MORICE DEFINED FOREST AREA SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN



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COMMITMENTS TO SUSTAINABLE FOREST MANAGEMENT

Canadian Forest Products Ltd. (Canfor) and BC Timber Sales believe in conducting its business in a manner that protects the environment and ensures sustainable forest development. The following Environmental Policy and Sustainable Forest Management Commitments will detail the commitments to Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) for the Morice Defined Forest Area (DFA). These commitments are available and communicated publicly.



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Sustainable Forest Management

We will manage forests to maintain and enhance the long-term health of forest ecosystems, while providing ecological, economic, social and cultural opportunities for the benefit of current and future generations. In the management of forests we will honour relevant international agreements and conventions to which Canada is a signatory.

Accountability

We will be accountable to the public for managing forests to achieve current and future values. One way we will demonstrate this is by certifying our forestry operations to internationally recognized, third-party verified sustainable forest management certification standards.

Adaptive Management

We will use adaptive management to continually improve sustainable forest management by identifying values, setting objectives and targets for the objectives, and monitoring results. We will modify management practices as necessary to achieve the desired results.

Science

We will utilize science to improve our knowledge of forests and sustainable forest management and will monitor and incorporate advances in sustainable forest management science and technology where applicable.

Multiple Value Management

We will manage forests for a multitude of values, including biodiversity, timber, water, soil, wildlife, fish/riparian, visual quality, recreation, resource features and cultural heritage resources.

Health and Safety

We will conduct our operations in a manner which will provide a safe environment for employees, contractors, and others who use roads and forest areas we manage.

Aboriginal Peoples

We recognize and will respect Aboriginal rights, title and treaty rights when planning and undertaking forest management activities.

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Opportunities for Participation

We will provide opportunities for the public, communities, other stakeholders and Aboriginal Peoples with rights and interests in sustainable forest management to participate in the development and monitoring of our Sustainable Forest Management Plans.

Scale

We will define objectives over a variety of time intervals (temporal scales) and at spatial scales of stand, landscape and forest. This produces ecological diversity and allows for the management of a range of conditions, from early successional to old growth.

Timber Resource

We will advocate for a continuous supply of affordable timber from legal sources in order to carry out our business of harvesting, manufacturing and marketing forest products for the sustained economic benefit of our employees, the public, communities and shareholders, today and for future generations.

Forest Land Base

We will advocate for the maintenance of the forest land base as an asset for current and future generations.

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BC Timber Sales (BCTS) is committed to managing and administering forest management activities on our operations through effective measures that ensure *sustainable forest management (SFM)*.

It is the policy of BC Timber Sales to:

- Conduct our forest management activities to comply with relevant legislation, regulations, policies and other requirements to which we subscribe;
- Provide public participation opportunities;
- Confer with, and provide opportunities for participation by, Aboriginal Peoples;
- Respect and recognize Aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights;
- Maintain an organizational culture where all staff proactively participate in providing conditions and safeguards for the health and safety of staff, clients and the public;
- Honour all international agreements and conventions to which Canada is a signatory;
- Improve knowledge of the forest and SFM, monitor advances in science and technology, and incorporate these advances where applicable;
- Promote awareness of SFM to our clients and the public;
- Strive for excellence in forest management by continually improving the performance of resource management activities and practices.

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The British Columbia Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, BC Timber Sales Program (BCTS) manages and administers timber harvesting and related forest management activities on BCTS timber sale licences and related tenures on Crown forestland throughout British Columbia.

It is the policy of BC Timber Sales to:

- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and the other requirements to which we subscribe;
- Strive for excellence in forest management by continually improving the performance of resource management activities and practices;
- Maintain a framework that sets and reviews environmental objectives and targets, and promotes the prevention of pollution associated with BCTS forestry activities;
- Monitor and evaluate key BCTS forestry operations;
- Communicate BCTS business activities and policies to all staff and make them available to the public.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Between 2000 and 2005 forest tenure holders ("licencees") along with a group of public and Aboriginal representatives (the Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Public Advisory Group), developed a Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP)¹ for the Morice Defined Forest Area (DFA).

Members of the SFM Public Advisory Group (PAG) represented a cross-section of local interests including recreation, tourism, ranching, forestry, conservation, water, community and Aboriginals.

