## **Excavator Operator Assessment**

	This document can be used:
Assessment	<ul> <li>For gathering evidence in a training environment,</li> </ul>
Abbeebinent	<ul> <li>As a competency check of knowledge on an existing worker; or</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>As part of a summative assessment.</li> </ul>
Candidate Name	
Assessor Name	
Date of Assessment	
	☐ The candidate met all outcomes of the <b>worker assessment</b>
Summary of Assessment	The candidate has NOT met all outcomes of the worker assessment
	☐ Gap training plan developed
Date of Reassessment	
Summary of	☐ The candidate met all outcomes of the <b>worker assessment</b>
Reassessment	The candidate has NOT met all outcomes of the worker assessment
	<ul> <li>Complete the assessment with the candidate, adding notes to justify your decisions.</li> </ul>
	• Ensure the first page of this document is completed (all fields).
Instructions	• Develop a gap training plan for practical deficiencies if required.
	<ul> <li>Use the same form for reassessment (if applicable), only reassessing the areas where gaps exist.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Conduct the competency conversation before conducting the practical assessment.</li> </ul>

**Note:** This worker assessment covers the technical components of a specific role. For general knowledge and a complete picture of a worker's competency, BC Forest Safety recommends the optional Basic Forest Worker competency profile and assessment tools that can be found at www.bcforestsafe.org.

# Part 1 - Competency Conversation

#### **General Instructions**

To conduct a competency conversation, ask the worker the questions in this first part of the assessment to determine if they understand the knowledge components of their role.

It is acceptable to rephrase the question in a way that the worker understands, but the worker cannot be given hints to the correct answer.

The assessment should not be used as a training opportunity; instead, any deficiencies identified in this assessment should be collected into a gap training plan and addressed with the worker later.

Important Note: Do not conduct competency conversation while operating equipment.

Training and Assessment Rubric			
Assessment Instruction	S - This means that the candidate must supply all responses listed, as the knowledge is safety critical or important.		
	B - This means the candidate must at a minimum verbalize the <b>bolded</b> responses, and additional responses are further proof of competence.		
	P - The candidate must give a percentage of responses correctly to reasonably show competence in the area.		

Locator	Questions			
Mechanized Harvesting/Road Building				
1.1	What are nine common and specialty tools used on heavy equipment?			
	Multi-testers			
	Inspection mirrors			
	Pick up magnets			
	Easy outs			
	Wrenches			
	$\Box$ Taps and dies			
	□ Hammers			
	☐ Shovels			
	Drift and pry bars			
	Chisel			
	Files			
	□ Jack			
	☐ Air tools			
	Impact wrenches			
	Ratchets			
	Die Grinder			
	Greaser			
	Hose press			
	Assessment Instruction: P - 9	9 from list		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

### **1081 – Describe Tools and Equipment for Heavy Machinery**

2.1	Name eight pieces of welding equipment and supplies use on heavy equipment			
	Oxy acetylene cutting systems			
	□ Air arc			
	Chip hammers			
	Propane gas torch 'tiger torch'			
	□ Wire brush			
	Chalk			
	Tip cleaner			
	Grinder			
	🗆 Drill			
	□ Cut off saw			
	☐ Air tools			
	Flux chippers			
	□ Grinders			
	□ Cutting table			
	Plasma cutter			
	Assessment Instruction: P –	8 from list		
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
2.2	What are three types of welding commonly used on heavy equipment?			
	□ Stick			
	□ Wire feed			
	Brazing			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

2.3	What PPE is mandatory when using welding equipment?			
	☐ Gloves			
	Welding helmet			
	Cutting goggles			
	□ Fire-proof clothing			
	Safety glasses			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
3.1	What are common gas-powered tools used on heavy equipment?			
	□ Cut off saw			
	Pressure washers			
	□ Gas or electric compressors			
	□ Gas or diesel generators			
	Pumps			
	Plate compactor			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 4 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

