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Glossary and Acronyms

Adaptive Management: A learning approach to management that recognizes substantial uncertainties in managing forests and incorporates into decisions the experience gained from the results of previous actions. Adaptive management can be simplified into "learning by doing."

Annual Allowable Cut (AAC): The allowable rate of timber harvest from a specified area of land. The Chief Forester sets specific AACs for Timber Supply Areas and Tree Farm Licences in accordance with Section 8 of the *Forest Act*.

Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification (BEC): A hierarchical system of ecosystems that integrates regional, local and chronological factors and combines climatic, vegetation and site factors.

Biological richness (species richness): The number of species in a given area.

Coarse woody debris (CWD): Downed woody material of a minimum diameter or greater that is resting on the forest floor or at an angle to the ground of 45 degrees or less. CWD consists of sound and rotting logs and branches, and may include stumps when specified. Coarse woody debris provides habitat for plants, animals and insects, and a source of nutrients for soil development.

Criterion: A category of conditions or processes by which sustainable forest management may be assessed; characterized by a set of related indicators which are monitored periodically to assess change.¹

Crown Forest Land Base (CFLB): Forested land managed by the Ministry of Forests and Range is referred to as the Crown forested land base. In the CFLB, specific conditions (e.g. a stand or a group of similar trees) are assigned either to the non-harvesting land base or to the timber harvesting land base. An area can only be removed for one reduction type; for example, the area of a stand that falls within a park, and also has sensitive soils, is assigned only once to the non-harvesting land base.

Customary use rights: The rights of First Nations peoples to use lands and resources based on culturally established patterns of utilisation and management which may include fishing; hunting; trapping; gathering of foods, medicines and materials for ceremonial, spiritual, sustenance, or fabrication (e.g. clothing, artwork, building, etc.) purposes.

Defined Forest Area (DFA): A specified area of forest, including land and water. The Defined Forest Area for the Sustainable Forest Management Plan is the Vanderhoof Forest District, excluding private land and woodlots.

Forest Management System (FMS): The FMS is a systematic means of identifying, addressing and managing environmental impacts and sustainable forest management commitments within Canfor's Woodlands operations.

Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA): The *Forest and Range Practices Act* brings in the application of a results-based system for the management of forest and range resources. It will fully replace the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* by December, 2005.

General Development Permit (GDP): permit obtained by oil and gas sector to authorize limited development of an area in preparation for exploration activities for oil and gas.

Global ecological cycles: The complex of self-regulating processes responsible for recycling the Earth's limited supplies of water, carbon, nitrogen and other life-sustaining elements.

Inoperable: Lands that are unsuited for timber production now and in the foreseeable future because of a range of factors, including elevation; topography; inaccessible location; low value of timber; small size of timber stands; steep or unstable soils; or designation as parks, wilderness areas, or other uses incompatible with timber production.

Indicator: A measure of an aspect of the criterion; a quantitative or qualitative variable which can be measured or described and which, when observed periodically, demonstrates trends. ¹

Landscape Unit: a planning area, generally up to about 100,000 ha in size, delineated according to topographic or geographic features such as a watershed or series of watersheds. It is established by the district manager.

Measure: A set of variable that provides quantitative information about the status/standard established for an indicator.

Natural disturbance: the historic process of fire, insects, wind, landslides and other natural events in an area.

Non Commercial brush (NCBR): Describes potential productive forest land that is covered with either 'Forest' or 'Brush'.

Natural Disturbance Unit (NDU): These units separate areas based on differences in disturbance processes, stand development, and temporal and spatial landscape pattern.

NHLB: Non-Harvestable Land Base This is area not considered part of the THLB. This includes areas excluded from contributing to timber supply during the TSR process, such as parks, riparian reserve areas, inaccessible areas, inoperable areas, non-merchantable

forest types, low productivity types, recreation features, and environmentally sensitive areas.

Old Growth Management Area (OGMA): areas which contain, or are managed to replace, specific structural oldgrowth attributes and which are mapped out and treated as special management areas.

Predictive Ecosystem Mapping (PEM): A computer, GIS and knowledge-based method that divides landscapes into ecologically-oriented map units for management purposes.

Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS): a mix of outdoor settings based on remoteness, area size, and evidence of humans, which allows for a variety of recreation activities and experiences. The descriptions used to classify the settings are on a continuum and are described as: rural, roaded resource, semi-primitive motorized, semi-primitive non- motorized, and primitive.

Regeneration delay: the maximum time allowed in a prescription, between the start of harvesting in the area to which the prescription applies, and the earliest date by which the prescription requires a minimum number of acceptable well-spaced trees per hectare to be growing in that area.

Riparian: Area adjacent to a stream, river, lake or wetland. The FPC Riparian Management Area Guidebook defines it as "areas [that] occur next to the banks of streams, lakes, and wetlands and include both the area dominated by continuous high moisture content and the adjacent upland vegetation that exerts an influence on it".

Riparian Reserve Zone (RRZ): The portion of the riparian management area or lakeshore management area located adjacent to a stream, wetland or lake.

Seral: the stage of development of an ecosystem, from a disturbed, un-vegetated state (early-seral) to a mature plant community (late-seral).

Site Index: an expression of the forest site quality of a stand, at a specified age, based either on the site height, or on the top height, which is a more objective measure.

Snag: a standing dead tree, or part of a dead tree, found in various stages of decay—from recently dead to very decomposed.

Stream Crossing Quality Index: a field based hazard assessment of the potential for accelerated erosion and sediment delivery at stream crossings. The procedure evaluates and scores the potential for eroded sediment to reach the stream environment. A high score infers that there is a significant erosion problem which may in turn cause sediment related water quality problems.

Sustainable Forest Management (SFM): Management "to maintain and enhance the long-term health of forest ecosystems, while providing ecological, economic, social and cultural opportunities for the benefit of present and future generations"¹

Target: A specific statement describing a desired future state or condition of measure. Targets should be clearly defined, time-limited and quantified, if possible.

Timber Harvesting Landbase (THLB): The area of the Defined Forest Area available for timber extraction.

Traditional Use Study (TUD): Compilation of data respecting historic use of the land and resources by First Nations

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Acronyms	NOCR Duitish Columbia Ministrum of Foundational Devices
AAC Allowable Annual Cut	MOFR British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range
AIA Archaeological Impact Assessment	MPS Market Pricing System
AMD Amendment	NSOGO Non Spatial Old Growth Order
AOA Archaeological Overview Assessment	NSR Not Satisfactorily Restocked
BCTS BC Timber Sales	NTFP Non-Timber Forest Products
BEC Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification	OGMA Old Growth Management Area
BEO Biodiversity Emphasis Option	OHSC Occupational Health and Safety Committee
Canfor Canadian Forest Products Ltd.	OSB Oriented Strandboard
CHR Cultural Heritage Resource	PAG Public Advisory Group
CFS Canadian Forest Service	PEM Predictive Ecosystem Mapping
CFLB Crown forested land base	PMP Pest Management Plan
COPI Creating Opportunity for Public Involvement	PRISM Public Response for Informed Sustainable Management
CP Cutting Permit	RMZ Riparian Management Zone
DBH Diameter at Breast Height	ROS Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
EFG Early Free Growing	RRZ Riparian Reserve Zone
FDP Forest Development Plan	RVQC Recommended Visual Quality Class
FMS Forest Management System	SDE Spatial Data Engine
FG Free Growing	SFMP Sustainable Forest Management Plan
FIA Forest Investment Account	SI50 Site Index for age 50
FPC Forest Practices Code	SOP Standard Operating Procedure
FSP Forest Stewardship Plan	Sx White Spruce
GENUS Name for data management system	TBD To be determined
GIS Geographic Information Systems	THLB Timber Harvesting Land Base
GMZ/GRZ General Resource Zone	TSA Timber Supply Area
ILMB Integrated Land Management Bureau	TSR Timber Supply Review
ITS Incident Tracking System	UWR Ungulate Winter Range
KDC Kaska Dene Council	VRI Vegetation Resources Inventory
LFG Late Free Growing	VQO Visual Quality Objective
LRMP Land Resources Management Plan	WQCR Water Quality Concern Rating
LU Landscape Unit	WHA Wildlife Habitat Area
LUPG Landscape Unit Planning Guide	WTP Wildlife Tree Patch
MAI Mean Annual Increment	WTR Wildlife Tree Retention
MOA Memorandum of Agreement	
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¹ The State of Canada's Forests 2001/2002, as cited by the CSA.

Executive Summary

Fort Nelson Defined Forest Area location

The Defined Forest Area (DFA) of the SFM Plan is the Fort Nelson Timber Supply Area (TSA) as described for the Timber Supply Review. The Fort Nelson DFA is located in the northeastern corner of British Columbia and covers approximately 9.8 million hectares, bordering Alberta to the east and the Northwest Territories and the Yukon Territory to the north. The Alaska Highway (Highway # 97) is the main access to the town of Fort Nelson and the only major service road within the DFA. The Alaska Highway leads travelers north from Dawson Creek, BC, through the Yukon to Fairbanks, Alaska. The 317 Road (Highway 77), so named because it begins 17 miles from Fort Nelson (Mile 300 on the Old Alaska Highway), is the only other year round road access to the Fort Nelson area, providing access to the Northwest Territories (source MOFR website).

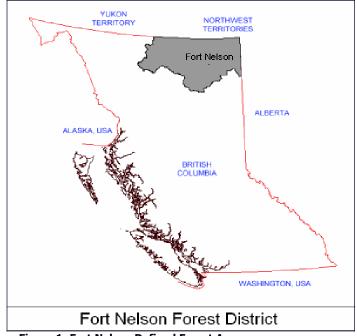


Figure 1: Fort Nelson Defined Forest Area

Purpose

This report is prepared as part of the annual assessment to confirm Canfor's continued implementation of the CSA SFM standard. This report is the fourth edition since registration to the CSA-Z809-02 standard in 2005 and provides a status from April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 of the locally developed measures of the SFMP. The SFM Annual Report date is due May 15th annually. The SFM Management Review date will be conducted upon completion of the annual report with a focus on measures that did not meet the target. In this report, each measure is re-iterated, and a brief status update is provided. For further reference to the intent of the measures, or the practices involved, the reader should refer to Canfor's

Sustainable Forest Management Plan for the Fort Nelson DFA (SFMP, March 15, 2005). Reporting for BC Timber Sales is provided in a separate report.

Circumstances affecting SFM process

Canfor Corporation announced on January 18th, 2008 that due to poor wood product markets, a high Canadian dollar and record low oriented strand board (OSB) prices, its PolarBoard OSB and Tackama plywood mills in Fort Nelson would be closing indefinitely. The Polarboard closure took effect once the existing inventories were utilized and finished products shipped, which occurred in early June 2008. On February 26th, 2008 it was announced that Canfor's Fort Nelson Tackama mill would continue operations, largely because of the efforts of the United Steel Workers Union, employees, suppliers, the provincial government and contractors to identify means to reduce costs at Tackama and establish a business case to keep Tackama operating. Through the contributions of the union, employees, contractors and suppliers and policy changes announced by the provincial government a business case was made to continue operations at Tackama. The business case was predicated upon Tackama realizing the intended cost savings and continued positive performance of plywood markets. Although Tackama has performed very well and met record production targets, Canfor Corporation

has reassessed Tackama's situation and announced on October 8th, 2008 that due to the continued poor demand and low prices for plywood across North America, it will be closing indefinitely its Tackama plywood plant in Fort Nelson. The current market conditions and future outlook for plywood prices were not encouraging with no evidence of a turnaround in the near future and consequently Canfor had to curtail production to address the reduced market demand.

The closure of the PolarBoard mill, followed later by the closure of the Tackama mill affects local forest management, the PRISM and Public Advisory Group in the following ways:

- Reduced and/or no operational activities will affect reporting of certain measures;
- Cessation of harvest activities will reduce the economic benefit of forest management to the region;
- Layoff's and staff re-location renders data collection difficult;
- Reduced resources available to continue with frequent PAG meetings, resulting in reduced numbers of meetings and field tours;
- Difficulties to attract new PAG members, promote their interest in forestry and to maintain current membership during the challenging economic climate that the forest industry is currently experiencing.

Overview of Achievements Canfor

For the 2008 reporting year the following list describes the results achieved:

- ✓ 50 of the 61 measures were achieved (82%),
- ✓ 7 measures are pending (11.5%),
- \checkmark 4 of the indicator objectives were not met (6.5%).

The overview of target achievements in this section captures Canfor's performance measures. BC Timber Sales is responsible for reporting their achievements through their Annual Report. Figure 2 below compares the 2008 measure achievement to previous reporting periods. A slight decrease in measures being met is noticeable due to an increase in pending measures, which is explained partly through the measure revision completed in the past years and due to the fact that certain data was not available at time of reporting. This 2008 Annual Report is the first year in which the "new" measures that were revised in 2007 and early 2008 are reported out on. The changes to the measures that were revised, removed or added during that period are listed in the 2007 SFM Annual Report (table 1).

Two of the four measures not achieved in 2008 were also not achieved in 2007 (2-3.2 Compliance with Regeneration Standards and 2-3.3 Compliance with Free Growing). Measures that were not met will be discussed during the upcoming Management Review and actions will be identified that should result in improving trends.

