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FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN 2

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1 INTERPRETATION

1. In this **FSP**, the singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular, unless the context indicates otherwise.
2. Unless otherwise expressly indicated, or indicated by context, terms used in this **FSP** have the definition given them, as of the date of submission, in **FRPA** and the Forest Act and the regulations under them.

1.1 Definitions

“**Agreements**” means the replaceable Forest Licenses (FL), listed in Table 1.

“**Agreement holders**” means the companies and organizations listed in Table 1.

“**Basal area equivalency**” means in the case of individual wildlife tree retention, calculated by comparing pre-harvest basal area to post harvest basal area in dispersed wildlife tree retention areas. The area allocated to retention is the proportional amount of area in post-harvest basal areas (e.g., 10% of the pre-harvest basal area left dispersed over a whole cutblock would be equal to 10% retention).

“**Date of Submission**” means the date specified in section 2.1 that this **FSP** was submitted to the Minister for approval;

“**Danger Tree**” means any tree that is hazardous to workers because of location, lean, physical damage, overhead hazards, deterioration of limbs, stems, or root systems;

“**FDU**” means forest development unit;

“**FPPR**” means the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation, as amended from time to time;

“**FRPA**” means the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, RSBC 2002, c. 69, as amended from time to time;

“**FSP**” means this Forest Stewardship Plan;

“**Implementation Date**” means the date the Term of this **FSP** begins, as specified in section 2.3;

“**Merchantable Stems**” means a tree or stand of trees that has attained sufficient size, quality and (or) volume to make it suitable for timber harvesting as specified in the license document.

“**MSP**” means a mechanical treatment that modifies the site to provide favorable conditions for natural or artificial regeneration by means of planned soil disturbance;

“**Qualified registered professional (QRP)**” means, with respect to an activity for which this forest stewardship plan requires a qualified registered professional, a person who has appropriate education and experience to carry out the activity, and

ii) is a member of, or licensed by, a regulatory body in British Columbia that has the legislated authority to regulate its members performing the activity

“TSA” means Timber Supply Area;

“Term” means the period specified in section 2.2.

1.2 Agreement Holders and Agreements:

This **FSP** applies to the **agreement holders** and agreements indicated in Table 1

Table 1 List of Agreement holders and Agreements.

Agreement Holders	Agreements	Area of Harvesting Rights
Canadian Forest Products Ltd.	A18157	All FDU's
Canadian Forest Products Ltd.	A18165	All FDU's
Canadian Forest Products Ltd.	A40873	All FDU's
Canadian Forest Products Ltd.	A94503	As per schedule A

2 TERM OF THE FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN

2.1.1

1. The date of submission of this **FSP** is October 28, 2019
2. The **Term** of this **FSP** is five years beginning on the date specified by the Minister.

3 FURTHER PUBLIC REVIEW

The **Agreement holders** will, in addition to the requirements of **FPPR** section 20 and 21, commit to making proposed harvesting and road construction publicly available at least once on an annual basis, measured from April 1st to March 31st, during the term of this **FSP**. Comments from and replies to, first nations, stakeholders and members of the public will be recorded in a tracking system.

4 IDENTIFYING FOREST DEVELOPMENT UNITS (FDU)

4.1 New Forest Development Units

There are two **FDU's** for this **FSP** referred to as the Vanderhoof South and the Vanderhoof North.

4.2 Items Identified in FDU

The **FSP** maps, included in Appendix B of this **FSP**, identify items as per Table 3. It is understood that ongoing updates occur and these maps are current based on submission date only. As per **FPPR** section 14 (2) and (3) Table 2 also addresses the identified content related to all FDU's.

Table 2: Identified **FSP** content

Type	Species/Item	FSP maps	FSP section	Related Order
Ungulate Winter Range	Northern Caribou	Yes	NA	U-7-012
Section 7 Species at risk notice	Northern Caribou	Yes linked to FDU	5.3.1	December 30, 2004 notice
Ungulate Winter Range	Mule Deer	Yes	5.3.2	U-7-011 Grandfathered
Wildlife Management Area	Stellako River	Yes	NA	Designated Dec. 7, 2011 under section 4(2) of the Wildlife Act.
PG TSA Biodiversity Order	Old Forest old interior and young forest patch.	No	5.1	Land use order establishing landscape biodiversity objectives for PG TSA.

Recreation	Established sites	Yes	NA	NA
Visuals	Scenic Areas	Yes	5.7	GAR order September 18, 2008
Lakeshore management zones	No government objectives at this time	NA	NA	NA
Community Watersheds	No government objectives at this time	NA	NA	NA
Fisheries sensitive watersheds	No government objectives at this time	NA	NA	NA

Permits	Road	NA	Appendix D	
Permits	Cutting Permits	Yes	NA	NA
Declared Areas	Declared Areas	Yes	NA	NA

4.3 Areas within the FDUs Considered to Have Received the Minister's Approval

The following areas are included within the FDUs and, under **FRPA** and the **FPPR**, are considered to have received the Minister's approval:

- (a) Cutting Permits: as indicated on the **FSP** Content Maps and Road Permits listed in Appendix D.

5 RESULTS AND STRATEGIES

5.1 Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the PG TSA – October 20, 2004

The following definitions apply to the results and strategies in Paragraph 5.1.1 in respect of the Order establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the Prince George TSA established under section 4 of the FPC:

“**ecological unit**” means the unit of measurement for old forest, interior forest and young forest patch size, as described in the Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the Prince George Timber Supply Area.

“**interior old forest**” has the same meaning as in the Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the Prince George Timber Supply Area.

“**old forest**” has the same meaning as in the Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the Prince George Timber Supply Area.

“**participating agreement holders**” means those forest tenure agreement holders who have agreed, through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding, to participate in collaborative management of the old forest, interior forest and young forest patch size requirements within the Prince George Timber Supply Area.

“**trend**” means to change or develop in a general direction.

“**young forest**” has the same meaning as in the Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the Prince George Timber Supply Area.

5.1.1 The following results/strategies relate to the Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the Prince George Timber Supply Area and apply to all the FDU's.