Locator	Questions			
Mechanized Harvesting/Road Building				
1.1	What are the major mechanical components or systems that require maintenance and inspection?			
	□ Engine systems			
	□ Hydraulic systems			
	Electrical systems			
	□ Attachments			
	Undercarriage			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
1.2	What are common symptor	ns or indicators of failure?		
	Noise			
	Vibration			
	□ Smells			
	Leaks			
	Cracks			
	□ Lack of power			
	Improper function			
	Exhaust colour			
	□ Gauges			
	Warning lights			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 7 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
2.1	What are the three main pre-start procedures?			
	External visual equipment checks			
	Fluid checks			
	Operational (in cab) c	hecks		
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

2.2	What are the main considerations for shut down procedures?			
	Parking position			
	□ Attachments grounded			
	Cool down time			
	Maintenance log			
	Assessment Instruction: S			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	
2.3	What are common mainten	ance procedures on heavy e	equipment?	
	Lock out or zero energy	gy state		
	□ Greasing			
	Adding fluids and fuel			
	Draining fuel sumps and water separators			
	□ Tightening loose hardware			
	Repair leaks			
	Replacing O-rings			
	Replacing hoses			
	□ Replacing filters			
	□ Bleeding air from fuel	systems		
	☐ Adjust track tension			
	Adjust belt tension			
	☐ Maintain tire pressure			
	Clean and maintain batteries			
	Assessment Instruction: P -	10 from list		
	Assessment   Outcome met  Outcome not met			

## 1083 – Describe Heavy Equipment Mechanical Systems

Locator	Questions				
	Mechanized Harvesting/Road Building				
1.1	What are two basic components of an engine and their function?				
	Turbo charger – increases power on an engine				
	🗌 Air compressor – buil	ds up air supply			
	🗌 Cylinder head – allow	s air/fuel into/out of combustio	n chamber		
	Piston – creates comp	pression			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 2	2 from list			
	Assessment   Outcome met  Outcome not me				
1.2	Name two things a driver s	hould check in an engine lu	prication system		
	Oil level				
	□ Oil pressure				
	□ Grade of oil required				
	Assessment Instruction: P – 2 from list				
	Assessment   Outcome met  Outcome not				
1.3	What are two components of a cooling system and their function?				
	Radiator – allows air and water flow to cool engine				
	Hoses – water to circulate				
	Fan – draw air into radiator				
	☐ Fan belts – drive the f	an			
	Assessment Instruction: P –	2 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
1.4	What are three components	s of a fuel system and their f	unction?		
	🗌 Tanks – holds fuel				
	$\Box$ Lines – deliver fuel from tank to engine				
	☐ Filters – removes fore	ign debris from fuel			
	Pump – Deliver fuel to engine				
	Assessment Instruction: P - 3	3 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		

1.5	What are three components of air induction and exhaust systems and their function?				
	Pre-cleaner – Takes coarse particulates from air supply				
	Air filter – Removes fi	ne particulates from air supply			
	Air to air – Delivery sy	stem of air to the turbo charge	ed engine		
	□ After treatment (DEF)	- System that minimizes air p	ollution in exhaust		
	Assessment Instruction: P –	3 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
2.1	What are three components	s of hydraulic systems inclu	ding function?		
	Pumps – pump fluid				
	☐ Motor – propulsion or	n components			
	Cylinders – move atta	achments or implements			
	Hoses – delivers fluid to motors or cylinders				
	□ Valves – controls flows				
	□ Tank and fluid level indicator – identify levels of fluids				
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3 from list				
	Assessment   Outcome met  Outcome not met				
3.1	What are three components of a powertrain system including function?				
	Travel motor – allows machine/component to move				
	□ Transmissions – transfer power from engine to drive systems				
	Differentials – transfers power from transmission to axles				
	Swing gear – allows machine to rotate				
	Final drives – drives t	racks			
	Engine – primary sou	rce of power			
	Pumps – secondary source of power				
	Assessment Instruction: P -	3 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		

