BRITISH COLUMBIA

File: 15740-01 Licensee File

December 20, 2016

To: Forest Tenure Holders
(100 Mile House TSA)

Dear Licensee:

**Re: Authorization to Damage and Repair a Range Development on Crown Range**

The purpose of this letter is to clarify expectations of the standards and conditions for breaching fences, associated with harvest and road building authorities, and to provide authorization for breaching fences if these conditions are followed.

Sec 51(1)(b) of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* requires anyone modifying or damaging range infrastructure to have appropriate prior authorization. The minister may prescribe conditions that must be met under Sec 51(3)(c):

> ***51(1) Unless authorized in writing*** *by the minister,* ***a person must not***
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> *(b) carry out, construct, modify, remove, damage or destroy a range development on Crown range.*
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> *(3) The minister may*
>
> *(c) impose pre-conditions or conditions of an authorization that the minister considers necessary or desirable, to be met by the person, including, but not limited to, requiring that the person provide security*

Pursuant to Section 51, I hereby authorize you to damage or modify and subsequently repair range developments on Crown range in the course of your forestry operations **subject to the following conditions:**

1. Unnecessary breaches weaken and shorten the lifespan of range infrastructure. The integrity of the fence must be maintained and fence damage minimized. Align cutblock boundaries to incorporate the fence into the block or completely out of the block wherever possible. Plan road crossing or skid trails to use an existing gate or short fence section. Do not create unnecessary breaches.

2. Forest licensees must contact the range licensee prior to breaching a fence if the area **or** the adjacent area has an active range tenure. Breaches and fence damage are to be repaired prior to the scheduled cattle turnout in the area or the adjacent area, unless agreement is reached with the range licensee(s) on how the breach will be managed and when it will be repaired.

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3. Road building and harvest related activities that breach a fence must be concurrent with establishing a temporary fence repair, and include the installation of a gate or cattle guard. Breaches associated with Range Tenure boundary fences must include the installation of a temporary or permanent cattleguard. Gates or cattle guards must be installed as per the specification outlined in attached Appendix A.

4. Damage to developments must be fixed immediately and again after any additional work on the site. All breaches must be done, and damage to range developments must be repaired, as per the attached Appendix A.

5. Temporary cattleguards must be left in place until the road is fully decommissioned and impassable for vehicles. Permanent cattleguards installed under appraisal allowance may not be relocated without the prior approval of the Range Officer.

It is important to track all damages and repair made to a range development and be prepared to submit them to a forest officer if requested.

This authority is subject to your operations within the 100 Mile Timber Supply Area and where your operations overlap range tenures located in other Timber Supply areas under the administration of the 100 Mile District. It may be varied or revoked at any time.

Failure to comply with the conditions of this authority could result in an enforcement action. Please ensure that this is circulated to your staff and consultants that are working on your behalf.
If you have questions, please call the Range Officer, 100 Mile House Natural Resource District, at (250) 395-7800.

Yours truly,

Patrick Byrne
District Manager
100 Mile House Resource District

Attachment(s): Appendix A – DMH Fence Breach Repair Specifications and Requirements

## APPENDIX A

### DMH - Fence Breach Repair Specifications and Requirements

**Posts and Braces (Refer to following diagrams)**

1. Brace panels, no matter what condition they were in prior to your activities, will be built/ rebuilt according to the attached specifications.
2. Replace broken posts and braces with treated 5-6" posts and braces. Loose posts and braces will be re-secured to maintain wire height and tension.

**Wire Tension and Height**

1. Wire heights will be as per attached diagram.
2. Pig-tails and staples will not be used to tighten wire.
3. Missing staples will be replaced.
4. Staples will allow movement of wire for wire tightening.
5. Wire stretchers will be used to tighten barbed wire at fence corners or tie-off points. If necessary, wires will be cut and tightened in-line.

