

Categories 4 and 6 Daily Winter Period Monitoring Program

*Daily Monitoring only required during days of equipment operation
during the winter period*

Pursuant to 13267 of the California Water Code, daily monitoring is required for all activities covered under Category 4 or 6 of the Timber Waiver for days of tractor, vehicle, or equipment operation within the winter period (as defined in Attachment A).

This monitoring program consists of daily completion of the following checklist, and has been developed to assure compliance with the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) and to verify the adequacy and effectiveness of the Timber Waiver conditions and eligibility criteria pursuant to Water Code section 13269, subdivision (a)(2).

In the interest of not requiring redundant monitoring during extended dry periods, daily monitoring is only required beginning with the first National Weather Service forecast of 30% chance of precipitation (<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>). If 7 days of dry weather persists and soils are operable after a precipitation event you may cease monitoring until next time National Weather Service forecasts a 30% chance of precipitation.

Accumulated monitoring data must be retained by the enrollee and submitted **July 15** of every year.

Category 4 and 6 Daily Winter Operations Monitoring Checklist

This checklist must be completed daily when equipment is operated during the winter period

Activity Name and WDID

Number: _____

Inspector's name & Title: _____

Signature: _____

Example

Day of operation:	10/17											
Field condition: operable soil ¹ , hard-frozen ² , or over snow ³ :	Dry											
Is any precipitation forecasted within the next 36 hours? (Y/N)	N											
Average depth of accumulated or machine compacted snow in area of operations:	N/A											
If operating over the snow or over hard-frozen soil conditions: Was soil disturbance observed today? ⁴	N/A											
Inspector's Initials	JD											

¹ **Over operable soil conditions:** Soils are operable (i.e., means vehicles, tractors, and other equipment operating on soils and native surface roads under wet conditions must not create ruts exceeding two inches in depth and 25 feet in length).

² **Over hard-frozen soil conditions:** soils and road surfaces in areas of equipment operations are solidly frozen to a depth sufficient to support the weight of operating equipment.

³ **Over snow:** Snow depth is sufficient to allow the operation of equipment without resulting in visible disturbance of soils.

⁴ If soil disturbance is observed: Detail when, where, and why these disturbances occurred and what corrective actions were taken to prevent impacts to water quality. **Retain this information within the monitoring file. If a discharge of sediment to a waterbody has occurred you must contact Water Board staff within 24 hours of detection at (530)542-5400.**