

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Policy on Access to Band-Owned Lands

I. Scope and Purpose

This policy governs access to Band-owned lands on the Fond du Lac Reservation. This policy applies to both Band members and non-members. The purpose of this policy is to govern access to the lands retained by and under the management of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.

This policy does not govern an individual's ability to engage in any outdoor activity (for example: hunting, fishing, trapping) on the Reservation. An individual's ability to engage in outdoor activities is governed by other applicable laws.

II. Applicability

This policy applies to all Band-owned lands on the Fond du Lac Reservation. Band-owned lands is defined as all lands owned in fee or held in trust on the Fond du Lac Reservation for the Band, the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, or any allotment land where the Fond du Lac Band is part owner of that allotment.

III. Permits Required

In order to access Band-owned land, an individual must have:

- a. A Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Reservation and Ceded Territory Hunting-Fishing-Gathering card; **OR**
- b. A Fond du Lac Reservation Hunting/Fishing/Gathering/Trapping License, issued to an enrolled Indian residing on the Reservation; **OR**
- c. A Permit to Access Band-Owned Lands

IV. Fees for Permits to Access Band-Owned Lands

An individual is eligible for a Permit to Access Band-Owned Lands at no charge if:

- a. The individual is the spouse of a Fond du Lac Band member; **OR**
- b. The individual is a descendent of a Fond du Lac Band member; **OR**
- c. The individual is a part owner of an allotment on the Fond du Lac Reservation

The burden of proof lies with the individual to establish that they are indeed an allotment owner or an individual who is the spouse or descendent of a Fond du Lac Band member. The Resource Management Division may rely on any available evidence in determining the above eligibility.

For the general public that does not meet the above criteria a permit fee of \$25 will be assessed for 30 day permit and a permit fee of \$100 will be assessed for a one year permit.

V. Issuing Permits

Permits will be issued by the Resource Management Division, as authorized by the Resource Management Director.

VI. Prohibited Activities

Overnight camping, wolf hunting or trapping, unattended fires, harvest of timber, and harvest of non-timber forest products by the general public (non-tribal) is prohibited on all Band-owned lands.

The Resource Management Director may revoke this permit if the person fails to comply with Band laws and regulations, fails to comply with instructions from Resource Management Division or Law Enforcement Division staff, or takes any action that is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa.