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Percent Slope of Land Between Skid Trails, Truck Roads or Log Landings and Streams or Other Waters	Width from Top of Bank (Feet Along Surface of Ground Measured Perpendicular to the Stream or Other Waters)
0-10	50
11-20	70
21-30	90
31-40*	110

*Add 20 feet for each additional 10 percent slope

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LAWS AND REGULATIONS AFFECTING LOGGING OPERATIONS

Landowners should be aware that other statutory and regulatory requirements may apply to activities involving logging operations, including, but not necessarily limited to requirements to obtain permits under Act 250 (10 V.S.A. chapter 151, Land Use and Development), section 248 (30 V.S.A. 248, electric utility facilities), and Department of Environmental Conservation permits for stream alteration, storm water run-off and wetlands (Title 10 of Vermont Statutes Annotated). Lands that are enrolled in the Use Value Appraisal Program are required to implement the AMPs. However, the focus of this manual is the proper implementation of the AMPs to control soil erosion and prevent water quality violations, not other permitting requirements that may apply to logging.

Water Pollution Control: No person shall discharge any waste, substance or material into waters of the state, nor shall any person discharge any waste, substance or material into an injection well... (From 10 V.S.A. Sec. 1259(a))

The provisions of subsections (c), (d) and (e) of this section shall not regulate accepted agricultural or silvicultural practices, as such are defined by the Commissioners of Agriculture and Forests, Parks and Recreation, respectively, after an opportunity for a public hearing... (From 10 V.S.A. Sec. 1259(f))

Enforcement:

(a) If the Secretary of the Agency of Natural Resources finds that any person has discharged or is discharging any waste (by not having used acceptable management practices) or that any person has failed to comply with any provisions of any order or permit issued in accordance with this chapter, the Secretary may bring suit in the Superior Court in any county where the discharge or noncompliance has occurred to enjoin the discharge and to obtain compliance. The suit shall be brought by the Attorney General in the name of the state. The court