

File: ARCS 140-03/Grants of Statutory Authority 2023

**Re: Delegation of Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship's
Authority under the *Forest and Range Practices Act***

I, Lori Halls, Deputy Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, delegate the Minister's powers and duties under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, as set out in the attachments to this memorandum.



December 14, 2023

Minister of Water, Land and
Resource Stewardship
(or authorized signatory)

Date

Lori Halls, Deputy Minister

Printed Name and Title
(if authorized signatory)

Attachments:

1. Delegation of Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship's Powers and Duties under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and Regulations, December 2023

**DELEGATION OF MINISTER OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP
POWERS AND DUTIES UNDER THE
FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES ACT AND REGULATIONS
DECEMBER 2023**

DRSO = Director, Resource Stewardship
Operations
AED = Area Executive Director
WLRS = Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

A reference to a delegate in the table below includes a person acting for the delegate.

All delegations are to positions within the Ministries of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship (WLRS), unless otherwise noted.

An expectation of the Minister of WLRS is the Minister's expectation of a delegate in the exercise of their delegated authority and is not a legally binding direction.

FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION				
Topic	Section	Delegation	Expectations of the Minister of WLRS	
Part 2 – Forest Stewardship Plans				
Division 1 – Content (Objectives)	Objectives set by government for wildlife	7 (2)	AED	It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.
		7 (3)	AED	It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.
Part 7 – Exemptions and Relief from or Funding of Obligations				
Division 1 – Exemptions	Exemptions by minister responsible for the <i>Wildlife Act</i>	92	DRSO	It is expected that in situations where an environmental assessment certificate has been issued, exemption decisions will be referred to the Deputy Minister of WLRS.
	Exemptions resulting from an established objective	92.1 (2) (a)	DRSO	

GOVERNMENT ACTIONS REGULATION

Topic		Section	Delegation	Expectations of the Minister of WLRS
	Community watersheds and water quality objectives	8 (1)	DRSO	It is expected that DRSO will only order a minor boundary amendment to an existing order.
	General wildlife measures	9 (1)	AED	It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.
	General wildlife measures (wildlife habitat area or ungulate winter range)	9 (2)	AED	It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.

Wildlife habitat areas and objectives	10	AED DRSO	<p>It is expected that AEDs will not sub-delegate.</p> <p>It is expected that AEDs will refer decisions to the Deputy Minister, WLRS, when the establishment of the wildlife habitat area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is inconsistent with or varies from a Cabinet or Minister approved land use plan such as land and resource management plan, regional land use plan or sustainable resource management plan. 2. Is likely to have substantial social, environmental or economic implications. 3. Is likely to have substantial political interest or there is potential for an announcement at the political level. <p>It is expected that DRSO will only order a minor boundary amendment to an existing order.</p>
Wildlife Habitat Features	11	AED	It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.
Ungulate winter ranges and objectives	12	AED DRSO	<p>It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.</p> <p>It is expected that DRSO will only order a minor boundary amendment to an existing order.</p>
Regionally Important Wildlife	13 (2)	AED	It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.

	Fisheries sensitive watersheds and objectives	14	AED	It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.
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RANGE PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION

Topic	Section	Delegation	Expectations of the Minister of WLRS
Part 2 - Plans			
Division 2 - Objectives	Other objectives	12 (2)	DRSO
Part 4 - Practice Requirements			
Division 4 - General Wildlife Measures, Wildlife Habitat Features and Resource Features	General wildlife measures (exemptions)	36 (3)	DRSO
	Wildlife habitat features	37 (2)	AED
			It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.

WOODLOT LICENCE PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION				
Topic		Section	Delegation	Expectations of the Minister of WLRS
Part 2 – Woodlot Licence Plans				
Division 2 – Woodlot Licence Plan Content	Established objectives	9 (3)	AED	It is expected that delegates will not sub-delegate.
Part 6 – Exemptions and Relief from or Funding of Obligations				
Division 1 – Exemptions	Minister responsible for the <i>Wildlife Act</i> may grant exemptions	79 (1)	DRSO	
		79 (2)	DRSO	