The SFMP includes a set of values, objectives, indicators and targets that address environmental, economic and social aspects of forest management in the Morice DFA. The plan is based on the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Sustainable Forest Management; Requirements and Guidance, which is one of the primary certification systems currently being used in British Columbia. A SFMP developed according to the CSA standard sets performance objectives and targets over a defined forest area (DFA) to reflect local and regional interests. Consistent with most certifications, and as a minimum starting point, the CSA standard requires compliance with existing forest policies, laws and regulations. Working with the PAG, this SFMP has undergone substantive revisions in 2011 to reflect the requirements of the newest CSA standard's requirements (CSA Z809-08)

Irrespective of changes occurring to the CSA SFM standard, the SFMP is an evolving document that is reviewed and revised annually with the PAG to address changes in forest conditions and local community values. Each year the PAG reviews an annual report prepared by the licensees to assess achievement of indicators and targets. This monitoring process provides the licensees, the public and Aboriginals an opportunity to bring forward new information and to provide input concerning new or changing public values that can be incorporated into future updates of the SFMP.

Following completion of the SFMP and the development of an environmental management system, a licensee may apply for registration of its operating area under the CSA standard and will be audited to the standards of CSA Z809.

The Canfor SFM certification website contains the latest information on the Morice DFA process, including the SFM Plan, and can be viewed at:

http://www.canfor.com/responsibility/environmental/certification

¹ This SFMP was developed using the Kamloops – Thompson SFMP (January 2010) as a template for structure and generic content.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

In recent years there has been an increasing demand worldwide for certified wood products. This has led to the development of a number of certification systems to provide assurance to consumers that timber has been produced using environmentally and socially responsible forest practices.

The Canadian Standards Association (CSA) Sustainable Forest Management Standard is one of a number of certification systems currently being used in British Columbia. A Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP) developed according to the CSA standard, defines values, objectives, indicators and targets over a defined forest area (DFA) to reflect local and regional interests. This standard requires that SFMP development, maintenance and improvement include significant public involvement. Public Advisory Groups (PAGs) such as the PAG, composed of a cross-section of local interests, including commercial and non-commercial recreation, tourism, ranching, forest contactors, conservation, mining, communities, small business, and Aboriginals, fulfill this role.

Canfor and BC Timber Sales² in the Morice DFA, working with the PAG, have developed, maintained and improved, the Morice DFA SFMP based on the CSA Z809 standard.³

Version 1.0 of the Morice Timber Supply Area (TSA) SFM Plan completed in October 2002 through Tweedsmuir Forest Ltd., a subsidiary company of licensees engaged in the Morice and Lakes Timber Supply Areas Innovative Forest Practices Agreement (M&L IFPA). The provincial IFPA program was designed to enable licensees to explore new forest management ideas in an operational setting to enhance timber supplies, community stability and social and environmental values. The M&L IFPA was awarded in 1999 and is a partnership between six regional forest licensees (Babine Forest Products, Canadian Forest Products, Decker Lake Forest Products, Fraser Lake Sawmills, Houston Forest Products, and L&M Lumber) and BC Timber Sales in both the Morice and Lakes Timber Supply Areas. The SFM Plan was developed using innovative approaches in public involvement, forest productivity and ecosystem-based management, and is the vehicle by which achievement of IFPA goals is enabled.

This most recent SFMP revision reflects the latest CSA Z809-08 standard. The plan was written with the opportunity to provide input into management for the Morice DFA.

The SFMP serves as a "roadmap" to current and long-term management in the DFA, setting performance targets and management strategies that are reflective of the ecological, social, and economic values of the DFA. The plan is consistent with other strategic plans such as the Morice Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) and the Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP).

It is the intent that the values, objectives, indicators, targets and guiding principles described in this plan will continue to be adhered to by the licensees in the DFA, supporting sustainable forest management in the DFA. The SFMP is continuously evolving. It is reviewed and revised on an annual basis, with the PAG, to reflect changes in forest condition and local community values.

 $^{^{2}}$ Referred to as 'active licensees' or 'licensees' throughout this document. Refer to Sec 3.2.1 for a more complete description.

³ http://www.shopcsa.ca/onlinestore/GetCatalogItemDetails.asp?mat=2419617

More information about the DFA certification process, Sustainable Forest Management Planning, meeting summaries, annual reporting and maps can be obtained at the Canfor website: <u>http://www.canfor.com/responsibility/environmental/certification</u>

2.0 THE DEFINED FOREST AREA

2.1 Area Description⁴

2.1.1 Overview

The Morice DFA is contained wholly within the licencee's operating areas within the Morice TSA (Figure 1). The Canfor DFA area is 487,902.5 ha. And the BCTS DFA is 200,767.7 ha, for a total area of 688,678.2 hectares.