4.1	What are three components of track systems including function?				
	Tracks – enables machine to move				
	Idler – allows track to rotate around				
	Sprocket – drives trac	k to rotate around			
	Bottom and top (carrie	er) rollers – reduce friction with	nin the undercarriage system		
	Track adjuster – keep	s track tight			
	Assessment Instruction: P - 3	3 from list			
	Assessment   Outcome met  Outcome not met				
5.1	What are four types of brak	ing systems?			
	☐ Air system				
	Hydraulic system				
	☐ Air/hydraulic system				
	Engine braking system (compression, exhaust)				
	☐ Hydrostatic system				
	Assessment Instruction: P – 4 from list				
	Assessment   Outcome met  Outcome not met				
6.1	Name three common parts	of electrical systems and th	eir function		
	Alternators - creates electrical current				
	□ Starters - starts the engine				
	□ Batteries - powers the starter				
	Fuses - fail safe for sy	vstem			
	Solenoids - an electromagnetic switch				
	Switches - turns power on and off				
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3 from list				
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
6.1	What are the two common	types of electrical systems?			
	$\Box$ 12 V and 24 V				
	Assessment Instruction: S				
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		

7.1	Name three types of ground engaging systems and their function			
	Blades – pushes material			
	Buckets – carries material			
	□ Scarifiers – digs up ground			
	□ Grapples – grabs logs			
	Rock hammer – breaks rocks			
	Compactors – compresses material			
	Drill hammer – drills holes in rocks			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 3 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met	

## 1077 – Describe Job Control and Engineering Basics

Locator	Questions				
	Road Building				
2.1	What are common instruments used in road building?				
	Rotary laser				
	Pipe laser				
	Electronic measureme	ent systems			
	🗌 Chain (tight chain, str	ing box)			
	Clinometers				
	Compass				
	Assessment Instruction: P -	6 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
3.1	What can an operator do to	confirm that identified slop	e is correct?		
	□ Station mark on map	matches the field			
	$\Box$ Read the cross section and profiles				
	Assessment Instruction: S				
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		

3.2	How is slope expressed?					
	Percentage/degrees					
	Assessment Instruction: S					
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met			
3.3	How is slope stability main	tained during road construc	ruction?			
	$\Box$ A ratio that is dependent on the type of material excavated					
	Assessment Instruction: S					
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met			
3.4	What are the main causes of	of road constructed initiated	ed slides?			
	Over steepened fill slo	opes				
	Not maintaining water	<sup>r</sup> control				
	Assessment Instruction: S					
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met			
3.4	How is this risk mitigated?					
	End haul					
	Maintain original water courses					
	Maintain ditches and culverts concurrent with construction					
	Assessment Instruction: S					
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met			
4.1	Where are instructions on v	working in proximity to utilit	ies found?			
	Operational map					
	Assessment Instruction: S					
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met			
4.2	What are techniques used t	to expose existing utilities?				
	Take small amounts of the second s	of material away at a time				
	Vacuum trucks					
	Clean up bucket (no t	eeth)				
	Expose by hand					
	Assessment Instruction: P-3	from list				
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met			

## 1078 – Describe Soils and Aggregates

Locator	Questions				
Road Building					
1.1	What are common types of soil?				
	Cohesive (hard panned)	ed clay)			
	Granular (sand or gra	vel types)			
	Organic (topsoil or lay	vers)			
	Assessment Instruction: S				
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
1.2	What determines suitability	of soil types for road const	ruction?		
	Drainage characterist	ics			
	Compactibility				
	Assessment Instruction: S				
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
1.3	Name four characteristics of	of soil			
	Load bearing				
	Density				
	☐ Adhesion				
	☐ Shearing resistance				
	Permeability				
	Plasticity (water reten	tion)			
	Elasticity				
	Gradation				
	Assessment Instruction: P –	4 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		

