

FISHER PILE SPECIFICATIONS



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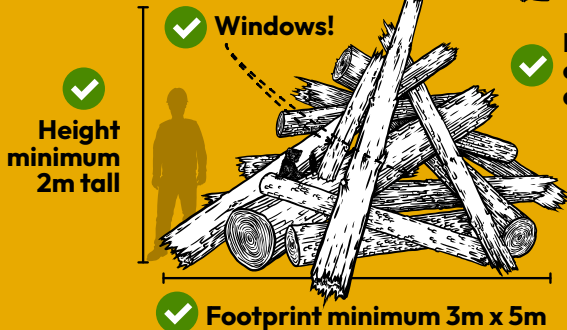
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IDEAL fisher piles look like...

- ✓ 1/3 (or more) of pile pieces are big pieces (>20cm diameter)



Fishers are mid-sized, long & slender forest carnivores - about the size of a house cat.



- ✓ Pieces are criss-crossed creating a “jumble”

- ✓ No fines, debris, moss, soil, needles, etc.! Fines are pieces <10cm diameter

- ✓ Footprint minimum 3m x 5m

POOR fisher piles look like...



Too flat/small



Too many fines



Too stacked

_____ Pile decomposes faster _____

_____ Fills up habitat spaces _____

_____ Can't access the core _____

More about Fishers

Fisher piles provide important ground resting habitat for fishers. In the winter, the piles are particularly important to create open spaces underneath the snow to **help shelter fishers from the cold.** Large pieces of coarse woody debris – especially when jumbled into a pile – **provide warm spaces for fishers to rest.**

Fisher piles also **provide places to hide from larger predators.** Fishers don't feel safe crossing openings wider than 100 meters. Fisher piles that connect retained trees within a cut block to the surrounding forest will help them move through harvested areas safer and sooner.



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