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## FOR CARS & ½ TONS TO TRAVEL ON BLC DITCHED, CULVERTED & GRAVELED FOREST EXTRACTION ROADS FOR RESPONSIBLE RECREATIONAL USERS

This AFFIDAVIT is made in duplicate this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_  
(Day) (Month) (Year)

BETWEEN Barrett Lumber Company, 224 Beaver Bank Road, Beaver Bank, NS, B4E 1J7 AND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### I WILL:

1. Review the Nova Scotia Off-highway Vehicles Act (<https://novascotia.ca/natr/ohv/>) and the NS Wildlife Act (<https://nslegislature.ca/sites/default/files/legc/statutes/wildlife.pdf>) with all family members to learn, understand and obey the rules. I will take ownership and accompany children under the age of 16 at all times. Anyone of age 16 or over will need their own signed legal affidavit.
2. Obey all Nova Scotia hunting and trapping laws.
3. Keep my speed at or below 20 km/h on BLC timber limit, reducing it to 5 km/h on turns to protect the road and when passing walkers and joggers for safety and to reduce dust.
4. Be courteous on BLC timber limit roads by stopping and removing helmet to say hello to walkers as well as turning off engine when meeting a horseback rider.
5. Report any speeding and near misses on BLC timber limit to David Barrett at [dfbarrett@eastlink.ca](mailto:dfbarrett@eastlink.ca) or 902-452-8137 so he can do my and his due diligence by reporting to proper authorities; my name will not be used.
6. Only access BLC timber limit with motor vehicle through BLC gravelled, ditched, culverted roads as per maps, to avoid killing new forest, destroying walking paths and silting ditches, brooks and lakes. If I do drive off these roads, I accept the cost of repairs, which could be thousands of dollars.
7. Obey all signs posted on BLC timber limit.
8. Always give right-of-way to log trucks and other equipment and not block access to boat ramps, truck-turning spots, gates, etc.
9. Use only rope and dead wood to construct a lean-to—NO NAILS. If plastic is used, it must be removed after each use.
10. Know where the gates are located. Watch for second gates, windfalls, washouts, narrow bridges and roads, people or vehicles working, roads that are off limits or have barriers, fire ponds, stream crossings, gravel pits, railway tracks, logging trucks, truck ruts, icy roads, sink holes, etc.
11. Inform David Barrett [dfbarrett@eastlink.ca](mailto:dfbarrett@eastlink.ca) or 902-452-8137 in confidence if I see anyone causing damage or breaking these rules.
12. Obtain and place on my OHV a BLC numbered sticker which anyone can see while I am sitting on my OHV.

13. Accept that any disregard of these rules by me or my family will result in being banned from BLC timber limit for life.
14. Acknowledge that by signing the BLC Legal Affidavit that BLC is released of any and all liability for any accident, injury or death, or damage to any person or property as a result of any negligence by BLC, its servants or agents. The sticker holder operating an OHV/ATV hereby agrees to indemnify BLC from any such accident, injury, death or damage to any person or property which may occur as a result of BLC granting permission to use BLC Forest Extraction Roads or any roads under BLC management.

And that **I WILL:**

15. **NOT** drive any motorized vehicles on BLC timber limit without a Nova Scotia driver's licence and insurance.
16. **NOT** use any two-wheeled motorized vehicle on BLC timber limit.
17. **NOT** have fires and tent or camp on BLC timber limit.
18. **NOT** drive or be on BLC timber limit from one hour after dark until one hour before daylight.
19. **NOT** consume alcohol or drugs or be intoxicated while on BLC timber limit.
20. **NOT** use BLC roads or property for any illegal activity (deer jacking, drinking and driving, marijuana planting, stealing, etc.).
21. **NOT** leave beer cans and other litter on BLC timber limit.
22. **NOT** go around BLC forest road gates, encourage anyone else to do so, or be a party to going around BLC gates.
23. **NOT** organize or participate in any ATV or snowmobile rallies on BLC timber limit roads; these cause extensive road damage and must be reported.
24. **NOT** bring a car or truck onto forestry roads that have been snow-plowed, or park at the entrance to such roads so as not to impede the ability of logging tractor trailers to operate.
25. **NOT** drive any motorized vehicles on BLC forest extraction roads from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> when frost is coming out of the road; this does great damage to the roads.
26. **NOT** build any camps, tree stands or bear stands with nails on BLC timber limit; builders must remove these structures by February 28, 2023, or be charged to the full extent of the law.
27. **NOT** drive nails into BLC trees to affix any signs.
28. **NOT** tear down or destroy BLC signs.
29. **NOT** cut any BLC trees without BLC written permission.
30. **NOT** spin tires to do wheelies on BLC timber limit; this causes potholes, throws out sharp rocks and destroys gravel surfaces.
31. **NOT** drive into any lakes or streams to a) play around in the water, b) to wash the mud off my OHV, c) as a short cut or d) to cool off the OHV motor because of mud / debris around motor.
32. **NOT** give access to those who have not taken the affidavit for a) ATV/OHV, b) cars and/or trucks unless they are just walking on BLC timber limit.

Please send David Barrett an email at [dfbarrett@eastlink.ca](mailto:dfbarrett@eastlink.ca) with any other suggestions you feel should be added to this affidavit.

Please refer to David Barrett's blog (<https://davidfbarrettblc.ca/>) for additional information.

Permission is good for one year unless extended by BLC at its sole discretion.

FEES: \$50 (\$25 for donation, \$25 for keys, etc.)

Please call RCMP Dispatch at 902-490-5020 or DNRR at 1-800-565-2224 (24 hour line)  
when witnessing any of the above infractions and email [blc.rep22@gmail.com](mailto:blc.rep22@gmail.com)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ for Barrett Lumber Company (BLC)

I hereby agree to the above terms and conditions and I also waive, on behalf of myself and any other person I may bring onto the property covered by this Agreement, all claims for injury and damage to our persons or property incurred while on the property owned by BLC and others, arising from any reason or cause whatsoever. Any use by me shall not create a public right of way or easement over these said lands. I acknowledge that if any of the above conditions are violated, all privileges for trespass on BLC land will be revoked and all keys must be returned to BLC.

Signed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Witnessed By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Sir/Madam:

Since 1978, Barrett Lumber Company Limited (BLC) has had in place a program whereby anyone requesting permission to use our woods roads is required to make a donation to a local charity or volunteer group of their choice, thereby showing they are a responsible citizen. The enclosed cheque is a result of this policy and comes to you through BLC. Please acknowledge the donation by sending a receipt to:

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Name (please print)                      Mailing Address                      Telephone