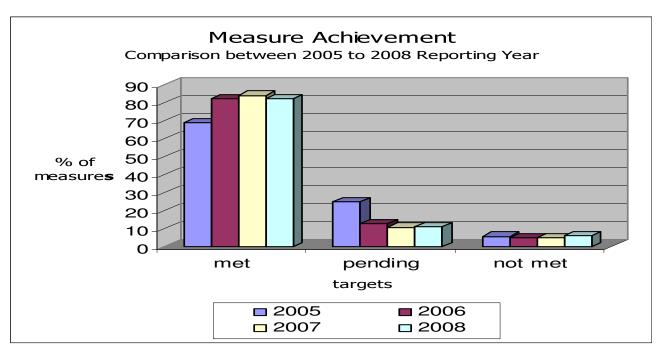


Figure 2: Comparison of measure achievement Canfor 2005 to 2008

Following is a summary of 2008 measures:

Table 1: Summary of Canfor's 2008 measure status

	Measure	Target Met	Target Pending	Target Not Met
1-1.1	Ecosystem Representation	Ţ		
1-1.2	Seral Stages	ſ		
	Habitat Elements			
1-2.1a	Dead standing trees	Ţ		
1-2.1b	Stand Level Retention	ſ		
1-2.1c	Coarse Woody Debris	ſ		
1-2.1d	Riparian areas	ſ		
1-2.1e	Shrub areas	ſ		
1-2.1f	Hardwood areas	ſ		
1-3.1	Vertebrate Species Populations		ſ	
1-3.2	Management Strategies	ſ		
1-4.1	Protected Areas	ſ		
1-4.2	Special Sites – Biological Significance	7		
1-4.3	Management Activities Consistent – Muskwa-Kechika	ſ		
1-4.4	General Wildlife Measures	ſ		
1-5.1	Stream Crossings – Surveyed WQCR			Г
1-5.2	Stream Crossings – Installed/Removed	ſ		
1-5.3	Stream Crossings – Inspections/Mitigation measures	ſ		
1-6.1	Conifer Seeds – accordance with regulation	ſ		
1-6.2	Aspen Regeneration – Natural Regeneration	ſ		
2-1.1	Site Index	ſ		
2-2.1	Forest Converted to Non-Forest Land use	ſ		
2-2.2	Long Term Detrimental Soil Disturbance	ſ		
2-2.3	Landslides	ſ		
2-2.4	Response to Oil and Gas information requests	ſ		
2-3.1	Regeneration Delay	ſ		
2-3.2	Compliance with Regeneration Standards			Г

	Measure	Target Met	Target Pending	Target Not Met
2-3.3	Compliance with Free Growing			ſ
2-4.1	Treatment plans for natural disturbance events	Ţ		
2-4.2	Percent of catastrophic natural disturbance events	ſ		
3-1.1	Carbon stored in trees and non-tree Vegetation	Ţ		
3-3.1	Carbon Sequestration	Ţ		
4-1.1	Total Value of Timber Harvested	Ţ		
4-1.2	Timber Supply Certainty	Ţ		
4-2.1	Direct Employment	Ţ		
4-2.2	Indirect/Induced Employment	Ţ		
4-2.3	Dollar Value of BCTS Timber Sales and Advertised Volumes for Sale	ſ		
4-3.1	Fees Paid by Forest Industry	Ţ		
4-4.1	Opportunities for First Nations	ſ		
4-4.2	BCTS timber sales bids, Small Scale salvage and NRFL's	ſ		
4-5.1	Factors Influencing Competitiveness of Foerst Industry			ſ
4-5.2	Competitive Primary Milling Facility	ſ		
5-1.1	Potential for Marketed Non-Timber Benefits		ſ	
5-1.2	Marketed and Market Activity of Non-Timber Forest Resources	ſ		
6-1.1	Employment by Broad Sector – Local Economy	Г		
6-1.2	Employment by Industry		ſ	
7-1.1	Stakeholder Analysis	Γ		
7-1.2	Communication with the Pubic	Г		
7-1.3	Effective Public Advisory Group	Г		
7-1.4	Equitable and Inclusive Deliberation Process	ſ		
7-1.5	Perception of PAG to Forest Management Reponse to Stakeholder Input		ſ	
8-1.1	Information Sharing First Nations	ſ		
8-2.1	Culturally Important Sites	ſ		
8-3.1	Opportunities for First Nation's to Comment on Forest Management Activities	ſ		
8-3.2	First Nation's Involvement during Archaeological Assessments	ſ		
9-1.1	Area and Percentage of Forests Managed for Recreation Activities	1		
9-2.1	Compliance with Visual Quality Objectives	ſ		
9-3.1	Unique or Significant Places and Features and Protected Areas	Г		
9-4.1	SAFE Companies Certification and Registration	1		
9-4.2	Number of All Injuries		ſ	
9-4.3	Number of Serious Injuries		ſ	
9-4.4	Number of Fatalities		1	
		50	7	4

Continuous Improvement

To facilitate reporting and continuous improvement of the measures and targets in the SFM Plan, and to ensure that data is collected in a timely and orderly fashion, each measure will be recorded and tracked. This will occur either in Canfor's 'GENUS Environment' module or in a separate database specific to the measure. GENUS acts like a warehouse for most SFM tasks, tracking responsibilities, due dates, and progress comments.

With the shutdown of the Canfor mills in Fort Nelson, no Canfor harvest activities are expected to occur in the 2009 and 2010 reporting years. As a result, the 2009 and potentially the 2010 Annual Reports will provide minimal reporting of measures directly affected by harvest activities.

1-1.1 - Ecosystem Representation

Measure 1-1.1 The number, size and type of distinct habitat types in both the THLB and NHLB					
Target	Results				
1. 100% of rare ecosystem clusters (< 2000 ha) will be reserved from harvest.	Zero hectares of rare ecosystem clusters were harvested. Target met.				
2. Where less than 50% representation in the NHLB of uncommon ecosystem clusters (defined as < 1% abundance in the CFLB) management strategies to maintain representation will be developed and implemented.	Zero hectares of uncommon ecosystem clusters were harvested. Target met.				
3. Develop and implement management strategies to maintain representation of red and blue listed ecosystem communities with a low or very low resilience to disturbance.	Zero hectares of red/blue listed ecosystem communities were harvested. Target met.				

Target Met				
Yes ✓				

Table 2: Significant plant communities within Canfor cutblocks

BLOCK	NAR [HA]	GROSS AREA	ECOSYSTEM	ECOSYSTEM OVERLAP
		[HA]	CATEGORY	[HA]
ELH2050	50.4	63.1	All	None



Figure 3: Overlay of significant plant communities within ELH2050

References

- Ecosystem Representation Analysis March 31, 2005_Forest Ecosystem Solutions Ltd.
- Sites of Biological Significance Standard Operating Procedure _ Dec. 11, 2007

1-1.2 - Seral Stages

Measure 1-1.2 Percent area by old and mature+old seral stage by Landscape Unit and BEC variant for crown forest land base (CFLB) affected by forest management operations				
Target	Results			
Show improving trend of meeting targets as per Provincial Non Spatial Old Growth Order (NSOGO) and LUPG	Table 4 summarizes the results recorded in this reporting period relating to targets for 'mature + old' and 'old' seral stages. A relative comparison of the results of this reporting period to those in the previous reporting period, indicates that an improving trend toward meeting targets as per NSOGO and the LUPG was achieved in most biogeoclimatic variants. The trend between 2005 and 2008 can be seen in Figure 4, Figure 5 and Figure 6. The trend within the BWBSmw2 variant was slightly decreasing for mature and old seral stages, but significantly increasing for old seral stage. Some variation exists for the other variants due to the fact that harvesting did not occur in those variants and that natural disturbances (i.e. wildfires) took place.			

Table 3: Seral stage distribution in the Fort Nelson DFA

	NHLB vs THLB Comparison		Mature + Old	Old	Total (Ha)
	NHLB	THLB	Current	Current	
	(Ha)	(Ha)	(Ha)	(Ha)	
Total 2008	6,772,631	1,109,626	3,013,182	1,361,900	7,882257,

Table 4: Summary of seral stage distribution for mature+old and old

	Mature + Old Summary			Old Summary		Drawn Down Old Summary			
	Count of Target Met	Count of BEO/BEC	% Target Met	Count of Target Met	Count of BEO/BEC	% Target Met	Count of Target Met	Count of BEO/BEC	% Target Met
BWBS dk 1	12	12	100%	12	12	100%	12	12	100%
BWBS dk 2	33	38	86.8%	32	38	84.2%	34	38	89.5%
BWBS mw 2	118	126	93.7%	114	126	90.5%	116	126	92.1%
BWBS wk 2	1	2	50%	0	2	0.0%	0	2	0.0%
BWBS wk 3	34	39	87.2%	23	39	59.0%	25	39	64.1%
SWB mk	47	47	100.0%	6	47	12.8%	9	47	19.2%
SWB mks	34	34	100.0%	7	34	20.6%	8	34	23.5%

Target Met				
Yes √	No	Pending		

Recommendations and Next Steps

Currently, the Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB) is working towards the establishment of Old Growth Management Areas (OGMA) for the Fort Nelson TSA, in an effort to replace the legal requirement to adhere to the NSOGO. Upon the establishment and implementation of OGMAs within the Fort Nelson TSA, Canfor will revise this measure and related provisions within the FSP to address this change.

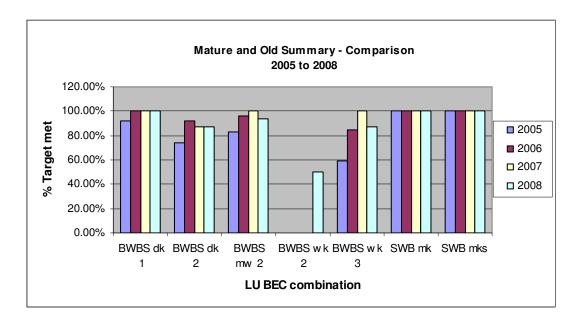


Figure 4: Seral stage distribution 'mature and old'

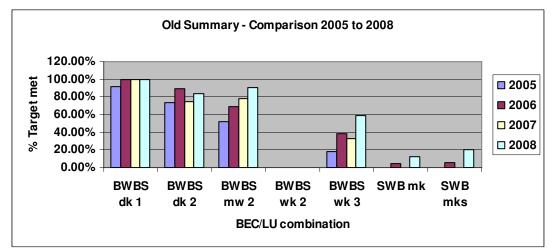


Figure 5: Seral stage distribution 'old'

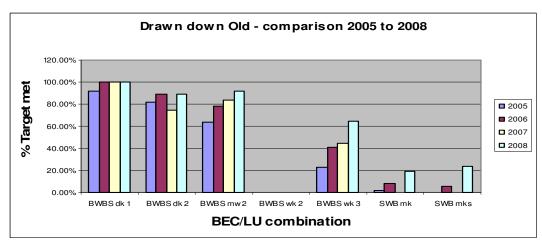


Figure 6: Seral stage distribution 'drawn down old'

1-2.1 a) - Dead Standing

Measure 1-2.1a Dead standing trees on harvested areas in the THLB				
Target Results				
Average of >= 7 snags and/or live trees/ha where prescribed after harvesting in THLB (-2)	The only block that was completely harvested during the reporting period was ELH2050. On average 5 stubs per hectare were maintained. Applying the variance of minus two trees per hectare the target has been met.			

Table 5: Canfor dead standing/live trees on harvested areas

	CP/TSL	Block	Operating area	Average # of total snags/trees /stubs per ha where prescribed
1	CP138	ELH2050	Elleh	5

Target Met					
Yes √	No	Pending			

References

- Snag SOP Feb. 21, 2006 SFM reporting checklists
- "Wildlife Trees and Coarse Woody Debris: Baseline Data and Procedural Considerations for the Fort Nelson TSA" prepared by Silvicon Services Inc. and Manning, Cooper and Associated Ltd. March 31, 2006
- SFM Reporting checklist ELH2050 and map

1-2.1 b) - Stand Level Retention

Measure1-2.1b Stand Level Retention by Landscape Unit and BEC Variant				
Target Results				
100% conformance with locally developed targets as identified in respective licensees FSP's	The current practice is to follow the Land Use Planning Guide (LUPG) targets for wildlife tree patch (WTP) retention. Table 6 and Table 7 show that retention levels within ELH2050, which is the only block harvested within the reporting period, has been exceeded on a block level and on a cutting permit level. This target has been met.			

Table 6 : Stand level retention for all Canfor cutblocks²

	Landscape Unit	Biogeoclimatic Zone	Harvested Area (ha)	WTP Area (ha)	Retention (%)	Target Retention (%)
11	Elleh	BWBSmw	123.4	11.4	8.5	5.0
		Total	123.4	11.4		

Table 7: Stand level retention by cutting permit for all Canfor cutblocks³

Permit	BEC	Landscape Unit (#)	Harvested Area (ha)	WTP Area (ha)	Retention (%)	Target Retention (%)
138	BWBSmw	Fllen (11)	55	8	12.1	5.0
Total		ΤΟΤΑΙ	55	8		

2 Blocks harvested between April 17/08 and March 31/09

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Target Met				
Yes √	No	Pending		

Recommendations and Next Steps

It is recommended that the target statement(s) for this measure be realigned to improve transparency, simplify reporting, and better represent practices currently employed for managing stand level retention (CP balancing). It could be considered to report out on completed cutting permits (i.e. CPs that expire within the reporting period), rather than on an individual block basis by LU/BEC combination. This recommendation is based on difficulties achieving the target during normal operations as demonstrated in the previous SFM Annual Reports.

