

Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

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26th April 2010

To the Forester or Forestry Company
named in the address

Forest Road Scheme

Dear Sir or Madam:

It is expected that the forest road scheme will be reopened shortly and approvals will issue in chronological order with an expiry date of 31st December 2010. I regret that due to current budgetary constraints it will not be possible to provide additional funding for Special Construction Works. Roads approved that require Special Construction Works must be built to the required standard with no additional grant aid provided in excess of €45 per metre.

It should be noted that the grant will payable in two instalments of 80% and 20% respectively. The first instalment will be paid on successful completion of the road to the standard outlined in the approval letter and the COFORD Forest Road Manual. The second instalment will be paid when at least half of the area served by the road is harvested. The Forest Road Scheme is a cost based scheme and grants are paid based on 80% of total costs subject to a maximum rate of €45 per metre.

A more detailed circular on the Road Scheme will issue in due course.

It would be appreciated if you would notify Mark E O'Connor (marke.oconnor@agriculture.gov.ie or 053 9153519) if it is not proposed to proceed with the construction of any road in respect of which approval has issued.

Yours sincerely

Gerry Fogarty
Assistant Principal