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Guidance for Logging Operators

As a service to our many logging operators, we have compiled this guidance document of the various rules that are already in place and would apply to logging operations.

All access points constructed within Noble County must comply with the Noble County Access Management Regulations. The Noble County Engineer is responsible for the enforcement of these regulations on all county and township roads. When logging in Noble County, whether on township, county or state route roads, the following criteria are to be met:

1. We recommend that you notify the Noble County Engineer's Office, (740) 732-4400, if on county or township roads, and ODOT, (740) 568-4400, if on state routes, prior to conducting any logging site operations.
2. All log loading activities should take place outside of the public road right-of-way. Activities taking place in close proximity to the road pose a safety hazard to motorists and to the personnel loading the trucks. And, it is against the law to impede traffic on a public roadway (ORC 4511.22).
 - a. The Right-of-Way is 30' from the center of the road on both sides of the road, a total of 60' wide.
 - b. Any activity proposed to take place closer to the road will require the approval of the County Engineer.
3. Logs may not be staged within the right-of-way. Objects within the right-of-way pose a safety hazard to motorists.
4. The property owner of record is ultimately responsible for obtaining the proper access permit prior to the start of logging operations on their property. The logging company may act as the landowner's agent, however the landowner will be required to sign the access permit application.
 - a. Temporary Access Permit, Minimum Volume (MinV; field or utility drive)
 - i. Temporary Access Permit means that an access will be constructed to the specifications of the Noble County Access Management Regulations for a limited amount of time (duration of logging said site). Upon completion of the logging operation at said site, the access point will be removed and reclaimed, to the satisfaction of the Noble County Engineer. The site may not be used for further access without a new permit.



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- b. Permanent Access Permit, Minimum Volume (MinV; field or utility drive)
 - i. Permanent Access Permit means that the access will be constructed to the specifications of the Noble County Access Management Regulations and will be left in place after the completion of the logging operation at said site. This is not for residential use.
- c. Permanent Access Permit, Very Low Volume (VLV; farm, residential drive)
 - i. Permanent Access Permit means that the access will be constructed to the specifications of the Noble County Access Management Regulations and will be left in place after the completion of the logging operation at said site. This is for residential use.
- 5. Once the permit is applied for, a member of the Noble County Engineer's Office will conduct a site visit and contact the permit applicant to issue the preliminary approval.
- 6. After the permit is approved, the access point should be constructed prior to beginning logging operations on the site.
- 7. Upon completion of the logging operations and access point reclamation, if required, the permit applicant must contact the Noble County Engineer's Office so that a site visit may be conducted for final approval of the permit.
- 8. Throughout the entire logging operation it is the responsibility of the logging company to maintain a clean roadway, free of mud and debris. Mud and debris must not be drug out onto the road surface while prepping, transporting or removing equipment from the property.
- 9. Penalties for not acquiring a permit are as follows:
 - a. Penalty for No Permit \$250.00
 - b. Purposely Violated Rules \$500.00 per day

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