The Morice TSA is situated on the edge of British Columbia's Interior Plateau. The area is bounded by the eastern slopes of the Coast Mountains to the west, Tweedsmuir Park and the head waters of the Nechako Reservoir to the south and a large portion of Babine Lake to the northwest. The Bulkley River valley winds its way through the centre of the TSA, providing an access corridor linking Prince George to the northwest coast. The TSA is approximately 1.5 million hectares, the majority of which is Crown land. The Morice TSA forms the western part of the Nadina Forest District.

2.1.2 Communities

The plan area supported an estimated population of 4,511 residents in 2011^5 . The focal point for much of the economic activity in the Morice is the largest community of Houston (population 3,147 in 2011). Other communities include the Village of Granisle (population 303 in 2011), and the Regional District of Bulkley- Nechako electoral area G (population 975 in 2011) which contains the rural settlements of Topley, Buck Flats, Perow. and Tachet Reserve (population 81 in 2011) Farms and ranches are dispersed across the plan area, especially along Highway 16 and from Owen Lake to Francois Lake. The population for the plan area has declined by about 4.0% from the 2006 census (4701- 4511 = 190)

There are five First Nations with traditional territory within the Morice TSA – the Cheslatta Carrier First Nation, Office of the Wet'suwet'en, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, Lake Babine Nation and Yekooche First Nation. Each has submitted a Statement of Intent to the Treaty Commission. There are 17 Indian Reserves scattered throughout the TSA area but only Fort Babine and Tachet (both are part of the Lake Babine Nation) have established year round communities.

There are two tribal councils affiliated with First Nations in the Morice TSA area. The Office of the Wet'suwet'en Hereditary Chiefs is based in Smithers and operates with a basis on the hereditary system of governance. The Carrier-Sekani Tribal Council is based out of Prince George and is an over-arching organization of elected First Nation chiefs of the Carrier-Sekani.

⁴ Description is primarily excerpts from "Morice Land and Resource Management Plan, February, 2007"

⁵ Reference: 2011 Census

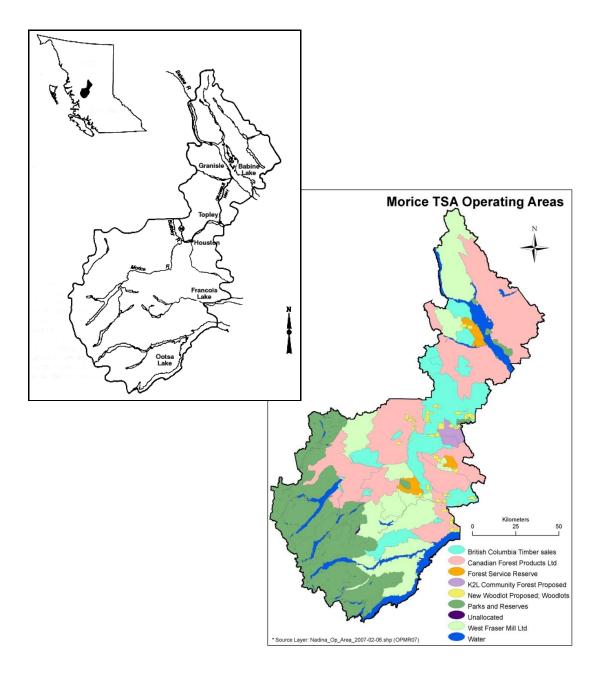


Figure 1: Map of the Morice Timber Supply Area and the Operating Areas within it.

2.1.3 Area Economy

The economy of the Morice area is mainly forestry dependant. Direct employment in the area results from woodlands (e.g. harvesting, silviculture) and processing while additional employment occurs as a result of forest sector purchases of services and products to carry out business. The majority of the volume harvested within the TSA is processed locally at the two large sawmills and several remanufacturing facilities, small sawmills and the Houston Pellet Plant. The smaller facilities generally rely on dry and waste wood purchased from the large mills or acquired through BC Timber Sales, community salvage or woodlot harvest. Forestry activities within the area support employment throughout northern British Columbia. Wood chips and sawdust, produced as a by-product of the lumber manufacturing process and from timber unsuitable for lumber, are used for pulp, paper, panelboard and pellet production in several facilities within and outside the area. The majority of those employed by the forest sector reside within the plan area.