**Fence Droppers**

1. Broken Droppers must be replaced.

**Gates**

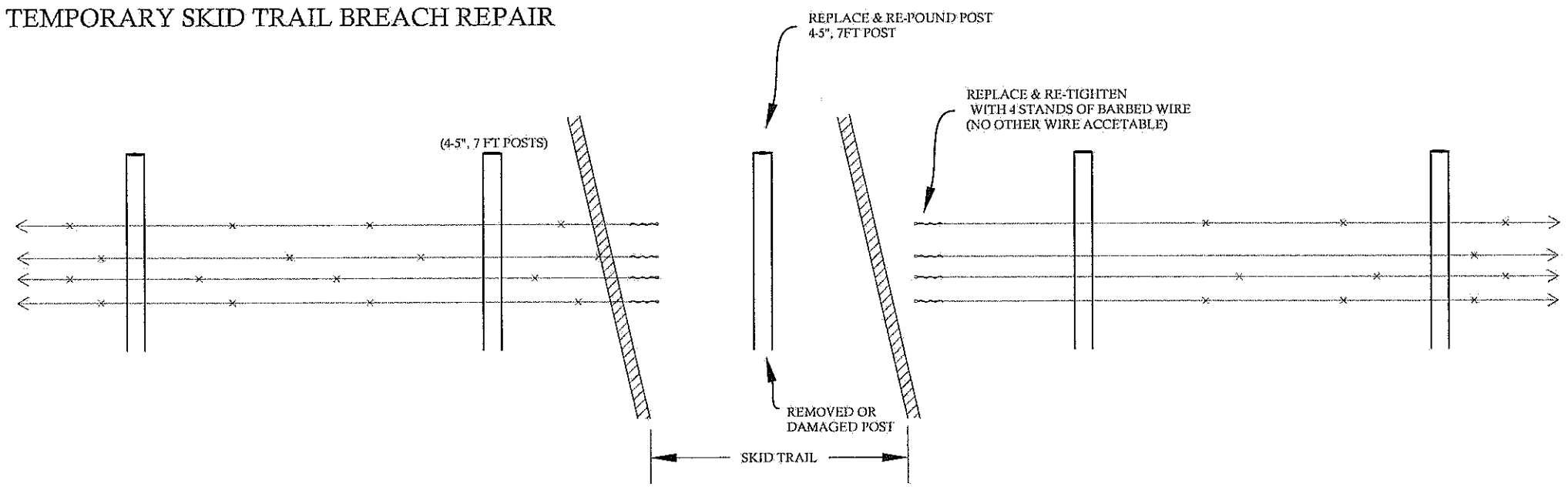
1. Height of gate to be the same as fence wire height and wire pre-stretched.
2. Must be marked with ribbon for visibility where vehicle traffic is likely to occur.

**Cattle Guards (Regular and ATV)**

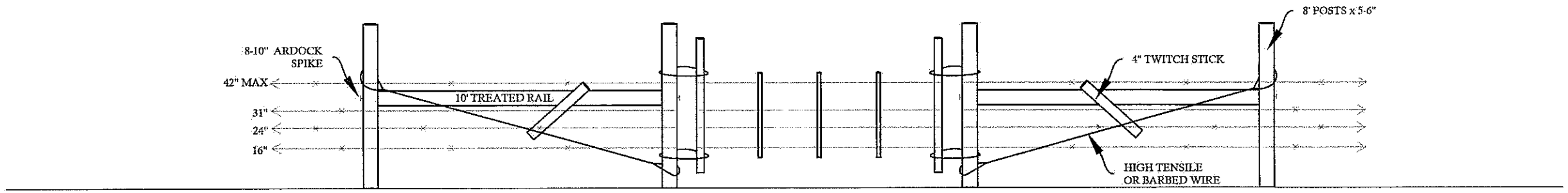
1. Guards are to be cleaned out to a depth of 24" from the bottom of the "rungs" as required during operations and immediately post-harvest.
2. Guards are to be aligned with existing or repaired fence location.

**NOTE:** Nothing in these specification or requirement negate any requirements as defined by a higher level plan, operation plan, or legislation.