- (a) subject to subparagraph (b), the agreement holders of this **FSP** will, along with all **participating agreement holders**, maintain at least the minimum percentage of **old forest** and **interior old forest** as set out in the Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the Prince George Timber Supply Area measured on an annual basis, as set out in the reporting protocol contained within the Memorandum of Understanding for the Order;
- (b) If an ecological unit is deficient in **old forest** or **interior old forest**, the **agreement holders** of this **FSP**, will not apply for new cutting permits in **old forest** or **interior old forest** in that **ecological unit**, until
 - (i) the unit has achieved the minimum percent of **old forest** and **interior old forest**, or
 - (ii) the agency of government responsible for administering the Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the Prince George Timber Supply Area has approved a recruitment strategy;

Once the recruitment strategy is approved new cutting permits will be consistent with the strategy.

- (c) Subject to subparagraphs (d) and (e), the **agreement holders** of this **FSP**, will, along with all **participating agreement holders**, manage **young forest** toward the patch size distribution as set out in the Order Establishing Landscape Biodiversity Objectives for the Prince George Timber Supply Area, measured on a 5 year interval as set out in the reporting protocol contained within the Memorandum of Understanding for the Order.
- (d) At the end of each 5 year monitoring interval, the current interval's patch size distribution results will be compared to the previous 5 year monitoring interval's patch size distribution results and the **trend** will be assessed against the target patch size distributions as set out in the Order.
- (e) If a **trend** toward the patch size distribution has not been achieved, the **agreement holders** of this **FSP** will, along with all **participating agreement holders**, provide the appropriate government agency with:
 - (i) a rationale for the **trend** away from the patch size distribution, and
 - (ii) a strategy for how the objective will be achieved in the shortest time as is practicable, with consideration of the participating **agreement holders'** harvesting rights.

5.2 Objectives Set by Government for Soils

For the objective for soils that is set out in Section 5 of the **FPPR**, the **Agreement holders** will adopt as a result and strategy, for all FDU's, sections 35 and 36 of the **FPPR** as those sections were on the date this **FSP** was submitted for approval.

5.3 Objectives Set By Government for Wildlife

5.3.1 Species at Risk Notice

In respect of the notice entitled "Indicators of the Amount, Distribution, and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of Species at Risk in the Vanderhoof Forest District", issued in December 2004 in accordance with section 7 of the **FPPR**, the results and strategies that apply for each FDU are to ensure that primary forest activities carried out by the **Agreement holders** of this **FSP** will be managed in a manner that meets the distribution and attributes set out in the notice for

the Northern Caribou within the Tweedsmuir – Entiako Caribou Population Range for the term of this **FSP** so that no more than 6100 ha of the THLB is impacted. This result and strategy only applies to the Vanderhoof South FDU.

5.3.2 Grandfathered Ungulate Winter Range U 7-011

In relation to the UWR objective set out in Mule Deer Ungulate Winter Range Order - #U7-011, the result or strategy that applies to each FDU if the area is within the Mule Deer Ungulate Winter Range, is that the holders of this FSP will design cutblocks and roads so that the resulting altered forest landscape is consistent with the Order.

5.4 Objectives Set By Government for Water, Fish, Wildlife And Biodiversity Within Riparian Areas

As per **FPPR** 12.1 (2) exemption from writing a result and strategy for **FPPR** section 8 objective, the **Agreement holders**, when conducting primary forest activities within all FDU's will undertake to comply with the default practice requirements of section 47 (stream riparian classes), 48 (wetland riparian classification, 49 (lake riparian classification), 50 (riparian management area restrictions), 51 (riparian reserve zone restrictions), 52(2) (riparian management zone restrictions) and 53 (temperature sensitive streams) of the **FPPR**.

For the purposes of section 12 (3) of the **FPPR** for the retention of trees in the riparian management zones (RMZ) within a gross block area, the results that apply to the agreement holders' areas of primary forest activity in all FDU's are:

- (1) The site plan will identify how the retention meets the following:
 - (a) within 10m of an S4 stream, retain a minimum of 20% of the area, basal area or **merchantable stems**;
 - (b) within 10m of an S5 stream, W3 wetlands, or L3 lake, retain a minimum of 10% of the area, basal area or **merchantable stems**.
 - (c) within 10m of an S6 stream, retain a minimum of 5% of the area, basal area or **merchantable stems**.

- (d) within 5m of a S4, S5, S6 stream, retain over the length of the stream reach naturally occurring ground vegetation, shrubs, advanced regeneration, non-merchantable conifers and deciduous, and non-merchantable stems, to the extent practicable considering partial cutting activities.

- (e) The minimum targets set out in Table 3 for stream classes S1A, S1B, S2 and S3, W1 and W5 wetlands and L1A and L1B lake classes.

Table 3 - Riparian Management Area, Reserve Zone and Riparian Management Zone Specifications and Retention Table

Riparian Class	Riparian Reserve Zone (RRZ) Minimum Width (m)	Riparian Management Zone (RMZ) Minimum Width (m)	Riparian Management Area (RMA) Minimum Width (m)	Minimum Tree Retention within the RMZ
Streams				
S1 - A	0	100	100	Minimum 20 % of the RMZ area.
S1 - B	50	20	70	Minimum 20 % of the RMZ area.
S2	30	20	50	Minimum 20 % of the RMZ area.
S3	20	20	40	Minimum 20 % of the RMZ area.
S4	0	30	30	As per 5.4 a, d
S5	0	30	30	As per 5.4 b, d
S6	0	20	20	As per 5.4 c, d
Wetlands				
W1	10	40	50	Minimum 20% of the RMZ area.
W3	0	30	30	As per 5.4 b
W5	10	40	50	Minimum 20% of the RMZ area.
Lakes				
L1A	0	0	0	NA
L1B	10	0	10	All reserve
L3	0	30	30	As per 5.4 b

The retention in table 3 is based on area or **basal area equivalency**.

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5.5 Objectives Set By Government for Wildlife and Biodiversity – Landscape Level

In relation to the objective set by government for wildlife and biodiversity set out in section 9 of the **FPPR**, the results or strategies that apply to the areas of primary forest activity in each FDU are the same as the results or strategies set out in section 5.1.

5.6 Objectives Set By Government for Wildlife and Biodiversity – Stand Level

5.6.1 Wildlife tree retention

As per **FPPR** 12.1 (4) instead of are result and strategy In relation to the objective for wildlife and biodiversity at the stand level set out in section 9.1 of the **FPPR**, the agreement holders adopt as a result and strategy sections 66 for all FDU's as that section was on the submission of this **FSP**.

