

## **Island Timberlands LP**

### **Access Management Policy**

#### **Scope:**

Island Timberlands LP (Island) is in the business of growing, harvesting, and delivering high quality forest products from its private timberlands. Island allows public access for the purpose of recreation and other approved uses when compatible with our forest management policies. This access policy applies to all individuals and groups who seek to access Island's private lands including employees, contractors, government personnel, First Nations, NTFP harvesters, and recreationists.

#### **General Access: (Groups or Individuals)**

The public may access Island's ungated private lands for recreational purposes as long as access is governed by the key principles below. General respect for private property is expected and includes, but is not limited to the following:

1. No removal of any material without permit;
2. No littering or garbage dumping;
3. Safety awareness and care for self and others;
4. No fires;
5. No camping unless pre-arranged in designated location.

#### **Recreation/Public Access Key Principles:**

1. Island will from time to time approve, deny or otherwise limit access to its private timberlands for the following concerns:
  - a. Safety;
  - b. Fire protection;
  - c. Environmental protection; or
  - d. The protection of the assets of Island and/or its contractors.
2. When actively operating, access will be restricted for safety purposes and for asset protection. Actively operating includes, but is not limited to: harvesting, road building or maintenance, debris management and/or forestry operations.

3. If not actively operating, areas may be open to public use as long as there is no risk of fire, safety, liability issues, vandalism, illegal dumping or any other environmental concern.
4. Overnight camping will not be allowed without prior written authorization of Island. If authorization is given by Island, there will be restrictions to location and time; in addition, campers will be required to sign a release form.
5. Under no circumstances are temporary, semi permanent or permanent structures permitted to be erected on Island lands without prior authorization in writing from Island.
6. Organized groups requesting access behind locked areas must provide proof of suitable liability and fire insurance. In addition, a contract of use (non exclusive license) is required.
7. Only licensed vehicles are permitted on Island lands (e.g. no ATVs or dirt bikes). All vehicles must be operated only on constructed roads, and follow Island's Industrial Road Use policies.
8. Persons found in contravention of this policy on Island's lands will be considered trespassing and charges may ensue.

**Note:**

For full disclosure of details of Industrial Road use, please refer to the ["Island Timberlands Access Guide to Industrial Roads"](#) and the Industrial Roads Act R.S.B.C. 1196, Chapter 189 – Certificate No. 01/2006 issued by Minister of Transportation, Honourable Kevin Falcon. Both documents are available on the Island website. [www.islandtimberlands.com](http://www.islandtimberlands.com)

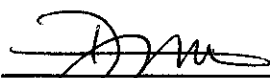
**Gate Keys: Island will make gate keys available in certain circumstances to be signed out and returned to Island within a set timeframe. Keys are only available under a deposit fee of \$500.00; returned when key is returned. Contractor keys are addressed under the applicable commercial contract. Contact an Island representative for details on how to access gate keys.**

1. All employees and contractors as needed;
2. Groups; only if they have a signed non exclusive license (with termination dates attached) and have given notice to planners when access is to occur;
3. Keys will not be given to anyone for access to lands other than Island private lands. Where Island keys allow access through lands owned by others (not Island), then individuals or groups must seek keys from those owners;
4. Individuals, such as listed below, may have access to keys if the area is closed to public, where such access is required due to license of operation and occupation (such as a mining claim or registered trap line).
  - a. Trappers
  - b. NTFP harvesters
  - c. Fire wood
  - d. First Nations
  - e. Researchers (study areas)
  - f. Miners
5. Despite the issuance of a gate key, Island reserves the right to prohibit access to key holders for fire, safety, or environmental reasons.



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