4 STRAND BARBED WIRE FENCE
TEMPORARY SKID TRAIL BREACH REPAIR

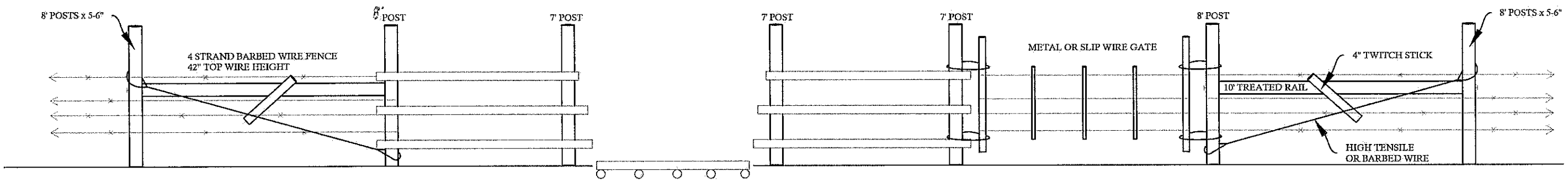


WIRE FENCE BREACH REPAIR AND SPECIFICATIONS




4 STRAND BARBED WIRE FENCE
SLIP WIRE GATE - FOR ROAD OR TRAIL ACCESS

CATTLEGUARD INSTALLATION ON WIRE FENCE



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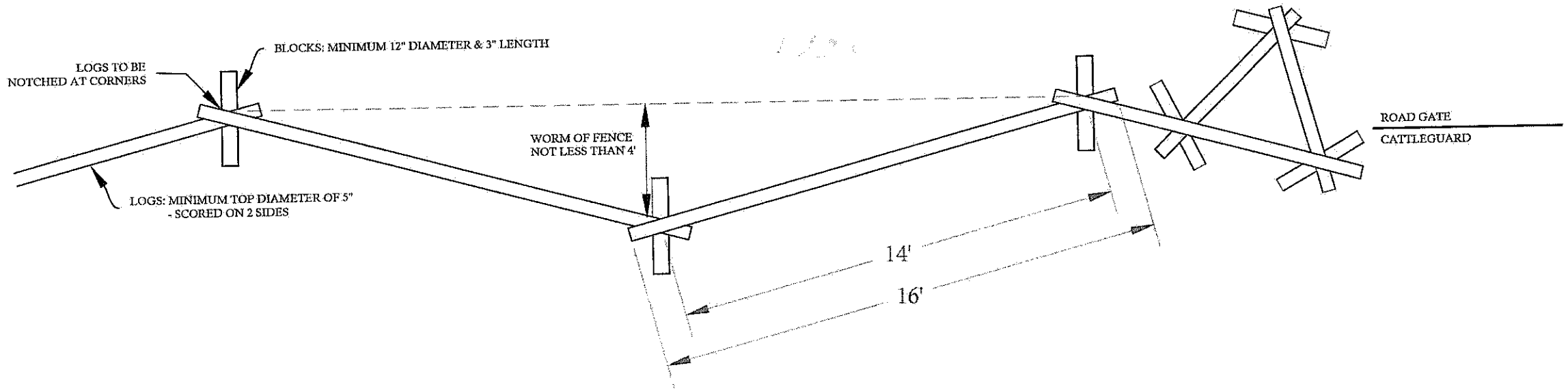


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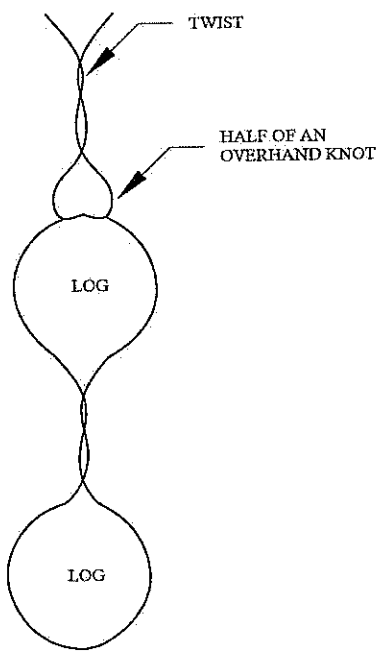

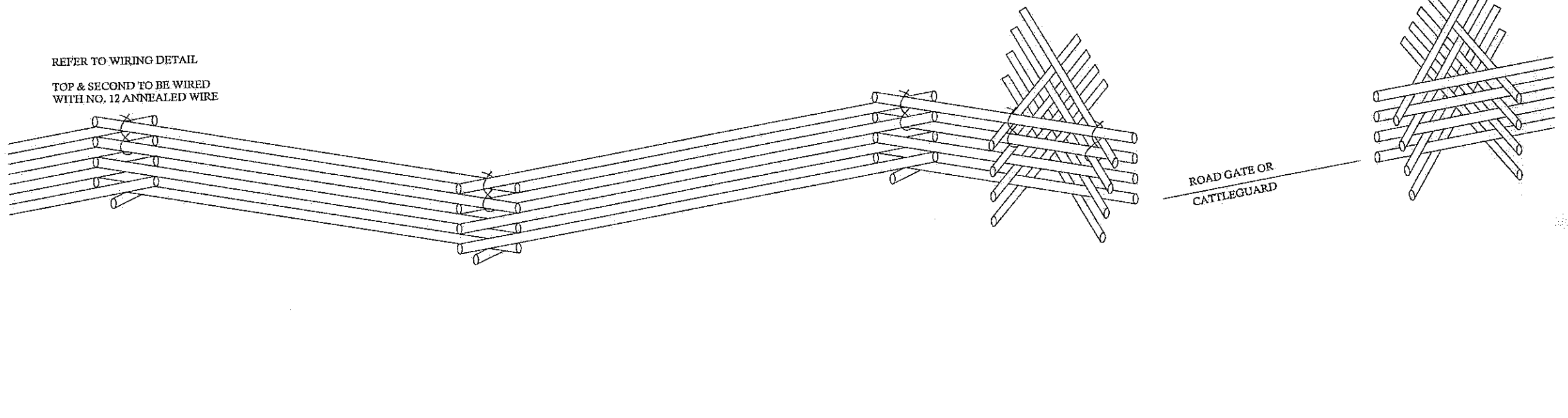
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