

Moving to MFS Chapter 21 Statewide Standards (SWS) in Maine's Unorganized Townships*						
	Description	Designation under Chapter 27 (LUPC)	Current Chapter 27	Changes Under SWS		
Harvesting Adjacent to Streams & Rivers	Streams draining <300 ac	P-SL2	No discharge is permitted below the 640 acre drainage	No discharge is permitted anywhere	add shoreline integrity	no slash
	Streams draining 300 ac to 25 sq miles	P-SL2	Requires adequate shade within 75'	no change	add shoreline integrity	no slash
	Streams draining 25 to 50 square miles	P-SL2	Requires adequate shade within 75'	Requires 75' area with no cleared openings >2500 square feet, <40% harvest or leaving 60 square feet of basal area	add shoreline integrity	no slash
	Streams draining >50 square miles	P-SL1	Requires 250' area with no cleared openings >14,000 square feet, <40% harvest of trees >6" dbh	Requires 250' area with no cleared openings >14,000 square feet, <40% harvest or leaving 60 square feet of basal area of trees >4.5"	add shoreline integrity	
	Skid trails	Trails	No restriction; minor sedimentation allowed	No soil disturbance within 25'; no sedimentation allowed		
Harvesting Adjacent to Wetlands	NF wetland - emergent <10 ac	P-WL1	Shade required if a stream draining more than 300 ac passes through	No shade required	add shoreline integrity	
	NF wetland - emergent >10 ac	P-WL1		Requires a 250' shoreland area		no slash
	NF wetland - scrub-shrub >10 ac	P-WL2		Requires a 250' shoreland area		no slash
	Forested wetlands	P-WL3	no restriction	No change		
	Skid trails	Trails	no restriction	min. 25', unless no sediment moves		takes away JTU opt.
Road Construction & Maintenance Near Waterbodies	Roads in 250'	Roads	25'	100'	1/2 dist. with MFS approval	
	Roads in 75'	Roads	25'	50'	1/2 dist. with MFS approval	
	Roads on smaller waterbodies	Roads	25'	25'		
	Road within P-RR	P-RR	allowed	allowed, remains under Ch27		
	Road within 1000' of waterbodies	P-RR	allowed w/ permit	MFS permit, remains under Ch27		
	Road maintenance & road closure	Roads	maintenance & closeout required	no change		
	Upgrading existing roads	Roads	allowed w permit	must meet Ch21 standards		
	Using nonconforming roads	Roads	allowed w permit	allowed, cannot be made more nonconforming		
Stream & River Crossings	Skidder crossings - new, permanent	Strm Xing	Opening must be more than 2.5x the stream or accommodate 10-year flow; no fish passage required	Opening must be more than 3.0x the stream or accommodate 25-year flow; must provide fish passage	Permit by Rule (PBR) required on all streams	
	Road crossings - new, permanent	Strm Xing				
	Any new permanent crossing of a waterbody subject to a 250' shoreland area	Strm Xing	No permit required	Permit required (unless replacement that maintains fish passage)		
	temporary crossing	Strm Xing	No opening size requirements	Must permit flow, fish passage. Must be removed <7 months.		
	repair/maintenance, replacement	Strm Xing	No requirement	Requires notification to MFS		no
Wetland Crossings	NF wetland - emergent <10 ac	P-WL1	Permit req if >1ac of soil disturbance	Permit required if wetland is >4300 sq ft		
	NF wetland - emergent >10 ac	P-WL1				
	NF wetland - scrub-shrub >10 ac	P-WL2				
	Forested wetlands	P-WL3	exempt	no change		
<i>NOTE: The changes highlighted above are a synopsis. Please refer to the full rules for details of regulatory requirements.</i>						