



FREE USE PERMIT APPLICATION
For Traditional and Cultural Activity
 qualifying under section 48(1)(g) of the *Forest Act*



Date: _____

Name of Applicant:	_____		
Address:	_____		
	_____	BC	_____
	Town		Postal Code
Telephone:	_____	E-Mail:	_____
First Nation	_____		
What is the <i>traditional and cultural activity</i> * that timber is required for?	_____		
* Defined in attached information sheet.	_____		
Will the timber be used for construction of a building?	_____ (yes or no)		
Where will the building be located?	_____		

Do you have present legal authority to construct the building at that location?	_____		
Be advised that a free use permit does not provide authority to locate a building on the permit area.			
A claim of aboriginal title that has not been accepted and ruled upon by a court of competent jurisdiction will not qualify as present legal authority for the purposes of this application.			
What timber is needed? (volume and species / quality)	_____ cubic metres of	_____	
	_____ cubic metres of	_____	
Will the timber be sold, traded or bartered?	_____		
(If yes, consider a different source. A free use permit cannot be issued for commercial use.)			
When do you wish to harvest?	Start date:	_____	Finish: _____
Describe the location of the proposed harvest area.	_____		
Is a map attached?	_____		

Information requirements if the application does not exceed 50 cubic metres.

After reviewing your application, the district manager or authorized forest officer may request evidence that supports your answers to the following:

	Yes or No
1. Will the timber be used for the benefit of the First Nation community?	
2. Is the First Nation community aware of and in support of the traditional and cultural activity that you require timber for?	
3. If the timber is to be used for a residential dwelling, does the First Nation assert an aboriginal right to timber for construction of residential dwellings?	
4. Will the harvest area be within the area traditionally harvested by the First Nation?	
5. Does the First Nation community support your harvesting from the proposed harvest area?	
	Enclosed or not applicable
6. If the timber is to be used for the construction of a non-residential building (cabin) necessary to practice an asserted aboriginal right, please attach a description of what aboriginal right is being asserted and the location where the asserted aboriginal right was practiced historically (eg. at the time of first European contact)?	

Information requirements if the application is for more than 50 cubic metres.

Please include the following with the free use permit application:

	Enclosed?
1. A building plan demonstrating that the timber is to be used for the construction of a longhouse, community hall or other similar structure, or a residential dwelling. (After this application is evaluated, the building plan may be returned on request.)	
2. Calculations of the estimated volume and species required for the building	
3. A written statement(s) from the First Nation governing body (e.g. a band council resolution, a Chief's letter, or a BC-First Nation agreement) that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • confirms that the proposed building and location are supported by the First Nation and that construction of the building will benefit the First Nation community, • if the application is for timber for construction of a residential dwelling, asserts and believes it would be able to demonstrate an aboriginal right to timber that includes constructing residential dwellings, , • states whether the proposed harvest area is within the area traditionally harvested by the First Nation, and • supports the proposed harvest volume and harvest location. 	