

**FRPA Training Note 03-02**  
**Applicability in Region I (11 AAC 95.190)**  
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How many times have you received a phone call from a person who says they are planning to log and sell the trees off a small tract of land they've bought or own? Is one of the first questions they ask whether or not they have to submit a Detailed Plan of Operations (DPO) before starting to harvest the timber? How often do you respond to this question by asking how large is the tract they are planning to log? If they say the tract is less than ten acres, do you tell them a DPO is not required on tracts less than ten acres in size in Region I? If so, you may very well be giving them the wrong information about the applicable requirements of the Forest Resources and Practices Act (FRPA) effecting their planned harvest operation.

The ten-acre size limit in the regulations is actually the default value for the third required criteria used in determining if the provisions of the FRPA apply to the operation. The first question you should be asking the caller is: "Does any of your operation intersect, encompass, or border on any surface waters?" Any commercial timber harvest operation that meets this criteria, irregardless of size, is considered to have the potential to adversely affect surface waters and is covered by the provisions of the FRPA, including the requirement for the operator to submit a Detailed Plan of Operations.

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Relevant citations:

11 AAC 95.195