5.6.2 Restrictions on harvesting

In relation to the portion of the objective (**FPPR** 9.1) that relates to **FPPR** section 67 and restrictions on harvesting, as per **FPPR** 12.5 (2) the **Agreement holders** will use the following strategy:

1. No harvesting of wildlife trees retention area will occur unless the following conditions are met:
 - a) Consistent with **FPPR** section 67 the trees on the net area to reforest of the cutblock to which the wildlife tree retention area relates have developed attributes that are consistent with a mature seral condition; or
 - b) The wildlife tree retention areas are damaged or destroyed by insect, fire or blowdown; or
 - c) The incursion is to provide road access or maintain road safety where no practicable alternative exists.
2. For conditions 1 b) and 1 c) additional requirements must be met prior to harvesting wildlife trees.
 - a) A **QRP** has reviewed the wildlife trees, including a field review, and has determined and documented the following:
 - i) The cutblock(s) to which the wildlife trees relate has greater than 3.5% wildlife trees considering both the replacement and the wildlife trees to be removed.

- ii) The replacement wildlife trees are a similar stand structure, age and species to the natural stands in the area.
- iii) The replacement wildlife trees address cultural values or the existing wildlife trees were not protecting any specific cultural values.
- iv) The replacement wildlife trees address wildlife habitat or the existing wildlife trees were not protecting any specific wildlife feature or species at risk.
- v) The replacement wildlife trees provide an equivalent size (ha) and/or number (stems) to the wildlife trees being removed.

5.7 Objectives Set By Government for Visual Quality

Definitions applicable to this **FSP** section:

“**Alteration**” means changing or making something different as a result of conducting harvesting or road construction by the **Agreement holder**.

A **Significant Public Viewpoint (SPV)** means a position of importance or consequence to the public, from which a landscape is observed and has relevance to the landscape being assessed.

For established Scenic areas the following results and strategies apply to all FDU's:

5.7.1 For scenic areas with visual quality objectives established

The following result applies in relation to the objectives set by government for visual quality as per GAR order September 18, 2008.

In this Result:

When evaluated from a **SPV**, the **Alteration** resulting from harvesting conducted by the **Agreement holder** within a known scenic area will be consistent with the visual quality objectives established for the scenic area and will achieve the following results for all **FDU's**:

- a) *Preservation (P) VQO/VQC*: Will be, very small in scale and not easily distinguishable from the pre-harvest landscape.

- b) *Retention (R) VQO/VQC*: Will be, difficult to see, small in scale, and natural in appearance.
- c) *Partial retention (PR) VQO/VQC*: Will be easy to see, small to medium in scale, and natural and not rectilinear or geometric in shape.
- d) *Modification (M) VQO/VQC*: Will be very easy to see, and is large in scale and natural in its appearance, or small to medium in scale but with some angular characteristics.
- e) *Maximum modification (MM) VQO/VQC*: Will be very easy to see, and is very large in scale, rectilinear and geometric in shape or both.

5.7.2 Other circumstances

Despite 5.7.1 when the **Agreement holder** determines that the visual quality objective cannot be fully met due to efforts to address forest health or visual rehabilitation, the following result and strategy will apply to the area in question for all FDU's:

1. In the situation where the **QRP** determines that the **alteration** can be largely consistent with visual quality objectives as per **FPPR 25(1)** the **Agreement holder** will:
 - a) In advance of a cutting permit submission, submit an FSP amendment not requiring approval providing notice that this section of the **FSP** is being used; and;
 - b) Ensure the visual design is consistent with the objectives and describe which one of, ease of seeing or scale cannot be consistent and;
 - c) Describe what mitigation is being implemented to be as consistent as practicable.
 - d) Achieve the result as specified in the notification.

5.8 Objectives Set By Government for Cultural Heritage Resources

In this Section:

“**Cultural heritage evaluation**” means the sharing of information and engagement with applicable First Nations, for the purpose of gathering cultural heritage information. This discussion includes, an appraisal of the value of an object, site, or location of a traditional societal practice that is of historical or cultural significance to First Nations. This discussion includes options for mitigating or protection of any impact to that object, site, or location of a traditional societal practice as a result of

the forest practice contemplated. This covers values not regulated under the Heritage Conservation Act and are of continuing importance to First Nations people.

In relation to the objective set by government for cultural heritage resources set out in section 10 of the **FPPR**, the strategies that apply to all FDU's are:

- a) before an **Agreement holder** commences harvesting, the agreement holder will:
 - (i) Gather and summarize information as per information sharing processes defined by government.
 - (ii) Ensure that a **cultural heritage evaluation** is completed.
- b) Where an **Agreement holder** receives site specific information or identifies a cultural heritage resource the **Agreement holder**, will:
 - (i) Make a record of the communication with the affected person or group.
 - (ii) Identify the location and attributes of the cultural heritage resource in question, both on a map and on the ground;
 - (iii) As part of the discussion evaluate the direct impact of the planned development on the cultural heritage resource;
 - (iv) conserve or protect the cultural heritage resource at the known location, considering the information discussed on:
 - (A) the relative value or importance of the cultural heritage resource to the continued traditional use by a First Nations person;
 - (B) the relative abundance or scarcity of the cultural heritage resource;
 - (C) the extent of the traditional use of the cultural heritage resource, and;
 - (D) the impact on the **Agreement holder's** government granted timber harvesting rights in conserving or protecting the cultural heritage resource,
 - (v) Provide the results of the **cultural heritage evaluation** to government and/or the party providing the information upon request.

- c) The **agreement holder** will ensure all primary forest activities will be consistent with the recommendations given in a **cultural heritage evaluation** referred to in subparagraph (a), and

Where a previously unidentified cultural heritage resource feature is encountered or made known during primary forest activities, the **agreement holder** will cease operations to the extent necessary to protect the feature, until the process described in b) can be carried out.

5.9 Objectives in respect of Agricultural Development Areas & Settlement Reserve Areas

- 5.9.1 In relation to the land use objectives set by government for agricultural development areas (ADA) and settlement reserve areas (SRA) in the Minister of Agriculture and Lands Order dated November 21, 2006, when carrying out primary forest activities, the holders of this **FSP** will follow the practices and conditions of the Order, where these areas overlap the **FDU** areas.

6 MEASURES

6.1 Invasive Plants

Definitions applicable to this **FSP** section:

“**Areas Disturbed**” means: areas of exposed mineral soil greater than 0.1 ha from our primary forest activities outside the net area to reforest (NAR). Despite the net area to reforest criteria, the first 50m of rehabilitated roads and a 20 m buffer (as measured from the edge of the running surface and out into the cutblock) on permanent access structures will be treated if disturbed. The maintained running surface of permanent access structures will not be treated.

