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## MDSPGP-6 ACTIVITY e (5) Clearing Debris and Windfalls

The authorized Clearing Debris and Windfalls activities must comply with the following applicable activity specific conditions, all general conditions of this permit, and any project-specific special conditions.

This activity authorizes discharges of dredged or fill material associated with removal of debris and windfalls from shorelines and banks. This activity also authorizes temporary structures, work, and discharges of dredged or fill material necessary for associated construction activities, including but not limited to stream diversion devices, access fills, structures and/or fills for dewatering of construction sites, and placement of construction matting. All work authorized by this activity, including discharges, must comply with all activity-specific impact limits and requirements listed below, in addition to the general conditions of this permit (Sections 10 and/or 404; all waters of the United States).

## **Category A Impact Limits and Requirements:**

(i) No application is required for Corps authorization.

(ii) The total temporary (i.e., construction impacts including stream diversion devices, etc.) and permanent impacts to waters of the United States, which includes tidal and nontidal wetlands, streams, rivers, navigable waters, and other open waters, are not to exceed 10,000 square feet and/or 200 linear feet of streams, rivers, and other open waters.

## **Category B Impact Limits and Requirements:**

(i) An application must be submitted to MDE for Corps authorization. See Section II.D for when an application is required to be submitted for Corps review.

(ii) The single and complete project will result in no more than a total 0.5-acre loss to tidal and nontidal waters of the United States, to include stream channel, wetlands, and open waters and the loss of stream channel may not exceed 1,000 linear feet.

## **Requirements Applicable to Both Category A and Category B Activities:**

(i) This activity does not authorize stationing equipment in-stream. Work should be done from the bank or road crossing using the appropriate equipment, such as an excavator arm or boom.

(ii) This activity does not authorize dredging, shoal removal, or riverbank snagging.

(iii) This activity authorizes temporary access roads but does not authorize the construction of permanent access roads.

(iv) The activity must not block or impede the movements of anadromous or resident fish species. Appropriate measures must be taken to maintain near normal downstream flows and to minimize flooding. Fill must be of materials and placed in a manner that will not be eroded by expected high flows. The width of temporary fill must be limited to the minimum necessary for temporary construction access. Work should be accomplished by using stream diversion devices, other than earthen or stone cofferdams or causeways.

See verification letter for any special conditions that may apply to your specific project.