References

- SFM Crystal report SFMP 1-2.1b stand level retention by cutting permit
- SFM Crystal report SFMP 1-2.1 b stand level retention
- Forest Stewardship Plan

1-2.1 c) - Coarse Woody Debris

Measure 1-2.1 c Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) on harvested areas in the Timber Harvest Land Base (THLB)						
Target	Results					
Coarse woody debris: Interim > 4 logs (2m or greater length; 7.5 cm or greater top diameter)/ha after harvesting (0)	An ocular estimate of Coarse Woody Debris for ELH2050 resulted in approximately 2 cubic meters per hectare. The results exceed the required target for Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) since a log of 2 m length with 7.5 cm top and butt converts to 0.01 m3. Four logs of this size would amount to only 0.04 m3 per hectare and represent the minimum target.					

Table 8: Canfor CWD volumes based on waste and residue surveys

2008 Waste				
CP/FLC	Block	Dispersed in M3		
138	ELH2050	2		

Target Met				
Yes √	No	Pending		

Recommendations and Next Steps

During an internal audit, conducted by Carruthers Forest Solutions Ltd. December 2008, with the purpose to assess conformance to Canfor's Forest Management System, it was recommended for this measure to consider adding both, length and diameter, to the measure as a surrogate for CWD quality. This would allow a more meaningful evaluation of the significant waste volumes reported.

References

- "Wildlife Trees and Coarse Woody Debris: Baseline Data and Procedural Considerations for the Fort Nelson TSA" prepared by Silvicon Services Inc. and Manning, Cooper and Associated Ltd. March 31, 2006.
- FMS Internal Audit Report December 15th, 2008 by Carruthers Forest Solutions Ltd.

1-2.1 d) - Riparian Areas

Riparian ar	Measure 1-2.1 d reas in the Timber Harvest Land Base (THLB)
Target	Results
Riparian reserve zone standards will meet or exceed strategy/standards as defined in approved FSP/FDPs(0)	The only block harvested during the reporting period has no streams or riparian areas located within the cutblock. In regards to infractions to any riparian reserve zones of S1 to S3 streams, no incidents were recorded in Canfor's ITS system. The target has been met 100% for Canfor blocks.

Table 9: Blocks with Riparian Reserve Zones (RRZ's)

		Classification			
Harvested blocks with Riparian Reserve Zones(RRZ)			S2	S 3	Infractions
0		C	0	0	0
Total		C	0	0	0
Target Met					
Yes √ No				Pendi	ing

1-2.1 e) - Shrub Areas

	Measure 1-2.1 e Shrub areas across the Crown Forest Land Base (CFLB)
Target	Results
Sustain current baseline shrub habitat % in the THLB (0.5%) while tracking the trend in the NHLB (using updated inventory information)	Shrub areas are defined as stands less than 20 years old. Table 10 shows that in the 2008 reporting period 1.55 % of shrub areas exist in the THLB compared to 1.39 % in 2006. The target appears not to be met, since the variance exceeds 0.5%. However, discrepancies in reporting occurred due to updated inventory information and a reduction in the THLB area. Inventory data was updated since the development of the first version of the SFM Plan, which provided the baseline data for setting targets. The original data source came from the Fort Nelson TSR3 data package. Since inventory updates occurred in 2006, THLB analysis was conducted in- house by GIS analysts. The newer baseline reported in the 2006 Annual Report (in-house) showed a significant increase in the THLB (almost double). It did not occur until the 2007 reporting period that the reporting for the THLB/NHLB in the 2006 report seemed unrealistic and this resulted in a request for new analysis for the 2008 reporting period. Currently it is not possible to follow the same analysis as in the TSR3 process to obtain areas for THLB and NHLB, as very detailed steps as to the order of net-downs are required. Those steps can hardly be matched with the "in-house analysis" capabilities. Therefore, there is a drastic difference in the THLB/NHLB and shrub areas shown between the previous reporting years and the 2008 reporting year. The current THLB for 2008 should be considered new baseline data to compare shrub habitat for coming reporting years. Due to the change to the THLB area and the fact that hardly any harvesting took place in 2008, the impact is minimal to shrub habitat and the measure can be considered met.

Table 10: Shrub areas across the CFLB

2006-2007	CFLB		THLB		NHLB	
	На	%	На	%	ha	%
TSA total	5,568,036	100	2,318,456	41.6	3,249,580	58.4
Stands less than 20 years - 2006	92,675.9	100	32,143.0	34.7	60,532.0	65.3
baseline			(1.39% of THLB)			
Stands less than 20 years – 2007	92,675.7	100	31,449.3	33.9	61,226.4	66.1

reporting period			(1.36% of THLB)			
2008	CFLB		THLB		NHLB	
	Ha	%	На	%	ha	%
	5,983,199	100	1,109,813	18.5	4,597,939	76.8
Stands less than 20 years – 2008 Reporting period	192,518.8	100	17,235.1 (1.55 % of THLB)			
Target Met						
Yes √	No Pending					

1-2.1 f) - Hardwood Areas

	Measure 1-2.1 f				
	Hardwood areas across the Crown Forest Land Base (CFLB)				
Target	Results				
Sustain 43% (5%) of the stands as pure or hardwood leading in the THLB while tracking the trend in the NHLB (using updated inventory information)	As shown in Table 11, 77.7 % of total hardwoods are accounted for in the THLB. The value exceeds the identified target by far, which is linked to inconsistencies in retrieving a reliable source of baseline data. Inventory data was updated since the development of the first version of the SFM Plan, which provided the original set of baseline data for setting targets. The original data source came from the Fort Nelson TSR3 data package. Since inventory updates occurred in 2006, THLB analysis was conducted in house by GIS analysts. The newer baseline reported in the 2006 Annual Report (in-house) showed a significant increase in the THLB (almost double). It did not occur until the 2007 reporting period that the reporting for the THLB/NHLB in the 2006 report seemed unrealistic and this resulted in a request for new analysis during the 2007 reporting period. The GIS analysts informed of the difficulties to follow the same TSR3 analysis process, as very detailed steps as to the order of net-downs are required. Those steps can hardly be matched with the "in-house analysis" capabilities and a variance should be expected. Due to the big differences in data for the size of the THLB and NHLB within the past two years, it is crucial to develop a reliable analysis that can provide meaningful baseline data or, the analysis could be reported out with the next TSR analysis. Since Canfor has harvested only conifer leading stands in the 2008 reporting period, the measure can be considered met, although the data itself is not meaningful in comparison to previous data.				

Table 11: Hardwood areas across the CFLB

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2008 reporting year	C	CFLB THI		LB		NHLB	
	Ha	%	На	%	ha	%	
TSA total	9,859,321	100	1,109,814	100	3,374,227	100	
Pure Hardwoods ¹	1,071,994	10.9	657,375	59.2	414,619	12.3	
Hardwood-leading mixed ²	452,116	4.6	205,060	18.5	247,055	7.3	
Hardwoods total	1,524,110	15.5	862,435	77.7	661,674	19.6	
Pure Conifers ³	3,583,672	36.3	1,123,399	101.2	2,460,273	72.9	
Conifer Leading mixed ⁴	532,327	5.4	302,898	27.3	229,428	6.8	
Conifer total baseline	4,115,999	41.7	1,426,297	61.7	2,689,701	79.7	
Other	2,877,673	29.2	48,499	4.4	2,829,174	254.9	
1 Pure hardwood stands containing deciduous	volume greater or equal to 80%	3 Pur	e conifer stands containing conif	er volume greater	or equal to 80%	-	

Conifer leading stands exceeding or equal to 50% conifer volume

2 Hardwood leading stands exceeding or equal to 50% deciduous volume

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• SFM crystal report measure 1-2.1f

Target Met				
Yes ✓	No	Pending		

Recommendations and Next Steps

Since the current 2004 baseline is not reflective of the actual hardwood component within the THLB, the

target of 43% should be adjusted to the appropriate baseline. The need to establish a reliable baseline that will remain consistent over time is crucial in order to identify meaningful changes over time. The target to this measure should be reviewed with the PRISM.

1-3.1 Vertebrate Species Populations

Reco	Measure 1-3.1 Recommended vertebrate species populations remain productive relative to baseline				
Target	Results				
Baseline	The Baseline data has not yet been established. A songbird monitoring program is ongoing				
Population	and is in its fourth year. The objective of the monitoring project is to collect a fourth year				
Productivity not	of data on songbird and woodpecker populations in the Fort Nelson Forest District, to				
to be negatively	produce an analysis of the monitoring strategy, and to identify trends of bird species				
impacted by	diversity and abundance detected over the four years since 2006 and compare them to				
forest	data collected by the Breeding Bird Survey. The fourth year final report will be available				
management	January 31st, 2010 and a baseline will need to be established after completion of the				
activities.	project.				

Target Met				
Yes	No	Pending 🗸		

References

- "Selection of Potential Indicator Species of Vertebrates to monitor the effects of practices on Forest Habitat in the Fort Nelson Timber Supply Area" by Isabell Houde, Dec. 2004.
- Completed final report on the 3rd year songbird monitoring: "Canada Warbler Habitat Sampling in the Fort Nelson Forest District, March 2009, completed by Cooper, Beauchesne, and Associates Ltd.
- Currently in progress: "Songbird Monitoring in the Fort Nelson Forest District Year 4 by Cooper, Beauchesne, and Associates Ltd. (final report expected in January 2010)

Recommendations and Next Steps

Selected indicator species for the Fort Nelson DFA are currently songbirds and woodpeckers based on the report from Isabell Houde, Dec. 2004. The monitoring of those species is underway for the fourth season and a scientifically sound baseline could be available in spring 2010. A specific measure and target need to be developed once the baseline information is available.

1-3.2 - Management Strategies

	Measure 1-3.2				
Percentage of Schedule One Species at Risk management strategies that are followed					
Target	Results				
100% (0)	No species at risk were identified for ELH2050, the only block harvested during the reporting period.				

Target Met		
Yes ✓	No	Pending

References

- Species at Risk Standard Operating Procedures, Dec. 5th, 2007
- Management Guidelines for Species and Plant Communities at Risk in the Fort Nelson Forest District, Gilbert Proulx, Nov. 30, 2005
- A Field Guide to Species and Plant Communities in the Fort Nelson Forest District, G. Proulx, 2006

1-4.1 - Protected Areas

Measure 1-4.1 Amount of forest management activities (harvesting or road construction) within government designated protected areas		
Target	Results	
TargetResultsZero hectares of forestry related harvesting or road construction within Class A parks, ecological reserves or LRMP designated protected areasThe total TSA area (based on TSR III) is 9,868,067 ha; the total percent of land base of government designated protected areas in the TSA 		

Target Met		
Yes ✓ No		Pending

References

- <u>http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/</u>
- http://www.northernrockies.org/
- http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/bcparks/eco_reserve/html
 Sites of Biological Significance Standard Operating Procedure _ Dec. 11, 2007

Table 12: Parks and protected areas in the Fort Nelson DFA

Parks and Protected Areas	Total Area (ha)	Area within DFA (ha)
Andy Bailey Regional Park	196	196
Dall River Old Growth Provincial Park	644	644
Denetiah Provincial Park	97,908	13,324
Dune Za Keyih Provincial Park and Protected Area	347,789	63
Fort Nelson River Ecological Reserve	121	121
Goguka Creek Protected Area	435	435
Grayling River Hotsprings Ecological Reserve	1,421	1,421
Hay River Protected Area	2,324	2,324
Hornline Creek Provincial Park	298	298
Jackpine Remnant Provincial Park	148	148
Kledo Creek Provincial Park	6	6
Klua Lakes Protected Area	28,040	28,040
Kotcho Lake Ecological Reserve	64	31
Kotcho Lake Village Provincial Park	34	34
Kwadacha Wilderness Provincial Park	114,444	38
Liard River Corridor Provincial Park and Protected Area	88,989	81,202
Liard River Hotsprings Provincial Park	1,082	1,082
Maxhamish Lake Provincial Park and Protected Area	27,516	27,516
Muncho Lake Provincial Park	86,079	86,079
Northern Rocky Mountains Provincial Park	665,709	665,709
Parker Lake Ecological Reserve	259	259
Portage Brule Rapids Ecological Reserve	724	724
Portage Brule Rapids Protected Area	428	428
Prophet River Hot Springs Provincial Park	185	185
Prophet River Wayside	113	113
Redfern – Keily Provincial Park	80,771	65
Scatter River Old Growth Provincial Park	1,178	1,178
Smith River Falls- Fort Halkett Provincial Park	254	244
Smith River Ecological Reserve	1,326	1,289

Parks and Protected Areas	Total Area (ha)	Area within DFA (ha)
Stone Mountain Provincial Park	25,690	25,690
Tetsa River Regional Park	115	115
Thinahtea North Protected Area	3,674	3,674
Thinahtea South Protected Area	16,705	16,709
Toad River Hotsprings	423	423
TOTAL:	1,595,092	959,807

Target Met			
Yes 🗸 No Pending			

1-4.2 - Special Sites - Biological Significance

Measure 1-4.2			
The percentage of identified and documented sites of special biological significance that are managed for			
Target	get Results		
100% (0)	One stick nests was reported in block ELH2050 in the northern part of the block. The		
stick nest has been incorporated into a wildlife tree patch. No other sites of biological			
	significance have been reported in the 2008 reporting period.		