“**Seeded**” means using a seed mix that has been checked to ensure regulated or undesirable plants are not introduced and a “certificate of seed analysis” has been obtained as proof of this check. Canada Common Number 1 Forage Mixture or a native seed mix will be used. Seed mixtures containing invasive plants will not be used.

“**Area of known**” means areas where invasive plants are known to occur based on the provincial database system for invasive plants, areas identified by **Agreement holders**, and a 500m buffer around those areas.

“**Provincial resources**” means the provincial database system for invasive plants, any relevant reports from the Invasive Alien Plant Program and qualified **FLNRORD** staff. NW invasive plant council

The measures for preventing the introduction or spread of invasive plants in the FDUs are:

- (a) Invasive Plants are those plants listed in the Invasive Plants Regulation.
- (b) On an annual basis the **Agreement holders** will train woodlands staff and longer term (greater than 1 year) woodlands contractors in:
 - (i) Identifying invasive plants that exist or threaten to establish within the **Agreement holder’s** FDU and;
 - (ii) Best practices for preventing the spread of invasive plants (current document Best Practices for Preventing the Spread of Invasive Plants During Forest Management Activities, 2013, or replacement document).
- (c) on an annual basis, the **Agreement holder** will identify **area of known** sites and newly identified sites of invasive plants using information gathered from the **provincial resources** and **Agreement holder’s** staff;
- (d) Any cutblocks that overlap areas identified in part (c) will have that information identified in the cutblock(s) site plan. The site plan will identify at least 2 best practices to follow to prevent the spread of invasive plants.
- (e) where the **Agreement holder’s** staff or contractors identify new sites of invasive plants, within any of the **FDU’s**, a record containing site location and plant species will be documented and reported using an accepted format (to the Invasive Alien Plant Program) such as the application “report a weed”.
- (f) within the sites noted in subparagraph (c), **areas disturbed** by the **Agreement holder** will be **seeded** within one year of completion of the harvest/construction to minimize seedbed available for colonization by invasive plants.

6.2 Natural Range Barriers

As per section 48 of the **FRPA** and section 18 of the **FPPR** the following measures will be undertaken in all **FDUs** that contain or are adjacent to **Range tenures**, to mitigate the effect of removing or rendering ineffective Natural range barriers by the **Agreement holder**:

1. On an annual basis, provide to **Range tenure** holders cutblock plans for comment.
2. Where the **Range tenure** holder or other qualified person indicates the planned development will remove or render ineffective a natural range barrier the **Agreement holder** will:
 - a) reach an agreement with the **Range tenure** holder on mitigation measures prior to harvesting; and,
 - b) implement the agreed upon mitigation measure within one snow free season following harvesting, unless an
 - c) alternative timeframe is agreed upon by the **agreement holder** and the **Range tenure** holder;
 - d) if the **Agreement holder** and **Range tenure** holder cannot agree on mitigation measures, the **Agreement holder** will consult with district range staff to determine a course of action. Examples of mitigation measures include, but are not limited to, cattle guards, debris fences, windrows, debris log placement, wing fencing and fence line establishment.
3. Where identified within one year after harvesting or road construction that a natural range barrier has been removed or rendered ineffective by the agreement holder, the agreement holder will follow the same process as per 2 above except the timeline will be within one snow free season following knowledge of that natural range barrier break.

7 STOCKING REQUIREMENTS

7.1 General Standards

For the purposes of section 16(1) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation, section 44(1) of that regulation will apply to every area where the **Agreement holder** of this **FSP** is required to establish a free growing stand. The standards apply to all **FDU**'s unless otherwise specified.

For the purposes of section 16(3) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation, for each area where a **Agreement holder** of this **FSP** is required to establish a free growing stand

- (a) The applicable stocking standards and applicable regeneration date referred to in section 44(1)(a) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation, and
- (b) The applicable stocking standards and applicable free growing height referred to in section 44(1)(b) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation

Are subject to the Variations from General Standards in paragraph 7.2, as set out in Appendix B opposite the Biogeoclimatic Site Series that applies to the Standard Unit.

Where an agreement holder of this FSP is exempted by the Act and regulations from establishing a free growing stand in respect of timber harvesting, as per section 44 (3) of the FPPR, the agreement holder will, on all cutblocks, as per section 44(4), subject to Paragraph 7.2, do so in accordance with the stocking standards in Appendix C.

7.1.1 Free Growing Date

The late free growing date for all Standard Units will be 20 years after the commencement date of the cutblock.

7.1.2 Minimum Preferred Well Spaced Density at Free Growing

The minimum preferred well-spaced density at free growing is equal to the minimum preferred and acceptable well-spaced density at regeneration delay as described in Appendix A.

7.1.3 Preferred Species at Free Growing

The preferred and acceptable species at regeneration are the preferred free growing species.

7.1.4 Target Density at Free Growing

The target density at free growing is equal to the target density at regeneration delay as described in Appendix A.

7.1.5 Maximum Coniferous Density

The maximum density for Lodgepole Pine leading stands in all site series is 20,000 countable coniferous stems per hectare in the Northern Interior Forest Region. All other species and mixed pine stands in all site series are limited to a maximum of 10,000 countable coniferous stems per hectare.

7.1.6 Clarification

Engelmann Spruce (Se) can be replaced with Interior Spruce (Sx) if the use of the Interior Spruce is consistent with the provincial seed transfer guidelines or the “Chief Forester’s Standards for Seed Use” when they are established;

7.1.7 Deciduous Stems Retained at Harvest

For any opening that is being managed as an even aged stand, any overstory deciduous stems that were retained at the time of harvest will be considered non-deleterious competition for the purpose of free growing assessment.

7.1.8 Standard unit with site series complex

- (i) The Target Stocking Standards, Minimum Preferred and Acceptable, Minimum Preferred, Minimum Inter-tree distance and Minimum Height will be those of the dominant site series, and

- (ii) The preferred species for the Standard Unit will include all of the preferred species for all the site series comprising that unit, however potential crop trees will only be preferred or acceptable where they are ecologically suitable within the Standard Unit.

7.2 Variations from General Standards

Despite section 7.1, an **Agreement holder** of this **FSP** will apply the following rules or stocking standards in the following circumstances:

7.2.1 Riparian Management Zones

Where brush and deciduous has been retained as part of retention requirements in **FSP** sections 5.4 it will be considered non deleterious.