Other major sectors in the area are mining, agriculture, tourism, and recreation.

Currently there is a single active, large-scale mine, Huckleberry Mine, which began operations in 1997. Approximately two-thirds of the area is identified as having high or extreme metallic mineral potential and mining has the potential to play a larger economic role in the area in the future.

Agricultural activity contributes to the economy of the area and is primarily related to forage and beef production. Other activities include food production of lamb, pork, dairy and eggs, and crop production of hay, haylage, grain, vegetables, small fruits and bedding plants. Several local producers process a portion of their poultry and livestock for sale locally, supplementing this with wild game processing for local residents and visiting hunters.

Tourism is playing an increasing role in the economic well-being of the area. Efforts to promote tourism have included the marketing of Houston as the "Steelhead Capital," as well as support for infrastructure development and tourism-related businesses. With an increasing number of visitors being drawn to the area's fishing and outdoor recreation opportunities, numerous new businesses have emerged within the retail trade and hospitality industries.

2.1.4 Environment

The topography of the area is rolling and gentle in the north and east, becoming more mountainous in the southwest. The climate reflects the geography and is transitional between the coast (southwest) and the interior (north and east). Summers are cool and winters are cold; the average July temperature in Houston is 21.4° Celsius, and the average January temperature is -7.4° Celsius. The average annual rainfall is 305 millimetres and total annual snowfall is 1640 millimetres.

Six major watersheds drain the area and contribute to both the Skeena and Fraser river systems. Major rivers include the Bulkley, Morice and Nadina. Numerous lakes of varying sizes are scattered across the plan area. Babine Lake, which bisects the northern part of the plan area, is the longest natural freshwater lake in British Columbia. The Ootsa Lake complex in the south, formed as part of the Nechako reservoir, is the second largest fresh water body in the plan area.

There is a diversity of ecosystem types across the area as a result of the range of geographic and climatic conditions, ranging from rolling hills to mountains and coastal to interior conditions. Five biogeoclimatic zones and nine variants have been described and mapped within the Morice. Vegetation communities range from lower elevation deciduous and mixed forests through to conifer dominated pine, spruce and balsam forests at mid to upper elevations. Lodgepole-pine-leading forests cover more than half of the forested landbase with spruce stands on richer, moister

sites at lower and mid-elevations. Shrub and forb dominated wetland complexes are characteristic of the interior plateau terrain. Non-forested alpine tundra is found in high elevation areas, particularly in the southwestern corner of the area. Forest ecosystems are particularly productive in the coastal southwest due to a warmer and moister climate relative to other parts of the area.

2.1.5 Species at Risk

A list of species at risk has been developed for the DFA and can be found in Appendix 3. This list is a combination of legally and non-legally declared at-risk species. It includes species from Schedule 1 of the Federal Species at Risk Act (SARA), COSEWIC, from Schedule 1 of the provincial Identified Wildlife Management Strategy under the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA), and Blue and Red listed species listed with the BC Conservation Data Center. This list is complete for the DFA, but includes areas that are not forested and are little impacted by forest management activities. The species that are considered impacted by forest management activities are called "Species of Management Concern"

Mountain Caribou

Under British Columbia's risk classification system, caribou in the Morice DFA are blue listed, which means that the population is a conservation concern but is not under immediate threat. Under COSEWIC, caribou in the DFA are threatened and are designated under SARA to have a recovery strategies developed. Caribou populations have low reproductive rates; extra mortality can readily cause population declines.

Three caribou herds use habitats within the DFA: the Takla, Tweedsmuir and Telkwa herds. The Takla caribou herd includes approximately 100 animals that live mostly north of the DFA. In 2001 the 25,000-hectare Mount Blanchet Provincial Park just north of the plan area was established largely to protect habitat of this herd. The Takla herd primarily uses habitats at 1200m elevations or higher all year round. Most winter food appears to be arboreal lichens in high elevation forest, and terrestrial lichens in the alpine. This herd does not appear to use terrestrial lichens in low elevation forested habitats, due to the lack of this habitat in the area.