Target Met			
Yes 🗸 No Pending			

Comments

Site of biological significance are defined as rare, uncommon and red/blue listed ecological communities (reported out on in measure 1-1.1), raptor stick nests (Northern Goshawk and Bald Eagle), significant mineral licks and wallows, grizzly bear denning sites, maternity roost or hibernacula (dens used for hibernation) of the Northern Long-eared Myotis, protected areas and reserves. Canfor contractors are required to adhere to operational controls (Standard Operating Procedures, contract standards), which include the requirement to provide information on stick nests and mineral licks to Canfor.

References

• Sites of Biological Significance and Protected Areas Standard Operating Procedure (Dec. 15, 2007).

1-4.3 - Management Activities Consistent - Muskwa-Kechika

Measure 1-4.3 The percentage of forest management activities consistent with legal objectives for Muskwa – Kechika management area	
Target	Results
100% (0)	Canfor met the target as no harvesting activities occurred in or adjacent the Muskwa-Kechika management area. Consequently, forest management activities are consistent with legal objectives for Muskwa-Kechika management area.

Target Met		
Yes √	No	Pending

Comments

No harvesting occurred by Canfor in the Muskwa-Kechika management area to date and within the reporting period, as shown on the overlay map Figure 11: Parks and protected areas in the Fort Nelson DFA (measure 9-1.1). Canfor's Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) has not proposed any Forest Development Units (FDUs) in the Muskwa-Kechika management area. The FDU/FSP content map shows that the Muskwa-Kechika management area is entirely outside of proposed FDUs.

1-4.4 - Management Activities Consistent - Legal Objectives

Measure 1-4.4 The percentage of forest management activities consistent with legal objectives and general wildlife measures of approved Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHA) and Ungulate Winter Range (UWR)		
Target	Results	
100% (0)	There are currently no approved UWR or WHA areas in the Fort Nelson TSA. Canfor's FSP includes results for management of wildlife habitat for winter survival of Boreal Caribou and Rocky Mountain Elk. Canfor's operations were consistent with the results proposed in the FSP.	

Target Met				
Yes √ No Pending				

1-5.1 - Stream Crossings - Surveyed WQCR

	Measure 1-5.1 of Canfor/BCTS constructed surveyed stream crossings identified with a high WQCR rating on within the DFA for which participants are responsible (WQCR – Water Quality Concern Rating)
Target	Results
10% or less of forestry related stream crossings with a high WQCR	For areas surveyed in the 2008 reporting period 76% of all assessed sites were reported as either being moderate, low or very low. 19.2 % of crossings were assessed as having a high WCQR and 4.8 % of crossings having a very high WQCR. No extreme WCQR have been recorded. Northern Compliance Plus Consulting Ltd. conducted the field work in 2008 on the Tsimeh Mainline, Nelson Mainline, Pipeline Mainline and Luyben Mainline. Due to the amount of crossings assessed with a high and very high WQCR, the target has not been met. It should be noted that all crossings assessed were assumed to be fish bearing streams. This assumption results in a higher water Quality Concern Rating in comparison to non fish bearing streams. Based on local knowledge and limited data from stream fish presence assessments conducted on streams in the vicinity of these roads, in reality, many of the streams assessed for water quality concern are non fish bearing and would have yielded lower scores. However because definitive fish presence data was not available for reference in this study, the streams assessed have been defaulted as fish bearing.

Table 13: Water quality concern rating of crossings assessed in 2008

Water quality impact of evaluated site		w		lerate		ligh	Very	/ High	E	xtreme
Total # of sites assessed	# of sites	% of total	# of sites	% of total						
125	65	52	30	24	30	19.2	6	4.8	0	0

Target Met		
Yes	No 🗸	Pending

Recommendations and Next Steps

Northern Compliance Plus Ltd. acknowledged that the Fort Nelson area has for the most part very poor materials for road building and in particular for armoring and top coating. It was recommended to consider more grass seeding as a maintenance tool not only in the ditches but on the running surfaces as well. It was also recommended to take more effort to communicate to grader operators the positive effects grading could have on the road system and the stream crossings and to review procedures.

References

- Stream Crossing Qualtiy Index Field Manual Oct. 2006, P. Beaudry and Associates Ltd.
- 2008 Water Quality Effectiveness Evaluation, Nelson, Pipeline, Tsimeh & Luyben Mainline Roads, September 15th, 2008 by Northern Compliance Plus Ltd.

1-5.2 - Stream Crossings – Installed/Removed

Measure 1-5.2 The percentage of Canfor constructed stream crossings installed/removed to design/standards		
Target Results		
100% conformance (0)	There were no stream crossings present in ELH2050. The access road that lead to the cut block is the Elleh Mainline, which is under Canfor's permit. However, no crossings needed to be installed or removed on the mainline. No other stream crossings along roads were installed or removed. Maintenance work along most roads focused on cleaning/re-shaping ditch lines and constructing cross ditches to move water away from the road surface.	

Table 14: stream crossings within Canfor's cutblocks

Block	# Log/snowfills	Temp bridges	# Inspected	# Problems Found	# Problems corrected?
ELH2050	0	0	0	0	n/a
Total #	0		0	0	0

Table 15: Stream crossing along roads

Road	# Temp Bridges/Snow/Logfills	# Inspected	# Problems Found
n/a	0	0	0
Total #	0	0	0

Target Met		
Yes √	No	Pending

1-5.3 - Stream Crossings – Inspections/Mitigation measures

	Measure 1-5.3		
The p	The percentage of Canfor constructed stream crossing inspections and resulting mitigation measures		
	completed according to schedule		
Target Results			

No crossings were installed or removed and therefore, no inspection reports were completed for this measure. Measure 1-5.1 shows the risk assessments of crossings along various mainlines to assess the Water Quality Concern Rating; the work done for this measure will provide guidance for a maintenance schedule of existing crossings. However, since no stream crossings were constructed or removed, Canfor has met this measure 100%.

Target Met		
Yes √	No	Pending

1-6.1 - Conifer Seeds

The percentage	Measure 1-6.1 The percentage of seeds for coniferous species collected and seedlings planted in accordance with the Tree Seed and Cone Regulations or Chief Forester's Standards for Seed Use		
	Target Results		
100% compliance with regulation	blocks on FL A17007 and 9 blocks or been in compliance with the Chief Fore variance of the seedlings, which are guidelines within one year. The target	812,878 trees with 1,621,019 trees allocated to 28 n PA 14 with 191,859 trees. All blocks planted have esters Standards for Seed Use, not accounting the 5% e allowed to be planted outside the seed transfer thas been met. Canfor has not collected cones since indards are not applicable for this reporting period.	

Target Met		
Yes √	No	Pendina

Recommendations and Next Steps

The Chief Foresters Standards for Seed Use, enabled under FRPA, allows for up to 5% of the seedlings planted in a year to be outside the seed transfer guidelines. The 5% variance, which is policy established in law is not reflected in the target of the SFM Plan. A recommendation to the PAG should be to revise the target to state compliance with Chief Foresters Standards for Seed Use.

1-6.2 - Aspen Regeneration - Natural Regeneration

Measure 1-6.2		
The percentage of natural regeneration of aspen		
Target	Results	
100% (0)	No calculations were completed for this measure as Canfor uses natural regeneration as the only method for regenerating aspen. As a result the target is achieved. Planting aspen has not been adopted by either group as an operational method of regenerating aspen.	

Target Met		
Yes √	No	Pending

2-1.1 - Site Index

Measure 2-1.1		
	Site Index by inventory type group for harvested areas	
Target	Results	
Average post-	Harvesting has the potential to cause continual degradation of site quality over time.	
harvest site	harvest site The Site Index (SI) is commonly used as an indicator of site productivity. The higher the	
index	Site Index for a given species in a given region, the higher the productivity or the	
(at free growing)	quality of the site. Approximate age of reported blocks remain 5 to 20 years old. Canfor	

will not be less than average pre-harvest site index on harvested blocks.	has the same types of issues with site index estimations as during the previous reporting years. The main issue still involves the different sources of SI and different methods used to identify SI. Pre-harvest SI's were taken from old forest cover maps that were initially classified by site class (P,L,M, and G) and then changed to a site index that corresponded to the site class (site conversion method). For example a medium site class could have a site index from $15 - 22$ depending on variables. The majority of our surveys now use the site conversion table which assigns a standard site index for an area based on leading species and site series. This difference usually accounts for the small differences in pre and post harvest SI numbers. There are a few blocks that have a significantly higher pre-harvest SI. Based on file reviews of the

Table 16: Canfor pre and post harvest SI Block 1051 Pre-harvest Site Index Free Growing Site Index **CP/TSL** 213 A-3 596B 20 153 4964 52 120B 15 597C 590 4900A 4900B 20 296A 4701A 23 **20** A56841 P807 20 20 A62088 P4911 A62093 A62094 P4914 P4913A2

Target Met		
Yes J	No	Pending

2-2.1 - Forest Converted to Non-Forest Land use

	Measure 2-2.1 Area of THLB converted non-forest land use through forest management activities	
Target	Results	
1% (+1%)	Table 17 shows the sum of areas converted to non forest land due to permanent access within cutblocks and for mainlines and access roads leading up to the cutblocks harvested within the reporting period. Overall, out of 63.1 hectares that were harvested within the reporting period 3.1 hectares (or 4.9%) of the area was converted to permanent access. No additional area was converted to non forest land use to access the cutblock since it is located along an existing mainline. The current THLB is 2,318,456 ha. The sum of permanent access within cutblocks and roads leading up to the cutblocks results in a conversion of 0.0001 % of forest land into	

	non forest land within the THLB.	Canfor met the target as the area converted to non forest use
	is far less than 1%.	

Table 17: Summary permanent access on Canfor cutblocks and roads leading up to the cutblocks

CP/FLTC	Total SUM of Gross Cutblock area [ha]	Total Areas of blocks under permanent access	% of block area converted to non forest use
	63.1	3.1	4.9 %
CP/FLTC	Total length of mainlines and Access roads leading to Cutlbocks [ha]	Total Area Mainlines and access roads Leading to cutlbocks [ha]	Total area converted to non forest use within the THLB [%]
	n/a	n/a	n/a
Target Met			
Yes √		No	Pending

2-2.2 - Long Term Detrimental Soil Disturbance

The	Measure 2-2.2 The percent of long term detrimental soil disturbance as a result of forest management activities	
Target	Results	
0% (+2%)	Long term detrimental soil disturbance as a result of forest management practices has not been detected and reported during the reporting period. The target of 0% was met. Canfor's FMS Incident Tracking System (ITS) is used to track all incidents related to the environmental aspect of soil productivity. No incidents were reported. Long term soil disturbance is defined for blocks with compaction or water table issues lasting approximately 10 years post harvest or post-silviculture activities. As the majority of our harvest activities occur on frozen and flat ground, detrimental soil disturbance is rarely an issue.	

Target Met		
Yes J	No	Pending

2-2.3 - Landslides

Numb	Measure 2-2.3 er of hectares of landslides resulting from forestry practices
Target	Results
< 10 cumulative ha in the THLB for slides >0.5 ha in size (0.5 ha) annually	Zero landslides resulting from forestry practices were reported in Canfor's Forest Management Incident Tracking system (ITS) for the reporting period. The target has been met.

Target Met		
Yes J	No	Pending

2-2.4 – Response to Oil and Gas Information Requests

Measure 2-2.4 Number of information requests from oil and gas companies and agencies responded to	
Target	Results
100% (10% variance)	Canfor responded to all 67 Oil and Gas referrals during the reporting period with an average respond time of 3.9 business days. The majority of the referrals were related to blocks (55) and a significant portion (12) of the referrals were related to road use agreements. This measure has been met.

Target Met			
Yes √	No	Pending	

		References
٠	Canfor Oil and Gas Tracking Sheet	

2-3.1 - Regeneration Delay

Measure 2-3.1 Percentage of area meeting Regeneration Delay		
Target Results		
100% of area planted within 2 years (2); naturally regenerated: 4 years (1 year/FSP and 0 year/FDP)	During the 2008 reporting period, the average regeneration delay for conifer blocks was 2.0 years. The average regeneration delay for deciduous openings was 3.8 years, thus meeting the target of 2 and 4 years, respectively. The overall average for both, conifer and deciduous openings for meeting regen delay is 3.1 years. This measure has been met.	

Target Met			
Yes √	No	Pending	

References

• Crystal report SFM measure 2-3.1

2-3.2 - Regeneration Standards

	Measure 2-3.2				
-	The percent of area in compliance with regeneration standards set in operational plans				
Target	Results				
100% (10%)	This measure was not met as compliance was measured at 73%. Amendments for the areas requesting an extension have either been submitted or are in the process of being submitted. Although a variance of 10% is allowed to account for delays in the submission and approval process to address administrative limitations, the measure has still not been met. It should be recognized, however, that staff resources were drastically reduced in recent years and that turnover in silviculture staff in 2008 occurred, which resulted in some delay of handing over relevant tasks.				