7.2.2 Pine Stem Rust Spacing Exemption

In pine-leading strata with greater than 20% incidence of stem rusts and exceeding the Maximum Coniferous Density stated in 7.1.5, the stratum will be exempt from the requirements of Maximum Coniferous Density stated in 7.1.5.

7.2.3 Mule Deer UWR units

Within all mule deer UWR Units, Douglas fir is a preferred species for the purposes of the regeneration delay standards, and an approved species for the purposes of the free growing standards, despite the species listed in the applicable regeneration delay and free growing standards.

7.2.4 Alternative harvesting and Ecological suitability

Where harvesting for the purposes listed in FPPR Section 44(3) occurs within an artificially regenerated stand, all coniferous species demonstrating good form and vigour are to be considered as ecologically appropriate.

7.2.5 Minimum inter-tree distance

Will be reduced from 2.0 meters to 1.6 meters for a standard unit, where due to;

- non timber values:
 - active range tenures for obstacle planting in areas with a high potential for cattle congregation
 - sites with a significant number of dispersed wildlife trees (e.g., greater than 50 trees/ha)
 - prescribed riparian management as per FSP section 4.3
 - sites where a stump avoidance strategy is employed to manage root rot
 - cluster planting (if required) to achieve established wildlife legal objectives,
- site moisture limitations (recurring in sections less than stratification size),
- plantation failure (fill plants or under planting),
- site preparation (mounding only) for regeneration,
- to facilitate increased planting density (20%) for rust management;

there is a lack of suitable plantable microsites that prevents the achievement of planting density (or increased density in the case of rust management) which can be demonstrated through standard survey methodologies.

7.2.6 Moose browse management

In moose management areas birch, willow, alder and dogwood will not be considered competition to conifers during free growing assessments. For the purposes of this variance, moose management areas will be identified by the **Agreement holder** based on the best available information. The hierarchy for best available information will first use any wildlife orders establishing moose management areas and then any official moose habitat map made known to the **agreement holder**. This variance will not apply in areas identified by the BC government and First Nations as areas

important for the recovery of caribou. As a starting point this only applies to **FDU - Vanderhoof North**.

7.2.7 Buffering and screening management

Aspen, cottonwood, and birch as well as alder, willow, and red osier dogwood within 10 metres from the boundary between natural ground and the ditchline and/or within 10 metres from the outside boundary of the Net Area to Reforest are not considered deleterious brush competition when conducting a free growing survey.

7.2.8 Caribou management

In Caribou management areas where understory retention has been prescribed, for screening and brush reduction, the retention will be considered preferred species. All the standard survey quality specifications still apply. This only applies to **FDU Vanderhoof South**.

7.2.9 Fuel Hazard Mitigation

Fire management stocking standards will be applied in the following circumstances:

- a. Within 2 km (± 200 m) of a Wildland Urban Interface as identified within the Provincial strategic threat analysis map(s) or a more detailed plan approved by government.
- b. Within 2 km (± 200 m) of other high value infrastructure or other high resource value on the land base as identified on approved Fire management plan values maps.
- c. Those areas identified as appropriate for a fire management stocking standard within the District fire management plan.
- d. Fire management stocking standards will be adjusted in these areas in the following manner:
 - i. Deciduous shall be considered non-deleterious.
 - ii. Coniferous densities shall be half of the required stocking for the site series.
- e. Within approximately 2 km of other high value infrastructure or other high resource value on the land base as identified on approved Fire management plan values maps.
- f. Those areas identified as appropriate for a fire management stocking standard within the District fire management plan.

When applying fire management stocking standards deciduous shall be considered non-deleterious and coniferous densities shall be half of the required stocking for the moisture regime.



