

TIMBER OPERATIONS

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PRC Section 4526 defines timberland as nonfederal land "available for, and capable of, growing a crop of trees of any commercial species used to produce lumber and other forest products."

Consequently, cutting or removal of "noncommercial" as well as "commercial" species, as designated by Board of Forestry rule, from timberlands for commercial purposes must be considered to determine which harvesting operations are timber operations subject to forest practice requirements. "Stipulated" commercial species, so designated by Board of Forestry rule, means these species are "stipulated" in the Timber Harvesting Plan (THP) by the THP submitter, conditioned upon such rule.

Unless specifically exempted by law, all timber operations must comply with the following:

- Obtaining a timber operator license.
- Having an approved harvesting plan or submitting an exemption from the THP.
- Meeting the appropriate stocking requirements.
- Obtaining a conversion permit if a change to nontimber-growing land use is intended.
- Complying with all other applicable requirements.

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