Target Met			
Yes	No √	Pending	

Recommendations and Next Steps

A variance of 10 % has been approved by the PAG in 2008 to address administrative limitations. It is anticipated that after re-organization of staff into the "Silviculture Forest Management Group", performance of this measure will increase. The lack of meeting the measure has been largely contributed to staff changes and reduction in staff on a local level. This measure is anticipated to improve in the coming year.

2-3.3 - Free Growing

Measure 2-3.3 The percent of area in compliance with free growing standards set in operational plans				
Target	Results			
100% (10%)	For the 2008 reporting period Canfor did not comply. 84.5% of area met free growing standards. The results reported include areas with submitted amendments requesting an extension to the late free growing date. The area meeting the target would increase slightly by another 2% if areas would be included that are currently free growing, but have not been declared to date. Although a variance of 10% is allowed to account for delays in the submission and approval process to address administrative limitations, the measure has still not been met. It should be recognized, however, that staff resources were drastically reduced in recent years and that turnover in silviculture staff in 2008 occurred, which resulted in some delay of handing over relevant tasks. Overall, the measure improved slightly from the 2007 reporting period, which was 82%.			

Target Met				
Yes No ✓ Pending				

Recommendations and Next Steps

A variance of 10 % has been approved by the PAG in 2008 to address administrative limitations. It is anticipated that after re-organization of staff into the "Silviculture Forest Management Group", performance of this measure will increase. The lack of meeting the measure has been largely contributed to staff changes and reduction in staff on a local level. This measure is anticipated to improve in the coming year.

2-4.1 - Treatment Plans for Natural Disturbance Events

Measure 2-4.1 The percent of significant detected natural disturbance damaging events in the THLB which have treatment plans prepared and implemented			
Target	Results		
100% within the first year of detection	The MOFR has assessed natural disturbance in the DFA through annual aerial surveys in summer of 2008. Of the identified 2 disturbances, both were found to be significant (> 500 ha) and those are shown in Table 18. The two natural disturbances were caused by wildfires and no treatment plans have been developed due to the very isolated location, extreme long distances, poor market access and the fact, that the two Canfor operations are currently indefinite shutdown. A summary of the existing (including pre 2008) areas with treatment plans is shown in Table 19, showing that 12 significant areas of Western Balsam Bark Beetle, 5 significant areas of Large Aspen Tortrix and 1 area of significant Spruce Budworm attack were identified and are being monitored.		

Table 18: Significant natural disturbances listed by forest health factor for 2008

Forest Healt Factor	Operating Area	Severity	Number of Incidence:	Total Affected Area (ha)	Treatment Plans Developed (ha)
NB	Odayin	severe	1	1,010.35	No
NB	Akue/Milo	Severe	1	4,562.50	No

Significant natural disturbances listed by Forest Health Factor; (NB = Burn) detailing the number of significant incidents (i.e. incidents >500 ha), the total area affected within the DFA and the total area on which treatment plans have been developed for the 2007 forest health information.

Table 19: Summary of significant natural disturbance events with treatment plans up to 2008

Areas with Treatment plans from previous years forest health assessments				
Disturbance_ID	# of incidents : 500 ha	Severity	Area Affectec (ha)	Location
Western Balsam Bark Beetle	12	From traces to low	21,347	All areas have treatment plans
Large Aspen Tortrix	5	From low to moderate	10,156	All areas have treatment plans
Spruce Budworm	1	low	872.73	Areas have treatment plans
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Severity Rating Codes: T = Trace, L = Low, M = Moderate, S = Severe, V = Very Severe

Target Met			
Yes ✓	No	Pending	

References

• "Identification and Management of Natural Disturbance in the Fort Nelson TSA SOP"

- Natural disturbance tracking access database (see BCTS files)
- http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/health/overview/2008.htm

2-4.2 - Catastrophic Natural Disturbance Events

The percent c	Measure 2-4.2 The percent of catastrophic natural disturbance events (>\500ha) as a result of forest management practices	
Target Results		
0% (0)	Forest activities have not triggered any catastrophic events during the reporting period. Canfor's Incident Tracking System (ITS) did not show records of catastrophic events, such as landslides, windthrow or long-term detrimental soil disturbances, fires etc. The main causes of natural disturbances were caused by fire and insects, and are reported out in measure 2-4.1. The target of 0% has been met.	

Target Met		
Yes ✓	No	Pending

ſ	References
	Natural Disturbance Reporting Form
	Incident Tracking System (ITS)

3-1.1 - Carbon Stored in Trees

Measure 3-1.1 The level of total ecosystem carbon stored in trees and non-tree vegetation (above ground biomass and roots)		
	present in the THLB and NHLB current allowable cut	
Target	Results	
Maintain or increase the CFS-CBM derived baseline of 1,75mega tons total ecosystem carbon on the productive CFLB (+/- 10%)	The CBM-CFS3 is a landscape-level forest carbon accounting framework and simulates carbon dynamics above and below ground. The results of this model showed that under the base case, total carbon storage fluctuates between 1,752 MT and 2,005 MT over a 250 year forecast. Table 20 shows the results of carbon storage by THLB and NHLB based on the CBM. Remodeling will occur with the next TSR (every five years).	

Table 20 : CBM model carbon storage		
Carbon storage	Current Carbon Total Mega tones (MT)	
Timber Harvesting Land Base	496	
Non-harvestable Land Base	1256	
Total Timber Land Base	1,752	
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Target Met		
Yes ✓	No	Pending

	References
٠	Fort Nelson DFA Carbon Phase 1 Report, March 31, 2006 by Forest Ecosystem Solutions Ltd.
٠	Fort Nelson DFA Carbon Phase 2 Report, May 19, 2006 by Forest Ecosystem Solutions Ltd.

3-3.1 - Carbon Sequestration

Measure 3-3.1 Average sequestration rate in the THLB and NHLB at current annual allowable cut	
Target	Results
Maintain or increase the CFS-CBM derived baseline sequestration rate of 0.93 MT carbon per year in the THLB and 0.55 MT carbon per year in the NHLB (+/-10%)	The CBM-CFS3 is a landscape-level forest carbon accounting framework and simulates carbon dynamics above and below ground. The results of this model showed that under the base case, carbon sequestration rates fluctuates between -3.96 to 5.00 MT over a 250 year forecast. Table 21: CBM model carbon sequestration, shows the results of the current carbon sequestration rate by THLB and NHLB based on the CBM. Remodeling will occur with the next TSR (every five years).

Table 21: CBM model carbon sequestration

Carbon Sequestration	Current Sequestration Rate in Total Mega tones (MT)
Timber Harvesting Land Base	0.93
Non-harvestable Land Base	0.55
Total Timber Land Base	1.47

Target Met		
Yes √	No	Pending

	References
•	• Fort Nelson DEA Carbon Phase 1 Report, March 31, 2006 by Forest Ecosystem Solutions Ltd.

Fort Nelson DFA Carbon Phase 1 Report, March 31, 2006 by Forest Ecosystem Solutions Ltd.
Fort Nelson DFA Carbon Phase 2 Report, May 19, 2006 by Forest Ecosystem Solutions Ltd.

4-1.1 – Harvest volume

Measure 4-1.1 Harvest volume as percentage of long-term timber supply (AAC)	
Target	Results
100% of AAC apportionment harvested annually, annual variance allowed based on current cut control provisions	Canfor harvested a total of 48,353 cubic meters during the reporting period. Canfor's apportionment of the current AAC is 1,163,716 cubic meters. Due to curtailment conditions during the reporting period, the annual harvest is minimal.

Target Met		
Yes J	No	Pending

4-1.2 - Timber Supply Certainty

	Measure 4-1.2 Timber Supply Certainty - Annual Allowable Cut (AAC)
Target	Results
No change or increasing (report every five years)	The TSR3 data package for the Fort Nelson TSA was completed and approved by the Ministry of Forests and Range in 2004 and a determination has been made by the Chief Forester in November 2006. Effective November 10 th , 2006, the new Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) for the Fort Nelson Timber Supply Area (TSA) is 1,625,000 cubic meters, an increase of approximately eight percent. The additional AAC has been apportioned in February 2009 as shown in Table 22. The major change compared to the previous apportionment has been the inclusion of non-replaceable forest licences and an increase in the Forest Service reserve volume.

Table 22: Fort Nelson TSA AAC and apportionment effective February 26, 2009

	Conventio	onal	Deciduou	s-leading	Total	
Form of Agreement	m ³	%	m ³	%	m ³	%
Forest Licence – Renlaceable	553 716	34 07	Ο	0	553 716	34 07
Forest Licence – Non-Replaceable	83,000	5.11	0	0	83,000	5.11
BCTS - Timber Sale Licence	299,668	18.44	0	0	299,668	18.44
Pulpwood Agreement - Timber Sales	610,000	37.54	0	0	610,000	37.54
Community Forest Agreement	18,000	1.11	0	0	18,000	1.11
Forest Service Reserve	60,616	3.73	0	0	60,616	3.73
Total:	1,625,000	100	0	0	1,625,000	100

Yes √

Target Met No

Pending

References

• http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/apportionment/Documents/APTR011%2008.PDF

4-2.1 – Direct Employment

	Measure 4-2.1 Direct employment in the forest industry
Target	Results
Report out number (track trend)	The data to report on this measure were obtained from Canfor's training records and employment records for the mills. For forestry operations, Canfor employed directly 192 people. The Polarboard mill employed in April 2008 22 regular salary employees (and 1 term leave employee), but due to the mill closure in June 2008 the numbers were reduced to 3 regular salary employees (and 7 term leave employees) by March 2009. The Tackama mill employed in April 2008 23 regular employees (and 1 term leave employee) and in March 2009, after the indefinite shutdown of the mill in October 2008, the mill employed 7 regular salary employees (and 10 term leave employees). The hourly staff numbers for both mills were not available at time of reporting. The numbers reported in Table 23 show the average number of salaried employees, taking in consideration that the OSB (PolarBoard) mill has been indefinitely shut down in June, thus operating only 3 months within the reporting period and that the Plywood (Tackama) mill was shut down in October 2008, thus operating only 7 months within the reporting period. This measure has been refined to improve reporting. A trend cannot yet be established since reporting is based on a different means of data collection. Statistics Canada also provides a source of labour force for logging and forest

products. For the 2006 census the forest and logging and forest products industry employed 460
people, which is a reduction of 9.8% compared to the 2001 census data, with 510 employees.
In the same time frame employment in the Mining and mineral products increased by 47. 2 %.

Table 23: Canfor's direct employment in the forest industry

Activity	Fort Nelson TSA employment
Harvesting, Hauling, Road Maintenance	11
Silviculture (Surveys, Planting, Herbicide, Burning)	114
Layout/Assessments (block development, archaeological assessments	35
Forest Investment Account/ SFM related work	8
Mill employees (PolarBoard, Tackama)	24 ⁴
Total	192

Target Met		
Yes √	No	Pending

References

- FMS training records/accounting
- http://www.northernrockies.ca/assets/Residents/PDFs/BCStats_FN-community-facts.pdf

4-2.2 – Indirect and Induced Employment

	Measure 4-2.2 Indirect and induced employment associated with direct forest industry employment
Target	Results
Report out (track trend)	The data specific to this measure was not available from BC Stats. The TSR3 (2004) data for the Fort Nelson TSA reported out that the average indirect/induced forest sector employment is 298 person-years. This number, however, is not anymore reflective of the current status due to the indefinite shut-downs of both Canfor mills (PolarBoard and Tackama) in 2008. Indirect and induced employment has been drastically reduced since then but not yet captured in statistics.

	Target Met	
Yes ✓	No	Pending

4-2.3 – Dollar Value of BCTS Timber Sales and Advertised Volume for Sale

Measure 4-2.3 Dollar value of BCTS Timber Sales and total timber volume advertised for sale by BCTS	
Target	Results
Report out (track trend)	The amount of volume that BC Timber Sales had for sale during the reporting period was 148,250 cubic meters. Nothing was sold. For more details refer to the BCTS 2008 SFM Annual Report. This is the first year of reporting for this measure and a trend can only be established after the 2009 reporting period.

Target Met		
Yes √	No	Pending

⁴ Calculation of salaried employees for PolarBoard(PB) and Tackama (Ta) mills:PB: $22/12 = 1.83 \times 3$ mths = 5.5; $3/12 = 0.25 \times 9$ mths = 2.25; 5.5 + 2.25 = 7.8 (8); Ta: $23/12 = 1.91 \times 7$ mths = 13.41; $7/12 = 0.58 \times 5$ mths = 2.9; 13.41 + 2.9 = 16.31 (16)

4-3.1 - Stumpage

	Measure 4-3.1 Stumpage paid by Fort Nelson TSA licensees
Target	Results
Stumpage is paid (report annually)	The total stumpage/timber rent (including waste) paid by Canfor during the reporting period is \$596,387.95. Local and provincial taxes don't apply as Woodlands does not pay Federal or Provincial taxes because Canfor's net income is zero. The target has been met, as 100% of fees due were paid annually to municipal governments and paid on time.

