

Consent Submissions for Formal Dispositions, Authorizations and Approvals under the Public Land Administration Regulation

When an application for a new public lands disposition or an application for an amendment to a public lands disposition is for an area that is subject to prior rights, the applicant is required to obtain consent from the holder of those prior rights and submit the consent at time of submission. This requirement applies to all Environment and Parks (AEP) formal dispositions.

Formal Dispositions

Consent from the following disposition holders must be submitted with a new application or amendment application at the time of submission:

- Timber Dispositions
 - Forest Management Agreement (FMA)
 - Deciduous Timber Licence (DTL)
 - Coniferous Timber Licence (CTL)
 - Deciduous Timber Permit (DTP)
 - Coniferous Timber Permit (CTP)

- Agricultural Dispositions
 - Grazing Permits (GRP)
 - Grazing Leases (GRL)
 - Forest Grazing Licence (FGL)
 - Provincial Grazing Reserve (GRR)
 - Farm Development Lease (FDL)

- Commercial and Industrial Dispositions
 - Miscellaneous Lease (DML/MLL)
 - Surface Material Lease (SML)
 - Mineral Surface Lease (DMS/MSL)
 - Recreational Lease (REC)
 - Pipeline Installation Lease (DPI/PIL)

Note: Applicants applying for a linear disposition are not required to submit consents from Commercial and Industrial disposition holders with their application. At any time during the review of the application and life cycle of the disposition, the regulatory body (AEP) may request copies of these consents.

Vacant Disposition Area

The following dispositions are considered “vacant disposition area” under PLAR and will require consent from existing disposition holders within the application area. These consents will need to be obtained prior to any activity being conducted on the land but do not need to be submitted with the application. This includes crossing agreements between companies for a linear disposition that is crossing another linear disposition (i.e., DPL, EZE or DLO). At any time during the review of the application and life cycle of the disposition, the regulatory body (AEP) may request copies of these consents.

- Authorizations
- Easement (EZE)
- Licence of Occupation (DLO/LOC)
- Pipeline Agreement (DPL/PLA)
- Commercial Trail Riding Permit
- Vegetation Control Easement (VCE/RVC)
- Rural Electric Association Easement (REA)

Note: Right-of-Entry (ROE) and Department Reservations (DRS) are not considered formal dispositions or “vacant disposition area” under Public Lands Administration Regulation (PLAR). However, consent must still be submitted at time of submission if a proposed activity falls within the boundary of an ROE or a DRS.

For consents to be accepted by AEP, the following information must be provided:

- Date of consent
- Applicant’s name
- Consenting disposition holder’s name or company
- Disposition type
- Purpose
- Landscape Analysis Tool (LAT) report number or File Number Consultation (FNC) number, formerly known as First Nations Consultation (FNC) number.

Note: The consenting disposition holder may choose to include a Client Reference/File number to identify the site requiring consent. If the regulatory body cannot tie the consent to the specific application, the consent document will not be accepted.

Applications submitted to AEP that do not include the required consent(s) will be considered incomplete and will be rejected as per PLAR.

Disclaimer: The right to allow dispositions to overlap without being amended is at the discretion of the regulator.

Consents Related to Temporary Field Authorizations (TFA) and Dispositional Operational Approvals (DOA)

When applying for a Temporary Field Authorization (TFA) or Dispositional Operational Approval (DOA) a Land Standing Report must be acquired for the lands for which the TFA application is being submitted.

The Land Standing Report will identify existing public lands and *Forests Act* dispositions, along with any reservations/notations.

If the requested area overlaps with any existing dispositions, written consent must be provided from that disposition holder. If the requested area is impacted by any reservations/notations, these must be addressed by way of consent with the disposition holder prior to application.

Consent from Forest Management Agreement (FMA) and/or a timber licence holders is required for authorizations that occur within an FMA area, and/or a timber licence area. (Note: The obligation to obtain consent may be waived, or a “blanket” type consent may be granted by certain FMA or timber licence holders at their discretion. In these cases, the TFA applicant would not require this consent.

Contact Information

For AEP Applications:

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