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Consultation with hydrologists, biologists, and/or engineers may be necessary. Bridges must be designed and constructed to meet county codes.

- d. Allow culverts to be installed in roads or trails for vehicular and foot traffic. Permit holders must regularly repair and clean out culverts on roads and trails which solely access tracts or lots to prevent erosion problems, and are responsible to restore the site as needed. Carefully evaluate requests for new culverts, considering the amount of fill, water drainage patterns, and other resource problems that could result from the installation.

2. General Lot Maintenance.

- a. Do not allow permanent-type attachments, nails, bolts, and so forth, on or in trees. Such attachments include, but are not limited to: yard lights, antennas, fences, tree houses, benches, signs, clotheslines, swings, and wires.
- b. Authorize landscaping, planting, or vegetation only to restore or maintain natural conditions or historic properties. Overall appearance should conform with the natural forest character of the area. Do not allow flower beds, lawns, ivy, and decorations such as bird baths and plastic flowers. Do not approve the use of whitewashed rocks or trees and other types of decorations foreign to the natural environment for use on the lot. Take immediate administrative action to require the removal of existing lawns, flower gardens, and other non-natural improvements.

Removal of native vegetation must be approved in advance. Do not approve removal simply to improve views. Where erosion or vegetation loss has occurred, recommend landscape rehabilitation with approved local, native plant species.

- c. Lots must be clean, neat, and free of litter and debris. Firewood must be neatly stacked in one area away from trees and buildings, and not exceed an amount that will be used within two years.
- d. Sheet Plastics and Tarps. Tarps may be used as temporary covering for protection from the elements. Colors should blend with the natural environment. Blue tarps are not appropriate and are not approved.

3. Hazard Tree Management.

- a. Assessment. Hold permit holders responsible for identification and removal of trees that are hazardous to their improvements, whether or not the trees are located on their lot. The Forest Service may identify hazard trees during inspections and authorize permit holders to remove them.
- b. Disposition. Do not allow cutting of trees without prior written authorization from the authorized officer. Hazard trees within the boundaries of the recreation residence lot may be authorized to be cut and used free of charge if (1) the volume is less than two cords and (2) the material is to be used on the lot. Forest products or timber removed from the lot requires a personal or commercial permit. Do not allow holders to sell the tree for firewood unless they have purchased it.