

Port Hills fire recovery consent guidance

1. *Maintenance and construction of fire breaks, roads and tracks during a fire emergency is a **Permitted Activity** provided:*

- Any cleared areas are stabilised or revegetated within 6 months;
- The maximum depth of cut or fill is 0.5 metres; and
- Erosion and sediment loss are minimised.*

2. *Stabilising fire breaks:*

- Consent not required for re-vegetating; and
- Earthworks are **Permitted** if the volume is less than 10 cubic metres per site or per hectare (whichever is greater) and the depth is no greater than 0.5m; and
- Erosion and sediment loss are minimised.*

3. *Vegetation clearance of species listed in the Biosecurity NZ Register of Unwanted Organisms of the Canterbury Pest Management Strategy is a **Permitted Activity** provided:*

- Cleared areas are stabilised or revegetated within 6 months; and
- Erosion and sediment loss are minimised.*

4. *Silvicultural practices of release cutting, pruning, thinning and harvesting in accordance with the Environmental Code of Practice for Plantation Forestry 2007 is a **Permitted Activity** provided:*

- Cleared areas are stabilised or revegetated within 6 months; and
- Erosion and sediment loss are minimised.*

5. *Earthworks in a production Forest in accordance with the NZ Forest Road Engineering Manual 2012 is a **Permitted Activity** provided:*

- Cleared areas are stabilised or revegetated within 6 months; and
- Erosion and sediment loss are minimised.*
- Construction of ponds for damming of water and firefighting purposes is a **Permitted Activity** provided:
 - The volume of water impounded is less than 20 000 cubic metres; and
 - The maximum depth of water impounded above ground level is less than 3 metres; and
 - If the volume of water is greater than 1000 cubic metres it is certified by an engineer; and
 - The land is not contaminated or potentially contaminated.
- Earthworks of more than 10 cubic metres or deeper than 0.5m will require resource consent.

If you cannot meet the Permitted Activity criteria above, or your property is on ECan's Listed Land Use Register (LLUR) you may need resource consent.

Please contact customer services on 0800 324 636 for any further information and a full copy of the rules.

*Guidance on how erosion and sediment loss can be minimised can be found at: www.ecan.govt.nz