The Tweedsmuir-Entiako caribou herd currently includes about 300 animals; the population appears to be declining. Only the northernmost 10% of the habitat used by this herd lies inside the DFA. This herd is migratory and winters to the south of the DFA in the vicinity of Entiako Lake, east of Tweedsmuir Park. In late winter and spring, the herd migrates west and north to widely scattered habitats, both forested and alpine. Some caribou migrate into the DFA for the summer by crossing Ootsa Lake in the vicinity of Whitesail Reach. Some remain near Ootsa Lake the whole summer, and others continue on to habitats further west and north. The plan area contains important calving habitat on islands in Whitesail Reach, in highlands surrounding Troitsa Lake and in the eastern portion of the Sibola Range, north of Tahtsa Lake. Spring and summer foods in the LRMP area include grass, forbs and sedges, as well as terrestrial and arboreal lichen.

The Telkwa herd currently includes about 75 animals, and appears to be increasing since the herd was supplemented by moving 32 animals into the area in 1997-98. Prior to the introduction of new animals, the herd had been declining for several decades. Roughly half of the range of the Telkwa herd lies inside the DFA. The herd is generally not migratory, but habits vary between years and among animals. Generally, most animals remain in the alpine or subalpine forest all year round. Winter food for the Telkwa herd probably consists of mostly arboreal lichens in high elevation forests, and terrestrial lichens in alpine or sub-alpine locations. Spring, summer and fall foods probably include grass, forbs and sedges, as well as substantial amounts of terrestrial lichen.

2.1.6 Forest Use

The forests of the Morice DFA provide a wide range of forest land resources, including forest products (timber and non-timber, such as botanical forest products), recreation and tourism amenities, within significant wildlife habitat.

Early seral and open mature forests, especially in the drier subzones, are used for seasonal grazing of livestock. Ranching continues to play an important role in the DFA.

Parks, recreation areas and other Crown lands provide the setting for a host of activities. The Morice TSA land base provides ample opportunity for hunting and fishing pursuits. The watersheds that characterize the Morice TSA are world renowned for the combination of variety of species, large size of fish, fly-fishing opportunities, and pristine wilderness situations.

The Morice TSA has abundant supplies of high quality surface water in rivers, streams, wetlands and lakes. Groundwater supplies are also generally of high quality.

There are many elements, which contribute to the biological diversity and the variety and abundance of wildlife in the Morice TSA. The geographic proximity of coastal and interior climate factors has shaped the natural diversity of the flora and fauna within the various ecosystems.

2.1.7 Forest Landbase

The Morice TSA covers about 1.5 million hectares in total, of which approximately 65 percent— 980,949 hectares—is forest management land base (FMLB). About 308,706 hectares of the Forest Management Land Base (FMLB) area in the Morice TSA are in reserves for old growth, wildlife tree patches or riparian areas, in areas of environmental sensitivity or low productivity, support non-merchantable forest types, or for other reasons are unavailable for timber harvesting. About 45 percent of the total TSA area is included in the current timber harvesting land base of 671,644 hectares. A detailed area net down for BCTS and Canfor's DFA in the Morice TSA is found in Table 1.

| Licensee Operating Area | Net Down Categories | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|--------------|----------|-------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| | Excluded ³ | Non- Forest | Park | Wildlife | Riparian | OGMA | VQO | ESA | Phys Inop | Economic | THLB ¹ | Forested ² | Total Area |
| Not Assigned | 20,950.9 | 339,983.3 | 35,933.1 | 119.3 | 527.7 | 2,316.4 | 835.9 | 2,484.1 | 715.8 | 83,305.5 | 39,094.8 | 165,332.7 | 526,266.9 |
| Pct of area | 4.0% | 64.6% | 6.8% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.5% | 0.1% | 15.8% | 7.4% | 31.4% | 100.0% |
| BCTS DFA | 24,813.0 | 21,559.9 | 389.3 | 6,428.9 | 1,343.4 | 7,261.5 | 0.0 | 7,143.7 | 2,777.8 | 6,803.8 | 122,246.4 | 154,394.8 | 200,767.7 |
| Pct of area | 12.4% | 10.7% | 0.2% | 3.2% | 0.7% | 3.6% | 0.0% | 3.6% | 1.4% | 3.4% | 60.9% | 76.9% | 100.0% |
| Canfor DFA | 12,530.9 | 60,554.5 | 1,838.2 | 19,876.8 | 3,587.0 | 28,027.9 | 295.1 | 16,899.3 | 6,417.4 | 12,968.3 | 324,907.2 | 414,817.1 | 487,902.5 |
| Pct of area | 2.6% | 12.4% | 0.4% | 4.1% | 0.7% | 5.7% | 0.1% | 3.5% | 1.3% | 2.7% | 66.6% | 85.0% | 100.0% |
| West Fraser | 4,023.8 | 36,940.2 | 946.2 | 18,343.6 | 3,436.8 | 15,580.4 | 1,465.6 | 13,167.4 | 1,145.1 | 6,324.3 | 185,395.1 | 245,804.5 | 286,768.6 |
| Pct of area | 1.4% | 12.9% | 0.3% | 6.4% | 1.2% | 5.4% | 0.5% | 4.6% | 0.4% | 2.2% | 64.6% | 85.7% | 100.0% |
| Total | 62,319 | 459,038 | 39,107 | 44,769 | 8,895 | 53,186 | 2,596 | 39,694 | 11,056 | 109,402 | 671,644 | 980,349 | 1,501,706 |
| | 4.1% | 30.6% | 2.6% | 3.0% | 0.6% | 3.5% | 0.2% | 2.6% | 0.7% | 7.3% | 44.7% | 65.3% | 100.0% |