1.4	How are soils classified?						
	□ Texture						
	☐ Structure						
	Consistency						
	□ Colour						
	Assessment Instruction: S						
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met				
1.6	What are common sedimer	nt control techniques?					
	□ Silt fences/geotextile						
	☐ Hay bales						
	Water management						
	Sumps						
	Hydro seeding						
	French drains						
	Culvert placement						
	□ Water bar						
	Assessment Instruction: P -	6 from list					
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met				
2.1	What are types of rippable	rocks?					
	□ Shale						
	□ Rotten						
	Conglomerate						
	Assessment Instruction: S						
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met				
2.1	What are types of non-ripp	able rocks?					
	Granite						
	Limestone						
	□ Basalt						
	Assessment Instruction: S						
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met				

2.2	What are the characteristics of aggregates?						
	Permeability						
	Load bearing						
	Resistance to shearing						
	Gradation						
	Plastic limit						
	Liquid limit						
	Assessment Instruction: P –	4 from list					
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met				
2.3	What are the three steps in	aggregate processing?					
	□ Screening						
	Crushing						
	Processing						
	Assessment Instruction: S						
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met				
2.4	Assessment What are common products		Outcome not met				
2.4			Outcome not met				
2.4	What are common products	s or uses for aggregates?	Outcome not met				
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2.4	What are common products  Pit runs  Screened road base 3	s or uses for aggregates?	Outcome not met				
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2.4	What are common products         Pit runs         Screened road base 3         Bedding sand         Crushed road mulch         Asphalt aggregates         Drain rock         Chips, driveway chips         Recycled asphalt	<b>s or uses for aggregates?</b> 3" minus	Outcome not met				
2.4	What are common products         Pit runs         Screened road base 3         Bedding sand         Crushed road mulch         Asphalt aggregates         Drain rock         Chips, driveway chips         Recycled asphalt         Concrete sand, C 33	s or uses for aggregates? 3" minus	Outcome not met				

3.1	What are principles of compaction in relation to effects of moisture?				
	Dry soils resistant to compaction				
	$\Box$ Water acts as lubricant to help overcome the cohesive nature of soil particles				
	Moisture increases density				
	Assessment Instruction: P – 1 from list				
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
3.2	What types of equipment are used for compaction?				
	□ Water trucks				
	Plates				
	□ Rollers				
	Hoe packs				
	□ Rammers				
	□ Tamping bars				
	Dynamic compaction				
	Assessment Instruction: P - 4	4 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
3.3	What are methods to test c	ompaction?			
	Nuclear density testin	g			
	Sand cone test				
	Probing				
	Cone penetrometer				
	Deflectometer				
	Clegg impact soil test	er			
	□ Load testing/roll test				
	Assessment Instruction: P –	4 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		

Locator	Questions				
		Road Building			
1.1	Why is public perception of	f forestry activities importan	t?		
	□ Can result in protests				
	Public pressure				
	Public perception driv	es politics			
	Assessment Instruction: P -	1 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
1.2	What impact on fish can ro	ad building have?			
	□ Effect of silt				
	Effect of water tempe	rature			
	Drainage effect				
	Effect of increased flo	WS			
	Assessment Instruction: P – 2 from list				
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
2.2	What are potential sources	of spills related to construc	ting resource roads?		
	🗌 Broken lines/mechani	cal failure			
	□ Refuelling				
	Fuel storage				
	☐ Storage of other prod	ucts			
	Sewage				
	Assessment Instruction: P -	4 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
2.3	What can be used to reduce	e risk of petroleum spills?			
	Security				
	☐ Safe storage facilities				
	□ Spill kits				
	Training				
	Assessment Instruction: P – 2	2 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		

### 1079 – Describe Environmental Awareness, Protection and Enhancement

### 1085 – Describe and Operate Excavator

Locator	Questions				
	Road Building				
1.1	Name two places that an operator can look to find information on operation capabilities, limitations and restrictions of road building equipment				
	Operator manuals				
	Standard operating p	rocedures			
	Assessment Instruction: S				
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		
1.2	What are common hazards	related to operating road bu	ilding equipment?		
	$\Box$ Slips and falls				
	□ Crush points				
	□ Roll over				
	☐ Other worker in work	area			
	Energized machines				
	Communication failure				
	Unstable soil				
	□ Slippery machine surf	faces			
	Equipment fire				
	Debris entering opera	tor's area			
	Logs entering cab				
	☐ Jill pokes				
	Rock dust				
	Assessment Instruction: P - 1	10 from list			
	Assessment	Outcome met	Outcome not met		

# **Part 2 – Practical Assessment**

#### **General Instructions**

To conduct the practical assessment, monitor the worker in a variety of situations to determine if they can consistently perform the skill components of their role in a safe and effective manner. Once confident that the worker can conduct the skills consistently, mark the outcome met. If the worker cannot consistently perform the skills required, add this component to the gap training plan.