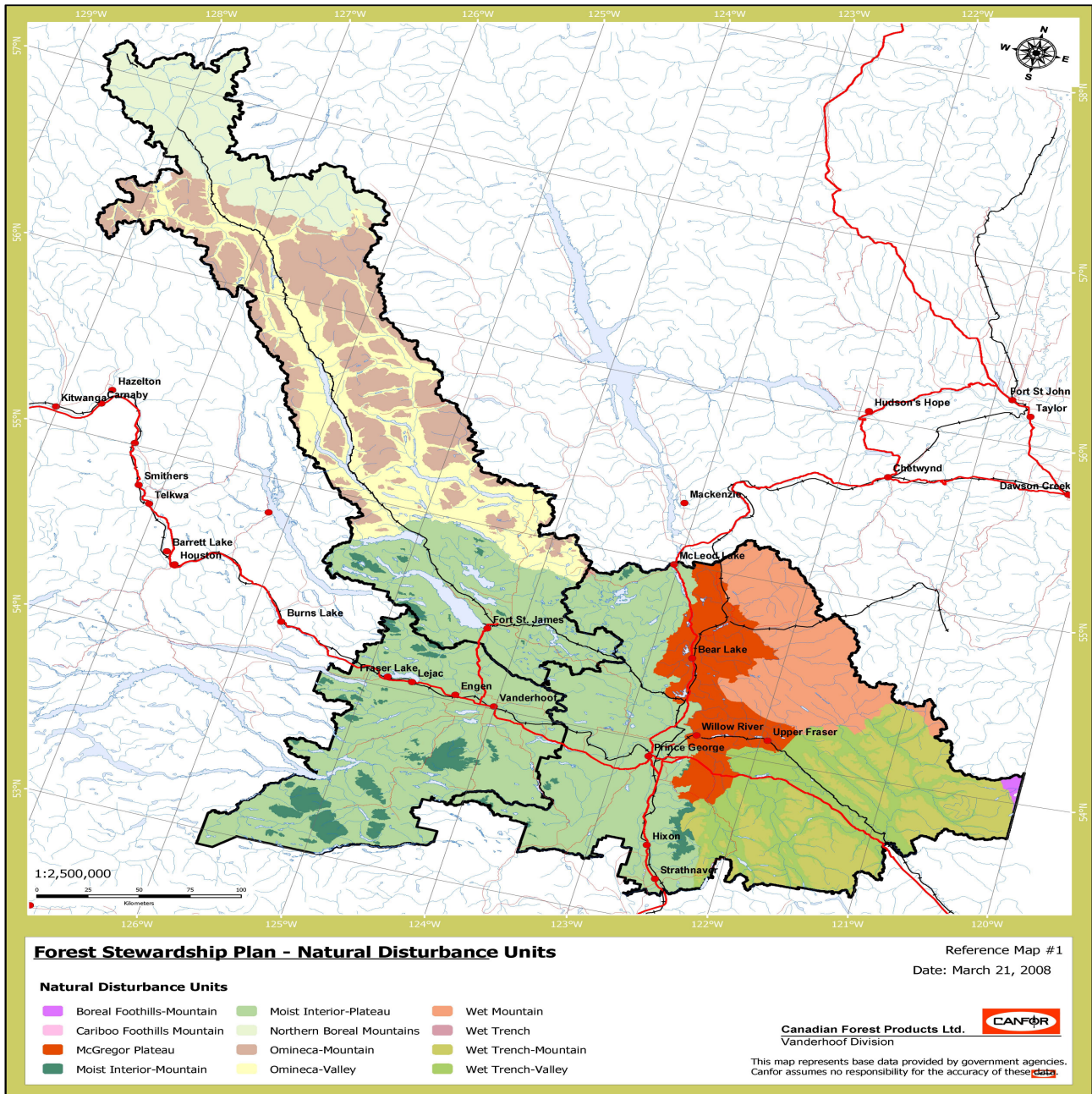
SIGNATURES OF PERSONS REQUIRED TO PREPARE PLAN

<p>Preparing Forester:</p> <p>I certify that the work described herein fulfills the standards expected of a member of the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals and that I did personally supervise the work.</p>	<p>RPF Sign and Seal</p> 
	<p>Greg Yeomans, RPF FSP Coordinator Canadian Forest Products Ltd.</p>
<p><i>Authorized Licensee Signature:</i></p>	 <p>Ian Stephen Woodlands Manager</p>

APPENDIX A: FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN MAPS

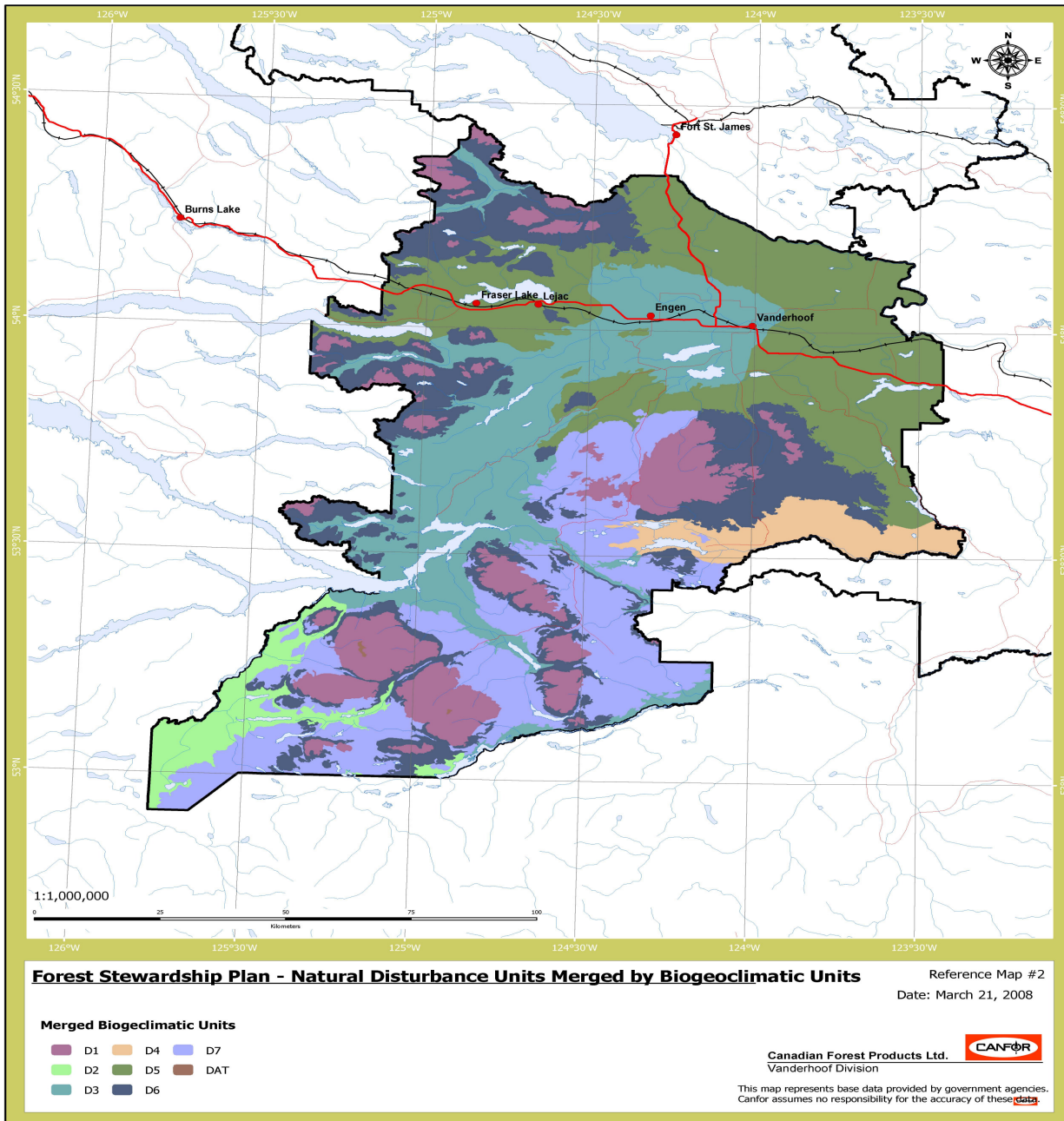
Summary of **FSP** Maps

Map Number	Map Reference
1	Natural Disturbance Unit for the Prince George TSA
2	Merged BEC Units for the Vanderhoof District
3	FSP Content Map Vanderhoof North –attachment in FSP tracker
4	FSP Content Map Vanderhoof South attachment in FSP tracker