Table 1: Area Summary for Canfor and BCTS DFA⁶

1 - Timber Harvesting Landbase. 2 - Excludes non-forest area and excluded areas. 3 - Areas classified as non-crown ownership, agriculture and settlement, and unclassified lands

⁶ Reference: Data for table provided from Ecosystem Representation Analysis Report Jan 2012 Forest Ecosystems Solutions Ltd.

2.2 Mountain Pine Beetle

2.2.1 Overview

Mountain pine beetle has severely impacting mature lodgepole pine (Pl) stands in the Morice DFA. A summary of the current situation is described based on excerpts from the following publications:

- Morice TSA MFR Rationale for Allowable Annual Cut Determination. 2008⁷.
- Morice TSA MFR Timber Supply Review Public Discussion Paper. 2007⁸.
- Beetle Facts, MFLNRO website⁹.
- Forest Health Strategy Nadina District, June 2011¹⁰

The mountain pine beetle (MPB), *Dendroctonus ponderosae* Hopkins (Coleoptera: Scolytidae), is the most damaging insect attacking lodgepole pine forests in BC. Mountain pine beetles exist naturally in mature lodgepole pine forests, at various population levels, depending on pine availability and weather conditions. They play an important role in the natural succession of these forests by attacking older or weakened trees, which are then replaced by younger, healthy forests. The beetle population levels in BC's interior have been increasing steadily since 1994 with an exponential increase seen in 2004 as a result of the 2003 beetle flight.

2.2.2 Area Affected¹¹

Mountain pine beetle is considered a very high priority forest health factor in the Morice TSA within which the DFA is located. Approximately 51% of the stands in the Morice Timber Harvesting Landbase (THLB) are dominated by pine. The majority of these stands are greater than 60 years of age and are susceptible to MPB attack (if not already attacked).

While the forests of the Morice DFA have more species diversity than many TSAs in the northern interior, pine still represents 54 million cubic metres or 43 percent of the total volume within the THLB. The majority of this pine volume or approximately 50 million cubic metres, is mature or over mature, that is 60 years old or greater, and susceptible to the beetle epidemic within the TSA.

The provincial overview flight estimated that 1.2 million hectares in the Nadina District were affected by MPB in 2005 and 2006 and 1.1 million in 2007 which may indicate the epidemic has peaked in the Nadina District.

2.2.3 Strategy & Response

The Nadina District Forest Health Strategy has been developed to provide guidance for harvesting of lodgepole pine (Pl) stands susceptible to MPB attack. This document is updated

⁷ Reference: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa20/

⁸ Reference: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa20/

⁹ Reference: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/mountain_pine_beetle/facts.htm.

¹⁰ Reference: Nadina District Forest Health Strategy 2011-2012, June 2011

¹¹ Description is primarily excerpts from "Forest Health Strategy - Nadina District, June 2011"

annually. Planning and harvesting of stands affected by MPB needs to maintain other resource values, as well as protect mid-term timber supply values. Management objectives concerning MPB include:

- Ensure that Holding and Salvage strategy targets are met;
 - Holding use a mix of small and large blocks to maintain the infestation in a static mode by targeting infested stands.
 - Salvage minimize unsalvaged losses by harvesting beetle-killed trees through large-scale operations.
- Continue annual monitoring of beetle rate of spread;
- Reduce negative impacts of bark beetle infestations and salvage operations on biodiversity and other forest values;
- Direct harvest into pine-leading stands;
- Retain attacked stands that have a secondary structure component that makes them viable in the mid-term;
- Ensure immediate reforestation of attacked areas.