Remember not to distract the operator when conducting the practical assessment.

Training and Assessment Rubric		
	<b>Skills:</b> Can complete the task but only with direct instruction and supervision, may lack consistency in application.	
Outcome Not Met	<b>Knowledge:</b> Does not understand what they are doing, or are not aware of a knowledge deficiency, or need guidance and support.	
(ONM)	<b>Attributes:</b> Displays limited or no professional attributes including being fit for work, prepared for the day, working in an organized manner, achieving work outcomes, or lacks in consistency.	
	<b>Skills:</b> Consistently completes the task using safe work practices multiple times in a variety of contexts.	
Outcome Met (OM)	<b>Knowledge:</b> Has a solid grasp of underpinning knowledge, consistently applies it, and can explain it.	
	<b>Attributes:</b> Consistently displays professional attributes including being fit for work, prepared for the day, working in and organized manner and achieving work outcomes.	

A) PREPARE FOR THE DAY	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Arrived on time			
Clothing for conditions			
<ul> <li>Layered clothing appropriate to the elements for working and transport conditions</li> </ul>			
Nutrition and water			
Adequate food for the day			
<ul> <li>Sufficient hydration for work and weather conditions</li> </ul>			
Fit for work			
<ul> <li>Candidate is physically able to do the task</li> </ul>			
3-point contact on and off machine			
Able to get up and down machine			
Able to perform simple maintenance			
Able to change attachments			
Can fit through escape hatch			
Not noticeably impaired			
<ul> <li>Candidate is not obviously physically or mentally impaired (by drugs, alcohol, personal situations, fatigue)</li> </ul>			]
Knows where ERP is located			

B) PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (where applicable)	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Hard hat			
<ul> <li>CSA – less than 3 years old / ANSI – less than 5 years old</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>No dents/cracks, modifications</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Suspension maintained (4-point min)</li> </ul>			
Hi-Vis			
<ul> <li>Minimum 120 square inches front and back</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>Not faded, discoloured, torn or permanently dirty</li> </ul>			
Contrasts with the work environment			
Leg protection			
Minimum 3600/4100 FPM rating			
<ul> <li>Kevlar not compromised or exposed</li> </ul>			
Pants maintained and repaired (no loose tears to outer layer)			

Face/Eye protection		
Face screen free of holes		
<ul> <li>Moves freely between down and raised position</li> </ul>		
Safety glasses used when appropriate		
Hand protection		
<ul> <li>Not damaged and free of holes</li> </ul>		
Appropriate to weather conditions		
Sized correctly for hands		
Hearing protection		
Minimum 24 NRR		
Maintained and in working condition		
Footwear		
<ul> <li>Good condition including sole tread pattern</li> </ul>		
Must be laced		
Has fire extinguisher in cab		
Dust mask		
NIOSH N95 compliant		
PPE inspected and maintained		
PPE used consistently as required		

C) PRE-WORK ACTIVITIES	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Equipment manuals available			
Pre-start equipment checks			
Walk around and check for leaks			
Check for loose components			
Check for cracks, loose, missing bolts			
Check for damage to machine			
Obstructions			
Fluid levels			
Water / Coolant			
Hydraulic			
Engine			
Night switch			
Check track pads (where applicable)			
Tire pressure (where applicable)			
Check for tire damage (where applicable)			
<ul> <li>Wheels and wheel nuts (where applicable)</li> </ul>			
Close air reservoir (where applicable)			
Safety equipment check			
Start-up procedures			
Maintain 3-point contact on and off machine			
<ul> <li>Find key</li> </ul>			
Check gauges			
Warning systems			
Start and warm up hydraulics			
Check transmission			
Warning lights			
Wipers			
Seatbelt			
Lock out			
Parking brake			
All controls and major systems			
Escape hatch			
Housekeeping			
Radio operational			

