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**Sidecasting**  
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What do we mean when we talk about “**sidecasting**”? The term sidecast or sidecasting is referred to four different times in the regulations. These references are found in sections of the regulations pertaining to Slope Stability Standards in Riparian Areas, Road Construction (2x), and Landing Location, Construction, and Operations. I think most of us when we hear the term sidecasting think of dumping excavated material off the side of a road when pioneering across a hillside. Depending on how steep the hillside is the sidecasted material either piles up below the road grade, or spills downhill until it catches on a bench or comes to rest against stumps and trees further down the hillside.

The forest practice rules expand this concept of sidecasting to include the movement of any excavated material not used in construction of a road or landing [See 11 AAC 95.900(72)]. Thus, sidecasting also refers to overburden or excess material pushed off to either side of the right-of-way, or otherwise piled up along the edge of the clearing limits; and expands the applicability of the related BMPs to all excess material excavated during the course of construction.

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Relevant citations:

11 AAC 95.280 (d)  
11 AAC 95.290 (d), (j)  
11 AAC 95.345 (b)  
11 AAC 95.900 (74)