Culverts must be properly sized for length and diameter before used for silviculture.

Improperly-sized-installed pipes may be required to be removed.

Culverts must have adequate fill material above the pipe.

Culvert inlet and outlet must be properly armored.

Running surface must be non-erodible.

Culverts require continued maintenance for proper function.

Use three (3)-panel steel or wooden bridges to minimize impact at stream crossings.

Bridge panels should be placed together with no gaps in between panels.

Use brush mats when possible to stabilize soil on approaches.

Approaches should have little to no slope.

Bumper trees should be utilized to prevent unwanted material from entering stream.

Remove panels upon completed use and restore channel to original condition.

Ford crossings can only be used for truck traffic.

Approaches must be flat and stream bottom should have a firm rock base.

Approaches must be maintained with clean stone during and after the harvest.

Any crossing of a stream with a watershed greater than five (5) square miles may require a permit from Virginia Marine Resources and Army Corp of Engineers, please consult VDOF before crossing larger streams.