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2725 - INDUSTRY

2725.12c - Sawmill - Sawmills may be permitted on National Forest lands regardless of the source of the logs. Authorization will be by special land use permit (Type Site Code 531 - Processing Plant).

When a sawmill is operated in connection with a sale of National Forest timber, when the sawmill is used to manufacture included timber from the sale, and when the sawmill is located on the sale area or the same VCU as the sale area, a permit is issued free under 36 CFR 251.57 (b)(4). In all other cases, as a minimum, a charge is made for the land, based on fair market land value appraisal, and for all other uses associated with the operation.

Special land use permits issued for sawmills located on a sale area or same VCU as the sale area that are used for manufacturing included timber can be issued for the same term as the timber sale contract (Form 2700-5), or for a shorter time, depending on the circumstances. All other permits for sawmills will be approved as annual permits (Form 2700-4), which will specify its duration and renewability but may be terminated for cause after written notice to the permittee by the issuing officer (36 CFR 251.60(e)).

All sawmill permits will be approved under Forest Supervisor authority.

All mandatory clauses for associated uses such as camp, residence, hydro/water system, roads and trails, log storage and sorting areas, upland shore ties, sewer lines, power lines, waste disposal areas, docks, wharfs, signs, store, shop, office, etc., will be included if they apply.

All fees for special use permits for sawmill and associated use off the sale and VCU area will be developed by the SO. Fees will be reevaluated each year if the annual permit is being considered for renewal. Permit fees will be developed based on a percent of the investment, or a percent of the value of the associated uses, or a percent of the gross sales, or a percent of the appraised fair market land value, whichever is greater/

When a sawmill use application is received by the District Ranger, the first question that must be answered is if the use can be located on State or private land. This question will be addressed, and the steps taken by the permittee to locate off National Forest land will be documented.

The second step that must be taken is to inform the applicant for a sawmill permit not on the sale area or VCU how the fee will be calculated so he/she can determine the approximate fee requirement for the planned facility.

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The minimum fee for a sawmillspecial use permit is $500 per year. This is based on 5 percent of a standard $10,000 per site land value for up to (1) acre in size. More than one acre of land, waste sites, shore ties, road use, buildings, etc. would increase this fee. The fee cold also be increased based on the value of the product sold or the value of the investment, if this metod of stablishing the fee proved more equitable to the Government of the United States.

A cleanup bond will be required based on appraisal of cost to the Forest Service to restore the permitted site to its original condition for permits both on and off the sale area.

Existing permits will be brought into conformance with this direction no later than one (1) calendar year after the publication date of this Supplement.