Target Met				
Yes J	No	Pending		

4-4.1 – Forestry Related Contracts Entered Between First Nations and Licensees

Measure 4-4.1				
Forestry-related contracts and total dollar value of these contracts, entered into by TSA Forest Licensees with				
	either local First Nations or their companies or their members			
Target	Results			
Report out number (track trend)	No contract was entered into between Canfor and a local First Nations or their companies or members.			

Target Met				
Yes 🗸	No	Pending		

4-4.2 – Bids Won by First Nations and Awards Directed to First Nations through BCTS

Measure 4-4.2 Number of BCTS timber sales bids won by, Small Scale Salvage tenures awarded to and Non Replaceable Forest Licences (NRFLs) won by or awarded to either local First Nations or their companies or their members				
Target Results				
Report out number (track trend)	sold within the reporting period. For	of which were awarded to First Nations. Nothing was more details refer to the BCTS 2008 SFM Annual porting for this measure and a trend can only be period.		

Target Met				
Yes ✓	No	Pending		

4-5.1 – Factors Influencing Competitiveness of Forest Industry

Measure 4-5.1 Perceptions of Canfor, BCTS and other local manufacturing facilities' senior managers about local events and factors influencing main drivers of competitiveness of Fort Nelson area forest industry				
Target Results				
Rating of satisfactoryA survey to solicit input for this measure has been developed in September 2009 and has been administered to Canfor and BCTS management, respectively. The results and associated				

of higher	comments to each questionnaire are shown in Table 24 and Table 25. The majority of ratings are below the threshold of 'satisfactory' and therefore the target has not been met
	therefore the target has not been met.

Table 24: Summary Perception Survey

Quest	tion	Very Unsatisfied	Unsatisfied	No Opinion	Satisfied	Very Satisfied
1.	Are you satisfied that the local wood supply is adequate in terms of species mix, piece size and distribution in relation to manufacturing facilities to maintain a competitive forest industry in Ft Nelson?				X XX	
2.	Does the local access infrastructure (rail, public roads, PDR's and forest roads) provide adequate access to forest resources and markets to allow for a regionally competitive forest industry?				XXX	
3.	Is the local labour pool adequate (overall) to ensure a competitive forest industry?	Х		Х		
	A) Number of workers available?	Х	Х	Х		
	B) Level of training of workers?	Х	XX			
4.	Is the market for timber products conducive to encourage and maintain a competitive forest industry?	Х	XX			
5.	Overall, are you satisfied that there is a competitive forest industry in the Fort Nelson area?	Х	XX			

Table 25: Summary of comments to questions of perception survey

Question #	Comments
1	 The deciduous (aspen) timber resource in Fort Nelson is considered among the very best in Canada All the mills have shutdown in Fort Nelson and BCTS is waiting for start-up again to be able to sell timber. Lots of wood supply still available in the Fort Nelson area. However, much of this supply is far away locations which makes it costly to access, especially during this tough economic downturn in the forest industry.
2	 There is a lack of all weather roads in Fort Nelson. This makes access to the forest resource difficult. Rail and all weather highway access link Fort Nelson to markets. The distance from Fort nelson to southern markets puts Fort Nelson at a competitive disadvantage regionally and provincially. With the large basket of green timber in Fort Nelson BCTS is looking to be a leader in green wood sales in the future once the pine beetle runs its course in B.C.
3	 There is a definite lack of supply of skilled workers, trades people and professionals with experience working in the forest industry in Fort Nelson. We compete with operations in southern regions for skilled workers. There need to be more than one mill running in Fort Nelson to encourage a competitive forest industry in the area. With the shutdown of the Canfor operations [both mills and woodlands] much of the available local workers has diminished as laid off workers left Fort Nelson.
4	 The current market is not conducive to maintaining a competitive forest industry in Fort Nelson. When the current low prices for products are combined with the higher costs to access markets, Fort nelson is at a distinct disadvantage in comparison to other regions in BC. There is a lack of BCTS registrants loggers in Fort Nelson to create a good competitive market.
5	 Given the current depressed economic conditions globally and in the forest industry specifically, Fort nelson is not able to compete with southern regions in BC that are much closed to markets (reduced transportation costs).
Other comments	• Due tough economic times, it is difficult for forest operations to operate in a competitive manner because of the isolation of Fort Nelson and the distance to the buying markets. The railroad system has not helped matters as they appear to have little interest in working with customers in the Fort Nelson area.

Target Met				
Yes	No ✓	Pending		

Recommendations and Next Steps

The results in Measure 4-5.1 are reflective of the current downturn in the forest industry and marked by the indefinite shutdown of the only two major Canfor mills in town in 2008. In order for the measure to be met and to show better results, major changes will be necessary that are not necessarily controllable by the licensees. It would be useful to assess the current situation more carefully and to come up with options/ideas what exactly would be needed to improve competitiveness in the Fort Nelson DFA.

4-5.2 - Competitive Primary Milling Facility

	Measure 4-5.2 A competitive Primary Milling Facility is sustained					
Target	Results					
Minimum of 1 (0)	The Fort Nelson Canfor operations, Polarboard (OSB) and Tackama (plywood) mills, have been indefinitely closed in 2008 due to a very poor wood product market. The OSB mill continued to operate until June 2008 and the plywood mill continued to operate until October 2008. Given the fact that the OSB mill was running 25% within the reporting year and the Plywood mill was running 58% within the reporting year, a minimum of 1 competitive primary milling facility was sustained, and the target has therefore been met.					

Target Met				
Yes J	No	Pending		

5-1.1 - Potential for Marketed Non-Timber Benefits

_	Measure 5-1.1 List of existing and documented potential for marketed non-timber benefits					
Target	Results					
1 (0) list exists	Measure 5-1.1 has been identified as a knowledge gap and entered into Canfor's Incident Tracking System. The project is partially completed; a report was developed by Royal Roads University March, 2006: "NTFP indicator development for the Fort Nelson DFA – Phase 1A Prelim. Report. A Forest Investment Account project tender was submitted in July 2008 to continue with the project; The project was originally scheduled for completion by March 31, 2009. The Forest Investment Accountant (FIA) administration has rejected the project in September 2008 and clarified that Non Timber Forest Products (NTFP) projects are currently not eligible for FIA funding until such time as the Ministry of Forests completes a review of the standards that are applicable to the completion of these projects. Once a standard to guide NTFP has been developed by the MOFR and the standard is in place, the continuation of the project will be pursued. The measure is currently pending.					

Target Met			
Yes	No	Pending J	

Recommendations and Next Steps

The project to develop a list of existing and documented potential for marketed non-timber benefits should be further pursued once the standard to guide Non Timber Forest Products projects has been developed by the Ministry of Forests and Range.

5-1.2 – Marketed and Market Activity of Non-Timber Forest Resources

Amount of ma	Measure 5-1.2 rketed non-timber forest resources and/or amount of non-timber forest resource market activity by industries • Hunting (hunter days and animals harvested) • Trapping (traplines and furbearers harvested) • Tourism (number of commercial recreation tenures) • Range (Number of range tenures and total Animal Unit Months –AUM's)
Target	Results
Report out number (track trend)	 Trapping and Hunting: data, shown in Table 26, are the same for hunting and trapping; the data shown applies to the entire Peace Region (management unit 7b) and data specific to the Fort Nelson DFA are currently not available. Commercial recreation tenures: Overall there are 25 tenures with over 69 individual sites. The sites listed in Table 27 reflect the number of sites being used by commercial recreation operators. Sites can be anything from a small hunting cabin to a river corridor, to a horseback trail, depending on the activity type. For the Fort Nelson DFA there are 25 active range tenures and a total of 12,217 AUM's

Table 26 Animals harvested and furbearers harvested in 2007

Blackbear	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Fish	Fox	Lynx	Marten	Mink	Muskrat	Otter	Raccoon	Skunk	Squirrel	Weasel	Wolf	Wolverine
1	250	0	126	90	16	181	1836	25	37	2	0	0	781	680	24	18

Table 27 Commercial recreation tenures in the Fort Nelson TSA

2007 Data	Number of sites (e.g. small hunting cabin, river corridor, horseback trail)			
15 tenures	Containing each 1 site			
1 tenure	Containing 10 sites			
1 tenure	Containing 6 sites			
2 tenures	Containing 8 sites each			
1 tenure	Containing 9 sites			
1 tenure	Containing 4 sites			
2 tenures	Containing 2 sites each			
2 applications in queue with	1 application with 3 sites			
multiple sites	1 application with 2 sites			
TOTAL	Overall 25 tenures with over 69 individual sites			

Target Met				
Yes √	No	Pending		

References

- Hunting/Trapping: Lori Jeffrey (MOE): Lori.Jeffrey@gov.bc.ca
- Commercial recreation tenures: Heather Mc Rae (ILMB): <u>Heather.MacRae@gov.bc.ca</u>
- Range: Sonja Leverkus (Range officer Fort Nelson): <u>Sonja.Leverkus@gov.bc.ca</u>

6-1.1 - Employment by broad Sector - Local Economy

Emplo	Measure 6-1.1 Employment by broad sector (such as manufacturing, professional services, etc.) for the DFA				
Target	Results				
Report out (track trend)	The labour force for broad industry sectors in Fort Nelson is shown in Table 28. This measure has been refined by the Public Advisory Group to reflect broader industry sectors, since previous information that was taken from the TSR3 Socio Economic Analysis, presented more detailed industry categories and was difficult to obtain. The current information source was taken from the Stats Canada Community Profile 2006 Census and since the information in Table 28 is the first report so far that shows the broader categories, no trend can be established at this time.				

Table 28 Labour force Fort Nelson 2006

	2006 Census Fort Nelson total (person)
Agriculture, forestry, fishing, hunting	170
Mining and oil & gas extraction	345
Utilities	105
Construction	275
Manufacturing	500
Wholesale trade	170
Retail trade	390
Transportation & Warehousing	355
Information & cultural industries	45
Finance and Insurance	40
Real estate & rental & leasing	120
Professional, scientific & tech. services	95
Management of companies & enterprises	0
Admin & support, waste mngt &r remediation	140
Educational services	235
Health care and social assistance	135
Arts, entertainment & recreation	40
Accommodation & food services	315
Other services	175
Public administration	210
Total labour force 15 years and over (all industries)	3,890

Target Met					
Yes √	No	Pending			

References

• Stats Canada site Community profile;

http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/data/cen06/profiles/detailed/59059000.pdf

6-1.2 – Employment by Industry

	Measure 6-1.2				
Employment by industry (such as forestry, tourism, high technology, etc) for the DFA					
Target	Target Results				
Report out (every five years)	(every five within the Fort Nelson DFA, such as specific to forestry, tourism etc.				

priced standard data products available that provide employment statistics by industry. Canfor chose not to report out on the 2008 census information. The only way to obtain such data is by a custom tabulation of the census database and based on the current curtailment condition and difficult economic situation the additional costs are not deemed acceptable. The measure is deemed pending, until purchasing of data is warranted with the re-opening of the indefinite shut down divisions.

Target Met		
Yes	No	Pending √

References

 Stats Canada site Community profile; <u>http://www12.statcan.ca/english/census06/data/profiles/community/Details/Page.cfm?Lang=E&Geo1=CSD&Code1=5959005&Geo2=PR&Code2=59&Data= om=

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7-1.1 - Stakeholder Database

Measure 7-1.1 Implementation and annual update of a comprehensive stakeholder database of affected and interested partie		
Target	Results	
Target completion date September 30 th (to complete annual updates of the database), (Variance 1 month later)	A comprehensive Stakeholder Analysis has been completed in March 2003 and updated in November 2004. With the development of the COPI database (Creating Opportunities for Public Involvement) the old version of the Stakeholder Analysis has been rolled into the COPI database, which is regularly being updated by the users. Trapline and Guide Outfitter information is updated yearly by their respective government agencies and is forwarded to Canfor. As staff becomes aware of address or status changes, the COPI data base is updated.	

Target Met		
Yes J	No	Pending

7-1.2 – Communication with the Public

Measure 7-1.2 Number of methods used by licensees to communicate with the public on sustainable forest management on ar annual basis, in addition to responding to written inquiries			
Target	Results		
Minimum of three methods (such as SFMP web page or field trips or school visits or newspaper publication, etc)	 Opportunities to communicate with the public were extremely restrained due to the indefinite shutdown of both Canfor mills within the DFA and associated reduced staffing. In spite of operational constraints due to staffing, Canfor employees were still able to meet the target of a minimum of three methods to communicate to the public on sustainable forest management via following activities: School visit (Prophet River Elementary school in September 2008) Attendance at the NENAS Carrier Fair (September 2008) Fort Nelson Newspaper advertisement to inform about proposed cutblocks for inclusion into Canfor's Forest Stewardship Plan and invitation to comment on the proposed block and road location (June 19th, 2008) Posting of external CSA Audit results for the North Region (which includes Fort Nelson and Grand Prairie Divisions) on Canfor's external website: (http://www.canfor.ca/ resources/sustainability/Canfor North Region Cert Update Report 2008. 		