Map 1

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APPENDIX B: REGENERATION AND FREE GROWING STOCKING STANDARDS

Even aged stocking standards

Zone	Var	Site Series	MITD (m)												Even Aged Free Growing Standards																										
				SSID #	Approved PG #	Max Regen Delay (yrs)	Min WS P&A	Min WS P	Preferred Spp			Acceptable Spp			Target WS (sph)	Min WS (sph)	Sp1	Ht1 (m)	Sp2	Ht2 (m)	Sp3	Ht3 (m)	Sp4	Ht4 (m)	Sp5	Ht5 (m)															
ESSF	mc	01/05/06/07	1.6	1064279	1056914	4	700	600	SX	BL	PLI	1,200	700	SX	0.8	PLI	1.6	BL	0.8																						
ESSF	mv3	01/04/05/06																																							
ESSF	wk1	01/03/04/05																																							
ESSF	wk2	03																																							
ESSF	wk2	01/02/04/05	1.6	1064304	1057525	4	700	600	SX	BL																															
ESSF	mc	04	1.6	1064306	1057542	4	700	600	SX	PLI	BL																														
ESSF	mv1	01																																							
ESSF	mv3	03/07	1.0	1064307	1057546	4	500	400	SX	BL	PLI																														
ESSF	wk1	02																																							
ESSF	mc	08/09/10	1.0	1064308	1057549	4	500	500	SX	BL		1,000	500	SX	0.6	PLI	1.2	BL	0.6																						
ESSF	wk1	06/07																																							
ESSF	wk2	06																																							
ESSF	mc	02/03																																							
ESSF	mv1	03	1.0	1064309	1057550	4	500	400	SX	PLI	BL																														
ESSF	mv1	04/05																																							
ESSF	mv3	02/08																																							
ESSF	mv1	02										1.0	1064305	1057528	4	500	400	PLI		BL																					
SBPS	dc	01	2.0	1064310	1057567	4	700	600	PLI	SX	SB	1,200	700	PLI	1.4	SX	0.8	SB	0.8																						
SBPS	dc	04																																							
SBPS	mc	01/03																																							
SBPS	dc	03	2.0	1064311	1057570	4	700	600	PLI		SX	SB																													
SBPS	dc	05	1.0	1064312	1057571	4	500	400	PLI	SX	SB	1,000	500	PLI	1.0	SX	0.6	SB	0.6																						
SBPS	mc	05/06																																							
SBPS	dc	06																																							
SBPS	dc	08	1.0	1064313	1057574	4	500	400	SX		PL	SB																													

SBPS	mc	04	2.0	1064316	NA	4	500	400	PLI	SX	SB											
SBPS	dc	02	1.0	1064314	1057576	4	500	500	PLI													
SBPS	mc	07	2.0	1064317	NA	4	200	100	PLI	SX	SB	400	200	PLI	1.0	SX	0.6	SB	0.6			
SBPS	dc	07	1.0	1064315	1057577	4	200	100	PLI	SX	SB	400	200	PLI	1.0	SX	0.6	SB	0.6			
SBS	mh	04/07/08	2.0	1064303	1057145	4	700	600	FDI	SX	BL											
SBS	mk1	04																				
SBS	wk1	03																				
SBS	dw3	04	2.0	1064282	1057146	4	700	600	PLI	FDI	SX											
SBS	mw	03																				
SBS	wk3	03																				
SBS	dw2	03/04	2.0	1064283	1057147	4	700	700	PLI	FDI	LW											
SBS	mh	01/05/06										1,200	700	PLI	2.0	SX	1.0	FDI	1.4	BL	1.0	
SBS	dw3	08																				
SBS	mk1	01/05/07																				
SBS	mw	01/04/06/08	2.0	1064284	1057148	4	700	700	PLI	SX	FDI											
SBS	wk1	01/04/05																				
SBS	dw2	01/05/06																				
SBS	dw3	01/06																				
SBS	dk	01/04/05/06																				
SBS	dw2	08/09	2.0	1064285	1057149	4	700	600	PLI	SX	FDI	BL										
SBS	dw3	07																				
SBS	mk1	08																				
SBS	mw	05/07	2.0	1064286	1057151	4	700	600	PLI	SX	BL											
SBS	wk1	06/07/08																				
SBS	wk3	01/04/06/07																				
SBS	dk	03																				
SBS	dw2	07	2.0	1064287	1057152	4	700	600	PLI		SX	SB	1,200	700	PLI	2.0	SX	1.0	BL	1.0	SB	1.0
SBS	wk1	12																				
SBS	dk	08	2.0	1064288	1057153	4	700	700	PLI	SX												
SBS	dw3	03																				
SBS	mk1	02/03	2.0	1064289	1057154	4	700	600	PLI		SX											
SBS	vk	02																				
SBS	dw3	05	2.0	1064290	1057155	4	700	600	PLI	SB	SX											
SBS	mk1	06																				

SBS	wk3	05																					
SBS	mc2	01/03/04/05/06/08/09	2.0	1064291	1057157	4	700	600	PLI	SX	BL												
SBS	mc3	01/07										1,200	700	PLI	1.6	SX	0.8	BL	0.8	SB	0.8		
SBS	mc3	04	2.0	1064292	1057158	4	700	600	PLI	SX	SB												
SBS	mc3	02/03/05/06	2.0	1064293	1057159	4	700	600	PLI		SX												
SBS	mh	03	1.0	1064294	1057162	4	500	400	PLI	FDI	SX	BL	LW										
SBS	dw3	02	1.0	1064295	1057163	4	500	400	PLI	FDI	SX	LW											
SBS	mw	02										1,000	500	PLI	1.4	FDI	1.0	SX	0.8	BL	0.8	LW	1.4
SBS	dw2	02	1.0	1064296	1057165	4	500	500	PLI	FDI		LW											
SBS	mh	02																					
SBS	dw2	10																					
SBS	dw3	09																					
SBS	mk1	09	1.0	1064280	1057137	4	500	400	PLI	SX	BL												
SBS	mw	09										1,000	500	PLI	1.4	SX	0.8	BL	0.8				
SBS	wk1	09/10																					
SBS	wk3	08																					
SBS	dk	02	1.0	1064281	1057141	4	500	500	PLI	SX													
SBS	dk	07																					
SBS	mc2	10/11	1.0	1064297	1057186	4	500	400	PLI	SX	BL												
SBS	mc3	08										1,000	500	PLI	1.2	SX	0.6	BL	0.6	SB	0.6		
SBS	mc2	07	1.0	1064298	1057187	4	500	400	PLI	SX	SB												
SBS	mc2	02	1.0	1064299	1057188	4	500	400	PLI		SX	BL											
SBS	dk	09	1.0	1064300	1057189	4	200	100	PLI		SB												
SBS	dw2	11																					
SBS	mw	10										400	200	PLI	1.4	SX	0.8	SB	0.8				
SBS	dk	10	1.0	1064301	1057190	4	200	100	PLI	SX	SB												
SBS	dw3	10																					
SBS	mk1	10																					
SBS	wk1	11																					
SBS	mc3	09	1.0	1064302	1057192	4	200	100	PLI	SX	SB												
SBS	mc2	12										400	200	PLI	1.2	SX	0.6	SB	0.6				

Uneven aged stocking standards.

