

This guide has been developed to assist you to understand if your forestry earthworks and land disturbance are permitted activities, and if so what standards you are required to meet for this.

## 1. Do you need a resource consent for earthworks?

	Consent Required	
	Yes	No
1.1 If you are doing earthworks on land classified as green or yellow ESC land, go to Q1.4		
1.2 Are there earthworks on Red Zoned ESC classification Land? <i>In a three month period on red zone land side cutting of less than 2m over a continuous length of no more than 50m is allowed and the deposition of less than 100m<sup>2</sup> of spoil or fill.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.3 Are the earthworks on Orange Zoned ESC classification land with a slope of more than 25°? <i>In a three month period side cutting is allowed to a height of 2m to 3m over a continuous length of no more than 100m and the deposition of less than 500m<sup>3</sup> of spoil or fill provided Permitted Activity standards are met.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.4 Are the earthworks forestry road widening/realignment or maintenance/upgrade involving more than 5000m <sup>3</sup> in 3 months? (refer to NES Regulation 24(4) for detail)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.5 Will the earthworks affect a significant natural area or area scheduled in the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan? <i>Refer to Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan Maps and Schedules to check if your harvest area includes these areas.</i>		
a. A Protection Management Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. A Riparian Management Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. A Regionally Significant Wetland	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. An Outstanding Waterbody	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. An Aquatic Ecosystem Waterbody	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. A Scheduled Protected Watercourse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.6 Will the earthworks be within or modify a wetland (eg divert water to or away from a wetland)? (Tairāwhiti Plan Rule 6.4.2 (6))	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.7 Will your harvest modify, damage or destroy a Scheduled Archaeological Site or Area; or Scheduled Waahi tapu site or area? (Tairāwhiti Plan Rules C4.1.12) <i>An archeological report is required in a buffer area.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1.8 Will you trigger any other relevant Tairāwhiti Resource Plan Rules (ie cultural heritage, natural heritage). <i>Refer to Rules in the Tairāwhiti Resource Management Plan that are more stringent than the NES-PF information sheet.</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## 2. Are you Likely to Breach the Permitted Activity standards?

*If any of these standards are not met, then consent is required*

	Met	Not Met
Written notice to the Council of between 20-60 days prior to commencing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Records kept for Council inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earthworks Management Plan submitted to Council between 20-60 days prior to commencing for earthworks of more than 500m <sup>2</sup> in any 3 month period	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sediment discharge standards will be met <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No conspicuous change in colour or visual clarity</li> <li>• No rendering of freshwater unsuitable for consumption by farm animals</li> <li>• No significant adverse effect on aquatic life</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Earthworks stabilised within 20 working days for areas not harvested within 12 months	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Erosion/obstruction/diversion of ephemeral flowpaths avoided	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Setback requirements</b>		
10m from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a permanent or intermittently flowing stream</li> <li>• wetlands larger than 0.25ha</li> <li>• an outstanding waterbody (NES Regulation 29)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20m from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• any lake greater than 200m<sup>2</sup> (Tairāwhiti Plan)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
30m from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the coastal marine area (NES Regulation 29)</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All fill contains less than 5% vegetation or wood	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All spoil deposited to avoid failure of the deposited material or the underlying land	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No spoil placed over slash or woody vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No spoil placed into a waterbody, coastal water or significant natural area	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No spoil placed where it may result in spoil or sediment entering water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stormwater and sediment control measures in place to minimise sediment entering any water	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All stormwater, water run-off and sediment control measures installed and maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Batters, cut and sidecast construction methods maintain stability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All exposed areas of soil which could result in sediment entering water stabilised using: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seeding</li> <li>• vegetative cover, mulch or slash cover</li> <li>• compacting, draining, roughening or armouring with rock</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All roads, tracks and landings managed and aligned to divert water run-off and to disperse water flows to stable ground and away from constructed fill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All roads, tracks and landings managed to minimize disturbance to earthflows and gullies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Remember if no consent is required you must undertake earthworks in accordance with the Permitted Activity Standards and the Harvest Management Plan submitted to the Council.**