Target Met		
Yes J	No	Pending

7-1.3 - Effective Public Advisory Group

Measure 7-1.3 The existence of an effective public advisory group (PAG)		
Target	Results	
One PAG having a written terms of reference and meeting a minimum number of 4 times per year	The Fort Nelson public advisory group, the PRISM (Public Response for Informed Sustainable Management), represents many of the interests of the community and continues to meet, albeit of the indefinite shut down of all Canfor operations in the Fort Nelson DFA. The PRISM has a written terms of reference (TOR) and section 2b of the TOR states that: "Meetings will be held at a minimum quarterly, or more often as required, except in situations of indefinite operational shutdowns caused by market conditions or events substantially out of the control of the participants." The PRISM met two times within the reporting period due to the indefinite shutdowns of the Canfor mills and the significant reduced amount of activities that took place. The reduced amount of meetings qualifies as a variance to the stated target of minimum of four meetings per year as it is embedded in the approved TOR. The target can be considered being met.	

Taraet Met			
Yes ✓	No	Pending	

Reference

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- PRISM meeting summary June 12th, 2008 PRISM meeting summary November 6th, 2008 PRISM Terms of Reference, Feb. 7th, 2008 •
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7-1.4 - Equitable and Inclusive Deliberation Process

Measure 7-1.4		
The conduct of an open public process prior to Government approval of operational plans, or any major		
	amendments.	
Target	Results	
1 (0) Process	 The broader public, First Nations, Trappers, Guide Outfitters and other Stakeholders have had an opportunity to provide input to the following processes: Pesticide Use Application in August 2008: "Notification of Intent to Treat" was advertised in the Fort Nelson Newspaper and the public had an opportunity to provide comments and discuss any concerns. Early in 2009 Canfor also contacted First Nations and encouraged them to be involved in the development of the new Pesticide Management Plan for 2009 to 2014. Block referrals for inclusion into Canfor's Forest Stewardship plan (FSP): Canfor contacted First Nations and Stakeholders to provide comment on a suite of newly planned blocks and road locations that were intended for future harvest. The process is consistent with the results and strategies set out in Canfor's FSP (Oct. 30, 2006, Section 5.9.2) in relation to <i>Objectives Set By Government for Cultural Heritage Resources.</i> Harvest notifications and pesticide application notification have been sent out to affected Stakeholders and First Nations There were no amendments to the FSP within the 2008 reporting period that would require public notification; 	

PRISM meetings are held in an open format following the agreed upon terms of reference. Discussions and decisions are tracked in the meeting summary notes. The meeting notes are distributed during following meetings and approved by PRISM. Target Met

No

7-1.5 – Perceptions of PAG to Forest Management Response to Stakeholder Input

Yes √

Yes

Measure 7-1.5				
Perceptic	Perceptions of members of the Fort Nelson Public Advisory Group (PRISM) about response of forest			
	management to input from stakeholders			
Target	Results			
80% of responses have ratings of "3" or better	Satisfaction surveys are completed by the PRISM bi-annually, which provide an opportunity for the PAG to express various aspects of the meeting, such as facilitation, logistics and the effectiveness of the PRISM meetings itself. PAG members have an opportunity to express their concerns on those forms. In addition, satisfaction of the PRISM meetings is evaluated at the end of each meeting through soliciting input from participants how they felt the meetings went. "Climate goal assessments" are completed after each meeting to assess the general atmosphere and value of the individual meetings. Those results are shown below in Figure 7 to Figure 10. Due to the reduced amount of meetings since the curtailments of the Canfor operation, only one satisfaction survey was completed during the reporting period (since those are completed bi-annual). However, a revision to this measure and target has been made in October 2007 and the surveys have not yet been updated to reflect the perceptions of members of the Fort Nelson Public Advisory Group about response of forest management to input from stakeholders. The survey will be updated in 2010 and is therefore considered pending.			

Target	Met		
No			

Pending ✓

Pending

Recommendations and Next Steps

The bi-annual PRISM surveys and climate goal assessments are conducted on a regular basis, however, there is a need to refine the existing surveys to include a specific question that captures the perception of the PRISM to the response of forest management to input from stakeholders. The SFM Action plan needs therefore to be updated with this pending task.

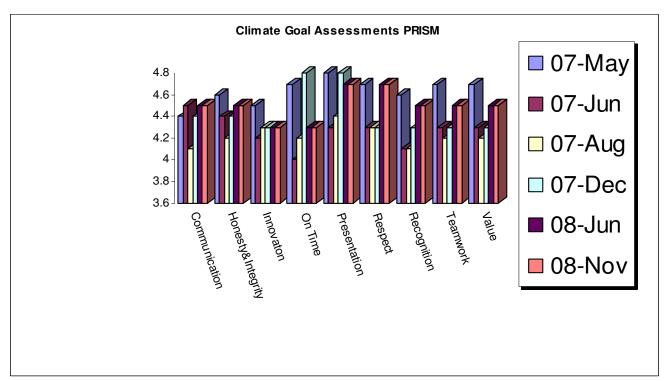


Figure 7: Climate goal assessments PRISM

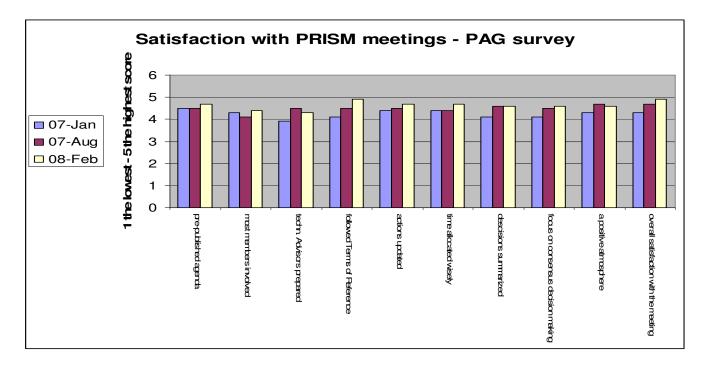


Figure 8: PAG satisfaction survey with meetings

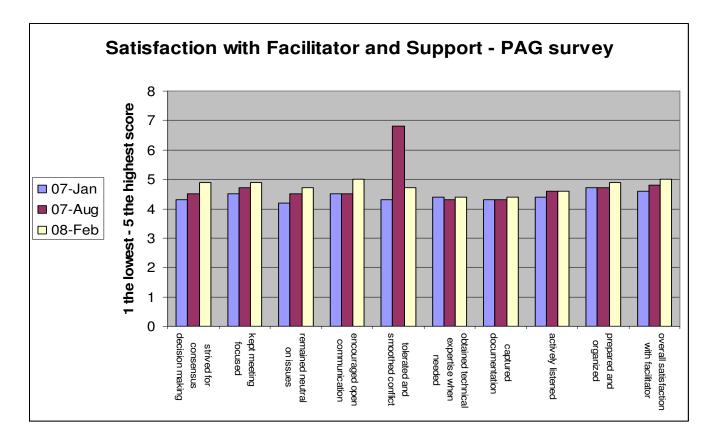


Figure 9: PAG satisfaction survey with facilitation and support

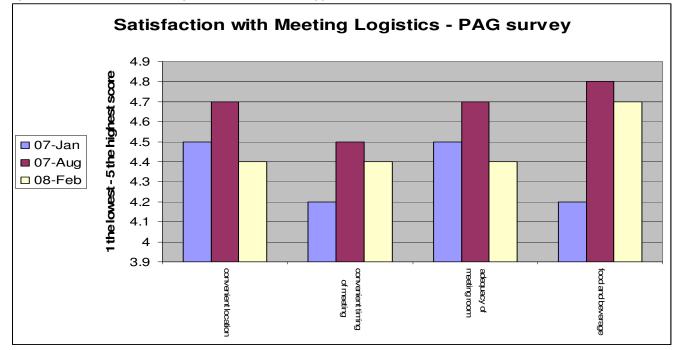


Figure 10: PAG satisfaction survey with meeting logistics

8-1.1 – Information Sharing First Nations

Percent of	Measure 8-1.1 Percent of cutblocks where information sharing has met current legal requirements related to Aboriginal title and rights, or treaty rights		
Target	Results		
Target 100 %			
	cutblocks were identified and referred to First Nations.		

Target Met		
Yes J	No	Pending

8-2.1 – Culturally Important Sites

Measure 8-2.1 Percent of specific (confirmed) culturally important sites as identified by First Nation's that are addressed by forest management planning				
Target	Results			
Target 100% (0)				

Target Met				
Yes J	No	Pending		

8-3.1 – Opportunities for First Nation's to Comment on Forest Management Activities

	Measure 8-3.1				
Number of opportu	Number of opportunities provided to affected First Nation's to comment on forest management activities (May				
	include: referrals, presentations, workshops, meetings, or other)				
Target	Results				
	• 1 harvest notification to affected First Nations and Trappers for block ELH2050 in the				
1 per forest	Elleh Operating area;				
management	• 1 block referral to affected First Nations for 2007 and 2008 harvest blocks and road				
activity:	locations proposed for inclusion into Canfor's approved 2006 Forest Stewardship Plan				
,	for FLA17007 and PA14;				
Harvesting (1)	• 1 invitation to each affected First Nations to provide comments/input into the draft				
Herbicide-	2009-2014 Pest Management Plan (PMP), which encompasses the vegetation				
application (1)	management practices and strategies for its operations within the Fort Nelson Forest				
Road					
	District. Each First Nation band was invited to participate in the review of the PMP;				
construction	• 1 notification of the 2008 herbicide application with map and commencement dates for				
(1)	each affected First Nations, Trappers and Guide Outfitters;				
	In addition to the above notifications and invitations to comment, meetings were held				
	with Prophet River First Nations in spring of 2008 to discuss proposed harvesting blocks				
	and road construction and to inform of planned herbicide spray blocks for 2008. A site				
	visit was conducted on two proposed harvesting blocks in spring 2008 and site visit was				
	also conducted on various spray blocks.				

Target Met					
Yes 🗸 No Pending					

8-3.2 – First Nation's Involvement During Archaeological Assessments

Measure 8-3.2				
Percer	nt of Archaeological Impact Assessments where First Nation's involvement has been sought			
Target	Results			
100%	Archaeological Overview and Impact Assessments were conducted in 2008 for proposed blocks within several operating areas. During Archaeological Impact Assessments for blocks within seven operating areas, First Nation representatives have been invited and accompanied the archaeological team in the field for all blocks that were assessed. For areas with overlapping territories, representative of each First Nation were invited, however, sometimes, only representatives from one First Nation's bands were present. The archaeological impact assessment service provider kept a First Nation participation log that shows which First Nation representative was present on what blocks and what the outcome of the assessment was. The measure has been met 100%.			

Target Met						
Yes √	Yes J No Pending					

9-1.1- Forests Managed for Recreation Activities

Measure 9-1.1 Number of forest recreation sites and trails and their facilities and access routes (includes parks and protected areas, MOFR recreation sites, ecological reserves, recreation trails, and motorized routes)				
Target				
No reduction from forest management activities change or increasing (relative to baseline status); Baseline information (from 2006 Annual Report): Parks and Protected areas – 23; MOFR Recreation sites – 5; Ecological Reserves – 6; Recreation Trails – 22; Motorized Routes - 7	Table 29 shows the areas and percentage of forests managed for recreation activities within the Fort Nelson DFA, which constitutes the baseline information as shown in the 2006 SFM Annual Report. No reduction to the sites listed in Table 29 from forest management activities occurred within the reporting period. Activities were minimal due to curtailment conditions and did not conflict with any recreation sites, trails and their facilities and access routes.			

