

District Managers Expectations

It is expected that all RUP holders will follow the provincial legislation, policies and standards documented within the [Engineering & Real Estate Operations](#) webpage, while maintaining FSR's and the structures associated with it.

Failure to adhere to these standards could result in the closure of the FSR to industrial traffic or in the case of bridges and major culverts a reduced load rating or closure.

A person must not use a FSR or operate or cause to be operated a motor vehicle or other equipment on it in a manner that damages the FSR [*Forest Service Road Use Regulation 10(1)*]

RUP holders assigned maintenance responsibilities are expected to ensure all maintenance and repairs are carried out regardless of who is responsible for the damage.

Repairs to damaged roads will be completed in a timely manner and will restore the structural integrity of the road prism including the sub-grade.

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Maintenance Information for Road Use Permit (RUP) Holders on Forest Service Roads (FSR's)

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Road Use Permits for Industrial Use



Background

All industrial operators using FSRs, whether forestry related or otherwise, are required to apply to the District Manager (DM) for a Road Use Permit (RUP) [[Forest Act 115-119](#)].

When issuing a RUP, the DM assigns maintenance responsibility to only one user (**primary maintainer**). Subsequent applicant's (**secondary users**) are informed within their permit who has been assigned the maintenance obligations.

Secondary users are obligated through legislation and acceptance of their RUP to contact the primary maintainer and negotiate a fair Shared Road Maintenance Agreement. [[Forest and Range Practices Act 22.3](#)]

Resource Road Bridges and Major Culverts

The Ministry of Forest, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations (FLNR) branch engineers conduct inspections on all FSR bridges and major structures on a predetermined schedule. These inspections are used by the region to assign load ratings to each structure.

Primary maintainers are responsible for repairing maintenance works of these structures found during these inspections. [[Forest Planning and Practices Regulation 75](#)] All repairs and the materials used to complete the repairs must conform to the provincial standard drawings located on the [Engineering & Real Estate Operations](#) webpage.



Need to upgrade or repair a Resource Road Bridge or Major Culvert?

RUP holders are expected to provide the DM notice at least 30 days in advance of any bridge, major culvert, fish stream culvert installation or works of a structural nature [[Forest Planning and Practices Regulation 79\(7\)](#)].

Upon receiving notice the DM will issue a FS 1229 (District Manager Requirements – Building of any Forest Service Road Bridges, Major Culverts, or installation of Fish Stream Culverts by a Road Use Permit Holder) which will specify the design and construction standards to which the applicant will be held. [[Forest Planning and Practices Regulation \[FPPR 79\(8\)\]](#)]

Road Maintenance Obligations

Primary maintainers must maintain FSR's to one of two levels:

Industrial Level Maintenance - A person who constructs or maintains a road for industrial use must ensure that the road and the bridges, culverts, fords and other structures associated with the road are structurally sound and safe for use by industrial users. [[Forest Planning and Practices Regulation 79](#)]

Wilderness Level Maintenance – during periods of no industrial activity, the primary maintainer must ensure the structural integrity of the road prism and clearing width is protected and that all drainage systems are functional including bridges and major structures to the extent necessary to ensure there is no material adverse effect on a forest