Stand. ID	BEC Zone/SZ	Site Series	Pref (p)	Acc (a)	Layer	Target	Min (pa)	Min (p)	MITD m	RGD yrs	FG yrs	Crop Tree Height			
												Species	(m)		
1064318	SBPS dc, mc SU's	SBPS-All site series (even age target = 1200)	Sx Pl	Sb	1	600	300	250	N/A	4	20	All	N/A		
			Sx Pl	Sb	2	800	400	300	1.6			All	N/A		
			Sx Pl	Sb	3	1000	500	400	1.6			All	N/A		
			Sx Pl	Sb	4	1200	700	600	1.6			All	0.80		
1064319		SBPS dc, mc SU's	SBPS-All site series (even age target = 1000)	Sx Pl	Sb	1	400	200	200	N/A	4	20	All	N/A	
				Sx Pl	Sb	2	600	300	250	1.6			All	N/A	
				Sx Pl	Sb	3	800	400	300	1.6			All	N/A	
				Sx Pl	Sb	4	1000	500	400	1.6			All	0.80	
1064320			SBPS dc, mc SU's	SBPS-All site series (even age target = 400)	Sx Pl	Sb	1	200	100	100	N/A	4	20	All	N/A
					Sx Pl	Sb	2	300	125	125	1.6			All	N/A
					Sx Pl	Sb	3	300	150	150	1.6			All	N/A
					Sx Pl	Sb	4	400	200	200	1.6			All	0.80

1064321	All SBS	SBS -All site series (even age target = 1200)	Sx PI Fd	Bl, Lw	1	600	300	250	N/A	4	20	All	N/A	
			Sx PI Fd	Bl, Lw	2	800	400	300	1.6			All	N/A	
			Sx PI Fd	Bl, Lw	3	1000	500	400	1.6			All	N/A	
			Sx PI Fd	Bl, Lw	4	1200	700	600	1.6			All	0.80	
1064322		SBS -All site series (even age target = 1000)	Sx PI Fd	Bl Lw	1	400	200	200	N/A	4	20	All	N/A	
			Sx PI Fd	Bl Lw	2	600	300	250	1.6			All	N/A	
			Sx PI Fd	Bl Lw	3	800	400	300	1.6			All	N/A	
			Sx PI Fd	Bl Lw	4	1000	500	400	1.6			All	0.80	
1064323			SBS -All site series (even age target = 400)	Sx PI Fd	Bl, Lw	1	200	100	100	N/A	4	20	All	N/A
				Sx PI Fd	Bl, Lw	2	300	125	125	1.6			All	N/A
				Sx PI Fd	Bl, Lw	3	300	150	150	1.6			All	N/A
				Sx PI Fd	Bl, Lw	4	400	200	200	1.6			All	0.80

1064324	ESSF mc, mv3, wk1, wk2	ESSF-All site series (even age target = 1200)	Sx Bl	PI	1	600	300	250	N/A	4	20	All	N/A	
			Sx Bl	PI	2	800	400	300	1.6			All	N/A	
			Sx Bl	PI	3	1000	500	400	1.6			All	N/A	
			Sx Bl	PI	4	1200	700	600	1.6			All	0.80	
1064325		Multistory SU's	ESSF-All site series (even age target = 1000)	Sx Bl	PI	1	400	200	200	N/A	4	20	All	N/A
				Sx Bl	PI	2	600	300	250	1.6			All	N/A
				Sx Bl	PI	3	800	400	300	1.6			All	N/A
				Sx Bl	PI	4	1000	500	400	1.6			All	0.80

APPENDIX C: COMMERCIAL THINNING STOCKING STANDARDS

For timber harvesting referred to in Section 16(4) and 44(4) of the FPPR, stands must meet a minimum a post -harvest stand density as as per the tables below. In addition to the density that must be maintained and declared one year after harvest completion, 2 of 3 of the following post harvest conditions must be met:

- i. An increase in diameter from pre harvest to post harvest.
- ii. A decrease in less desirable species based on the most current chief foresters guidelines for primary, secondary and tertiary species.
- iii. A decrease in stem quality defects from pre harvest to post harvest surveys.

The prescribed post stand conditions above will be a part of the site plan and the post harvest one year declaration.

Stocking standard and density tables for commercial thinning.

Stocking ID	Spruce top	Minimum Residual Density Stems per hectare
	Top Height	
1064385	Equal or less than 14m	1400
1064386	Equal or less than 15m	1200
1064387	Equal or less than 16m	1070
1064388	Equal or less than 17m	940
1064389	Equal or less than 18m	830
1064390	Equal or less than 19m	760
1064391	Equal or less than 20 m	715
1064392	Equal or less than 21 m	670
1064393	Equal or less than 22m	625
1064394	Equal or less than 23m	580
1064395	Equal or less than 24m	540
1064396	Equal or less than 25m	500
1064397	Equal or less than 26m	470

Stocking ID	Lodgepole pine	Minimum Residual Density Stems per hectare
	top Height	
1064398	Equal or less than 14m	1820
1064399	Equal or less than 15m	1650
1064400	Equal or less than 16m	1400
1064401	Equal or less than 17m	1270
1064402	Equal or less than 18m	1140
1064403	Equal or less than 19m	1030
1064404	Equal or less than 20 m	920
1064405	Equal or less than 21 m	870
1064406	Equal or less than 22m	830
1064407	Equal or less than 23m	750

1064408	Equal or less than 24m	690
1064409	Equal or less than 25m	650
1064410	Equal or less than 26m	600

	Douglas-fir top height	Minimum Residual Density
		Stems per hectare
1064411	Equal or less than 14m	2335
1064412	Equal or less than 15m	2000
1064413	Equal or less than 16m	1750
1064414	Equal or less than 17m	1450
1064415	Equal or less than 18m	1250
1064416	Equal or less than 19m	1080
1064417	Equal or less than 20 m	940
1064418	Equal or less than 21 m	850
1064419	Equal or less than 22m	770
1064420	Equal or less than 23m	690
1064421	Equal or less than 24m	610
1064422	Equal or less than 25m	540
1064423	Equal or less than 26m	490

In the case of a mixed balsam spruce stand the spruce standard will be used provided spruce is the preferred retention species.

APPENDIX D: ROAD PERMIT LIST

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