Table 29: Area and percentage of forests managed for recreation activities

Table 29: Area and percentage of forests mana	<u></u>	Maintaining	
Parks and Protected Area	Area (ha)	Agency	Activity Type
			wildlife viewing, fishing, boating, hunting, camping, hiking,
Northern Rocky Mountains Provincial Park	665,709	BC Parks	horseback riding, photography
			wildlife viewing, fishing, boating, hunting, camping, hiking,
Stone Mountain Provincial Park	25,179	BC Parks	horseback riding, photography
			fishing, hiking, camping, horseback riding, canoeing, river boating,
Liard River Corridor Provincial Park	88,989	BC Parks	wildlife viewing, hunting, ATV use, photography
			camping, picnicking, swimming, biking, hiking, wildlife viewing (Par
Liard River Hot Springs Provincial Park	1,082	BC Parks	closed Aug 1 st – May 1 st)
Hyland River Provincial Park		BC Parks	no information on BC Parks site
Smith River/ Fort Halket Provincial Park	244	BC Parks	picnicking, hiking, boating, fishing, biking, wildlife viewing, hunting
Scatter River Old Growth Provincial Park	1,178	BC Parks	camping, fishing, horseback riding, hunting, ATV
Maxhamish Lake Provincial Park and Protected Area	27,516	BC Parks	camping, swimming, boating, fishing, hunting, ATV, snowmobile
Thinahtea Protected Area	20,379	BC Parks	camping, boating, fishing, wildlife viewing, hunting
Kotcho Lake Village Provincial Park	34	BC Parks	camping, swimming, boating, fishing
Jackpine Remnant Provincial Park	148	BC Parks	camping, hunting
			camping, picnicking, swimming, boating (non-motorized), fishing,
			biking, wildlife viewing (changed status from Provincial to Regional
Andy Bailey Regional Park*	196	BC Parks	park)
Goguka Creek Protected Area	435	BC Parks	hunting
Hay River Protected Area	2,324	BC Parks	camping, fishing, horseback riding
			camping, boating, fishing, horseback riding, wildlife viewing,
Klua Lakes Protected Area	28,040	BC Parks	hunting, snowmobile
			camping, picnicking, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, biking,
Muncho Lake Provincial Park	86,079	BC Parks	wildlife viewing, scuba diving, waterskiing, hunting,
Toad River Hot Springs Provincial Park	423	BC Parks	camping, boating, fishing, horseback riding, hunting
			camping, boating, fishing, biking (changed status from provincial to
Tetsa River Regional Park*	115	BC Parks	regional park)
Homeline Creek Provincial Park	298	BC Parks	camping, hiking, horseback riding, hunting
Prophet River Hot Springs Provincial Park	185	BC Parks	camping, fishing, wildlife viewing, hunting
Prophet River Wayside Provincial Park*	113	BC Parks	camping, biking, wildlife viewing (CLOSED 2007)
			camping, hiking, swimming, boating, fishing, horseback riding,
Denetiah Provincial Park	97,908	BC Parks	hunting
Dall River Old Growth Provincial Park	644	BC Parks	camping, hiking, boating, fishing, horseback riding, hunting
* cooperatively managed by a community, society or			
other partner			
Total Area	1,047,218		
Percentage of DFA	10.61		
		Maintaining	
MOF Recreation Sites	Area (ha)	Agency	Activity Type
		MOF User	
West Lake	82	maintained	
Muskwa River Boat Launch	151	MOF User	

		Maintaining	
Parks and Protected Area	Area (ha)	Agency	Activity Type
		maintained	
		MOF User	
Tuchodi River		maintained	No longer in existence
		MOF User	
Gathto Creek	108	maintained	
		MOF User	
Beaver Lake	65	maintained	
Total Area	406		
Percentage of DFA	0.0041		
	0.0012	Maintaining	
Ecological Reserves	Area (ha)	Agency	Activity Type
Grayling River Hot Springs Ecological Reserve	1421	BC Parks	hiking, nature observation, photography
Portage Brule Rapids Ecological Reserve	724	BC Parks	hiking, nature observation, photography
Smith River Ecological Reserve	1326	BC Parks	hiking, nature observation, photography
Fort Nelson River Ecological Reserve	1320	BC Parks	hiking, nature observation, photography
Parker Lake Ecological Reserve	259	BC Parks	hiking, nature observation, photography
Kotcho Lake Ecological Reserve	64	BC Parks	hiking, nature observation, photography
Total	3915		
Percentage of DFA	0.0397		
	Length	Maintaining	
Recreation Trails	(km)	Agency	Activity Type
Teetering Rock Trail	12	MOF	hiking, viewpoint, camping
Tetsa Bridge #1 Trail	4		hiking, biking, bird watching
MacDonald Creek Trail (Stone Mtn.)	21	BCParks	hiking, horseback riding, camping, fishing, wildlife viewing
Baba Canyon Trail	5		hiking, viewpoint
Wokkpash Trail (Northern Rocky.Stone Mtns)	70	BCParks	hiking, viewpoint
Petersen Canyon	6		hiking, biking
Mineral Licks Trail	0.7	BCParks	hiking, biking, viewpoint, wildlife viewing
Teeter Creek Trail	0.6	Der und	hiking, fishing
Smith River Falls Trail	0.0	BCParks	hiking, fishing, viewpoint
	0.7	FN Cross	
Toimph Lakon Trail	16		Cross country skiing biking
Tsimeh Lakes Trail	16	Country Ski Club FN Cross	Cross country skiing, hiking
Fort Nelson Demonstration Forest	10		areas sountry skiins, bikins, bikins
Fort Nelson Demonstration Forest	13	Country Ski Club	
Dunedin Trail	7.5		hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding
Summit Ridge Trail	2.3		hiking, viewpoint
Summit Peak Trail	5	BCParks	hiking, viewpoint
Flower Springs Trail	6	BCParks	hiking, camping
Summit Tower Trail	6		hiking, mountain biking, viewpoint
Erosion Pillar Trail	0.5	BCParks	hiking, viewpoint
"The Cut" Trail	6		hiking, mountain biking, viewpoint, wildlife viewing
Red Rock Canyon	3		hiking
Old Alaska Highway	2	BCParks	hiking, mountain biking, viewpoint
Stone's Sheep Trail	2.5	BCParks	hiking, wildlife viewing
Boulder Canyon	2.3	20.0110	hiking
Total length	192.1		Thing
Total Area	38.4	(an avorago widt	h of 2m is used for area calculation)
		(all average with	
Percentage of DFA	0.0004	Maintaining	
Materized Deutes	Length	Maintaining	Activity Type
Motorized Routes	(km)	Agency	Activity Type
Wokkpash Corridor	54		ATV, snowmobiling, horseback riding, biking, hiking
Yedhe Trail	36		ATV, snowmobiling, horseback riding, biking, hiking
West Toad Corridor	23		ATV, snowmobiling, horseback riding, biking, hiking
Nonda Creek Corridor	25		ATV, snowmobiling, horseback riding, biking, hiking
Liard River Corridor	56		ATV, snowmobiling, horseback riding, biking, hiking
Mould Creek Tower Road	15		ATV, snowmobiling, horseback riding, biking, hiking
Smith River Road	47	MOF	ATV, snowmobiling, horseback riding, biking, hiking
Total length	256		
Total Area	256	(an average wid	th of 10m is used for area calculation)
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Percentage of DFA			
Percentage of DFA Total Area of Forest Managed for Recreation	0.0020		

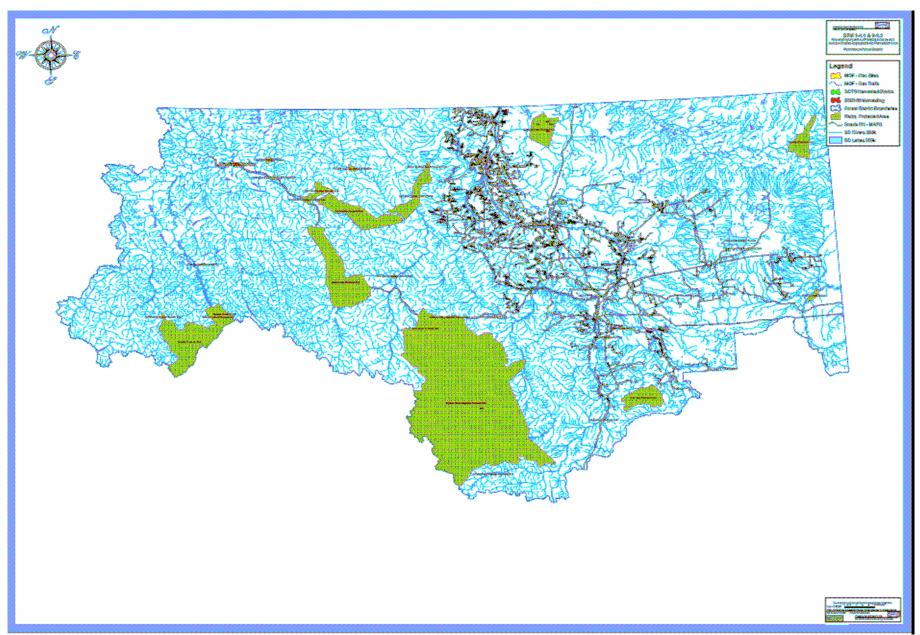


Figure 11: Parks and protected areas in the Fort Nelson DFA

Target Met					
Yes √	No	Pending			

9-2.1 - Compliance with Visual Quality Objectives

Measure 9-2.1				
Number of non-compliance with specified Visual Quality Objectives (VQOs) levels within a Scenic Area due				
to timber harvesting or road construction				
Target Results				
Zero (variance of 1) The only block harvested within the reporting period had no Visual Q Objectives (VQO). To date, Canfor has not been notified by the MOFR of any compliance issues regarding Visual Quality Objectives.				

Target Met					
Yes J	No	Pending			

9-3.1 - Unique or Significant Places & Features & Protected Areas

Measure 9-3.1 Compliance with documented management strategies on all existing and newly discovered unique or significant places, features and protected areas		
Target	Results	
Sites will be identified and tracked; 100% compliance with documented management strategies (10% variance)	A Standard Operating Procedure for sites of biological significance defines sites of biological significance for the purpose of the Fort Nelson SFM Plan as outlined in measure 1-4.2. A mapping layer does exist as a tracking and operational tool to overlay or to add parks, recreation sites, trails and eco reserves. Apart from the significant biological sites identified in measure 1-4.2 no additional parks, reserves, recreation sites, trails and eco reserves were identified within the reporting year. Baseline data of <i>existing</i> unique or significant places and features, excluding sites identified in measure 1-4.2, are listed in Table 30.Canfor's harvest blocks were not located close to any existing unique or significant places. Management strategies to protect the stick nest reported in measure 1-4.2 were followed by placing the site into a wild life tree patch and maintaining a minimum buffer of 50 meters radius around the nest; the 50 meter buffer applies to stick nests other than Goshawk or Bald Eagle nests (which would require a 200 meter radial buffer). The measure has therefore been met.	

Table 30: 2004 Baseline information of existing unique or significant places and features

Baseline information 2004	
Wokpash Hoodoos	Davie trail
Francois	High trail
Nelson Forks trading post	Simpson trail
Kotcho Lake village site	Contact creek
Fossil Creek Liard River confluence	Wooden oil derrick on Liard River
Parks, recreation sites, trails and eco reserves mentioned in 9-1.1	Steamboat lookout
Skooks landing	Allen's lookout
Sleeping Chief Mountain	

Target Met			
Yes ✓	No	Pending	

9-4.1 – SAFE Companies Registration and Certification

Measure 9-4.1 SAFE Companies registration and certification			
Target	Results		
Canfor is registered and certified as SAFE company. All Canfor harvesting contractors are registered as SAFE companies	Canfor Fort Nelson Division has been certified as a SAFE company since December 2006. The next re-registration audit is due in December 2009. The sixteen contractors hired during the reporting period to conduct operational fieldwork (layout, planting, archaeological assessments, road maintenance, harvesting, reforestation etc) or field work implemented through the Forest Investment Account (such as completing Vegetation Resource Inventory, Stream Crossing Surveys etc), were either certified or registered, exempted or covered under Canfor's Safety plan at that time. 88% of the contractors were certified and/or registered as a SAFE company. 12% (2 small companies with 1 and 2 workers respectively) were in the process of becoming certified and were exempted from the certification requirement. Those two contractors are SAFE certified. The measure has therefore been met.		

Target Met			
Yes ✓	No	Pending	

- BC Forest Safety council: <u>http://www.bcforestsafe.org/safe_companies/whos_safe.html</u>
- Peace-Liard Woodlands OH&S Program April 2008

9-4.2 – Number of All Injuries

Measure 9-4.2 Number of all injuries (including serious injuries)		
Target	Results	
Less than previous three year average of number of injuries (until zero injuries achieved); Number of injuries by Worksafe BC forest industry category	The previous three year average (From April 2006 to March 2009) of all injuries, which includes fatalities, serious and less serious injuries, is four. In addition, five near misses were recorded, but they did not result in any injuries. A data request has been made with Worksafe BC to obtain numbers of all injuries by BC forest industry category for the Fort Nelson TSA. Unfortunately, the data request has not been received at time of reporting, although several attempts were made to receive the data. This measure has been revised in Oct. 2007 and no baseline has yet been established to report on this measure. The current numbers for this measure simply reports out the current status and will provide the baseline for the following reporting period. The measure is currently pending, until the data has been received from Worksafe BC.	

Target Met			
Yes	No	Pending ✓	
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References

- WCB data request: Dave Lachance: <u>Dave.Lachance@worksafebc.com</u> (604-214-6983)
- Canfor Safety Pages

9-4.3 – Number of Serious Injuries

Measure 9-4.3 Number of serious injuries			
Target	Results		
Less than previous three year average of number of injuries (until zero serious injuries achieved); Number of serious injuries by Worksafe BC forest industry category	The previous three year average (From April 2006 to March 2009) of serious injuries (defined as requiring medical aid), is two. A data request has been made with Worksafe BC to obtain numbers of serious injuries by BC forest industry category for the Fort Nelson TSA. Unfortunately, the data request has not been received at time of reporting, although several attempts were made to receive the data. This measure has been revised in Oct. 2007 and no baseline has yet been established to report on this measure. The current number for this measure simply reports out the current status and will provide the baseline for the following reporting period. The measure is currently pending, until the data has been received from Worksafe BC.		

Target MetYesNoPending ✓

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9-4.4 – Number of Fatalities

Measure 9-4.4 Number of fatalities		
Target	Results	
Zero; Number of fatalities by Worksafe BC	There were no fatalities during the reporting period. A data request has been made with Worksafe BC to obtain numbers of serious injuries by BC forest industry category for the Fort Nelson TSA. Unfortunately, the data request has not been received at time of reporting, although several attempts were made to receive the data. The current number for this measure simply reports out the current status and will provide the baseline for the following reporting period. The measure is currently pending, until the data has been received from Worksafe BC.	

Target Met			
Yes	No	Pending ✓	

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