock:

- Disposition holder (i.e. company or agency)
- Authority to harvest (i.e. disposition)
- ARIS opening number
- Harvest code (i.e. Harvested, Merchantable Residual Retention, Non-merchantable Residual Retention, Anthropogenic disturbance, Naturally non-vegetated)
- Year of harvest (i.e. timber year May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>).

## **Submissions**

Submissions must be validated as per Annex 2 of the [Forest Management Planning Standard](#).

All data submissions must be made to the Director, Forest Resource Analysis Section, Forest Management Branch, Forestry Division, Agriculture and Forestry.

## **Enforcement/Compliance**

Enforced through Section 143.2(2) of the Timber Management Regulation and associated Schedule 2 – Penalties for Contravention

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## **Authorities**

Annex 1 of the Alberta Planning Standard Manual 2006  
Forests Act 29(2) Records  
Timber Management Regulation 105, 115.1(1), 143.2(2)  
FMA Data Sharing Clauses 13 or 14 or 15 or 16

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Date

May 11, 2016

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