D) COMMUNICATION	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Attend pre-work meetings			
Ensures hazards are understood			
Communicates hazards throughout workday			
Uses signals as required			
Consistently communicates work plans			
Professional communication throughout workday			

E) ERGONOMICS	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Lifts correctly (where applicable)			
Best practice for body position while operating			
Walks safely in the bush (where applicable)			

F) COMPLETE TASKS	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Shut down procedures			
Safe parking location			
Brake on (where applicable)			
Lower boom / blade / attachments			
Position for ease of access and egress			
Level position for fluid checks			
Cool down before shut-down			
Walk around and general check			
Secure / lock machine			
3-point contact on and off			
Turn off night switch			
Close air reservoir access (where applicable)			

Daily maintenance tasks		
Lubrication systems		
Air intake systems		
Air system reservoir		
Fuel tank sump		
<ul> <li>Drain air system / water separator</li> </ul>		
Drain fuel filters / water separator		
<ul> <li>Inspect and clean components</li> </ul>		
Housekeeping		
<ul> <li>Track tension (where applicable)</li> </ul>		
Tire pressure (where applicable)		
Greasing		
Fueling		
Check for leaks		
Basic repairs		
<ul> <li>Hydraulic hoses / fittings / O-rings</li> </ul>		
Fuel / air filter		
Engine oil change		
Belt tension		
Battery terminals		
Change lights		
Repair wiring		

G) OPERATE EXCAVATOR	ОМ	ONM	N/A
Maintains 3-point contact on and off machine			
Ability to use multiple functions while operating equipment			
Monitors equipment performance while operating			
Determine pit face stability			
Create side cast without slope failure			
Situational awareness at all times			

Operator functions on excavator		
Maintains three-point contact		
<ul> <li>Placement of machine for ease of access and egress</li> </ul>		
Engage/disengage hydraulics		
Operating with attachments away from machine to prevent damage		
Raise and lower boom		
Extend and retract stick		
<ul> <li>Curl and dump bucket – swing left and right</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Move forward, stop, back up, stop</li> </ul>		
Basic skid turns in both directions		
Smooth operation		
<ul> <li>Ability to operate multiple functions at same time</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Safe coordination with other equipment</li> </ul>		
Monitor equipment while operating		
Excavate and backfill trenches		
• Shallow trench (water bar or cross ditch) Place bedding or drain rock		
<ul> <li>Drivable (where applicable)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Sloped in the direction water flow</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Grade work to slope</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Deep trench (installed culvert or deadman)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Correct depth for ballast</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Make stable trenches (shored/sloping requirements)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Backfill–Place material fill all voids to level</li> </ul>		
Strip and stockpile surface material		
Strip surface materials with control		
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Remove material to approved location		
Create mass excavations		
Strip overburden and remove or stockpile	_	_
<ul> <li>Loading out rock (behind or away)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Scale side walls concurrent with excavations</li> </ul>		
Maintain grade in end haul sections		
Pits guarded		

Load trucks		
Organize loading site		
Maintain level pit floor		
<ul> <li>Load smoothly not dropping load from height that damages truck</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Communication with truck when loading (audible/verbal)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Borrow pit below road grade (borrow pit has not compromised road integrity)</li> </ul>		
Guarded when not active		
Optional activities		
<ul> <li>Ensures balanced load when loading rip rap</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Place rip rap and keyed in (far enough out so that angle of repose up to road surface is not too steep)</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>Clear land         <ul> <li>Piles in right place</li> <li>Piles are stable</li> <li>Leveling highs and lows while clearing land (with reason)</li> <li>Safe burning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

This is the last page of the competency conversation.

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