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Purpose:

This document was prepared in consultation with other affected ministries, forest industry and other stakeholder groups, to provide practical advice for ensuring minimum disturbance to the natural environment through environmentally sound design and construction practices for roads and water crossings.

Contents:

The document establishes mandatory standards which must be adhered to by anyone planning, constructing, maintaining or abandoning access roads or water crossings on Crown land to ensure a (minimum level of environmental protection). It also provides design information regarding good practices and mitigation techniques that may be used to eliminate or reduce potentially negative environmental impacts before they occur.

Application:

The guidelines shall be applied to prevent or minimize potentially harmful effects on the environment. It is a source of information for both planners and constructors to draw upon to accomplish this objective.

The mandatory standards are enforceable through work permit conditions (see RA1-12) and should be referenced in all construction and maintenance agreements.

NOTE: This document was originally issued April 1989 and can be bought or ordered in English or French from the Ontario Government Bookstore, 880 Bay Street, Toronto. This document was prepared in consultation with other affected ministries, forest industry and other stakeholder groups, to provide practical advice for ensuring minimum disturbance to the natural environment through environmentally sound design and construction practices for roads and water crossings.

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