These objectives are consistent with the Provincial Mountain Pine Beetle Action Plan¹², the goals and management direction of the Morice LRMP, and the Nadina Mid-Term Mitigation Strategy¹³.

Management strategies have assisted in securing the maximum value in pine forests that have been killed or threatened by the beetle. The majority of the Morice TSA is currently following the Salvage strategy, with 3 Beetle Management Units (in the northern part of the TSA) in the Holding strategy.

2.2.4 The Extent of Current & Future Infestations

To determine the extent of current and future infestations, the Timber Supply Review (TSR) data has been updated, susceptible stands have been identified, current MPB attack has been mapped and forecasts of future attack levels and intensities have been developed. This data, along with the Forest Health Strategy were all factored into the Chief Forester's AAC determination for the DFA (2007).

2.2.5 Summary of the Chief Forester's AAC Determination for the Morice TSA

Effective February 1, 2008, the new AAC for the Morice TSA was set at 2,165,000 cubic metres per year. This represents an administrative adjustment of 203 883 cubic metres or approximately 10 percent to the previous AAC to account for the inclusion of the endemic dead potential volume, and includes a non-pine species partition, equating to 550,000 cubic metres per year.

2.2.6 Factors Influencing the Severity of Attack

Both fire and insects have historically played an important role in the natural disturbance and replacement of lodgepole pine forests in much of the province's interior. Two key factors contributing to the recent expansion of the mountain pine beetle infestation are the large amounts

¹² Reference: <u>http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/mountain_pine_beetle/actionplan/2006/Beetle_Action_Plan.pdf</u>

¹³ Reference: Nadina Mid-Term Mitigation Strategy 2009

of older lodgepole pine on the land base and the relatively warm weather conditions experienced in recent years in the interior of the province. Forest management policies (i.e., cutblock size/adjacency and fire control) have contributed to an accumulation of old pine forest above historical levels. Once lodgepole pine trees are mature (generally older than 80 years), they are highly susceptible to attack by the pine beetle, particularly during times of prolonged favourable weather conditions. Experts concur that moderated climate conditions coupled with the increasing amount of susceptible, mature lodgepole forests has led to the current unprecedented mountain pine beetle outbreak.

2.2.7 Environmental Impacts of the Beetle Infestation

Large-scale stand replacing disturbances such as those caused by fires and insect outbreaks have been a part of normal ecosystem dynamics in the BC interior, most likely for many thousands of years. However with fire suppression, much more of the province is now occupied by older pine forests than historically has been the case. An epidemic population of mountain pine beetle and an abundance of susceptible mature pine mean that the rate of conversion from older to younger forested habitats will be increased. Insect attack will be followed by eventual blowdown, or by harvesting to control the rate of spread and salvage the attacked timber. Even with harvesting, both live and dead stands unaltered by harvesting will remain on the landscape with complex consequences for pine forests and associated wildlife habitats in BC's interior.

2.2.8 Outlook

For 2011 (Figure 2), the Provincial-Level Projection of the Current MPB Outbreak (BCMPB.v8¹⁴) projected that approximately 1.6 million cubic metres of pine will be killed in the Morice TSA. The projected kill for 2012 is 1.4 million cubic metres; and by 2016 it is estimated that the cumulative kill will be approximately 63 percent of the total mature pine volume. If beetle populations continue to expand as predicted by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO), the cumulative kill is expected to be approximately 64 percent of the total mature pine volume by 2021.

The most recent projection (2011) of the cumulative amount of pine volume killed in the Morice TSA portion of the Nadina District in which the DFA is located, indicates that the amount of volume killed will be less than originally anticipated (Figure 3). Currently it is estimated that 32 million m3 have been killed as of 2011 compared to a projection in 2007 of 39 million m3 killed in 2011. It is estimated that the total amount of volume killed in 2020 will be 36.4 million m³ compared to an estimate of 44.6 million m3 in 2020 from the 2007 projection.

¹⁴ Reference: <u>http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/hre/external/!publish/web/bcmpb/year8/BCMPB.v8.BeetleProjection.Update.pdf</u>

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/hre/external/!publish/web/bcmpb/year8/BCMPB.v8.NoMgmt.SummaryOfKill.LumpedTFLs.forDistribution.xlsx

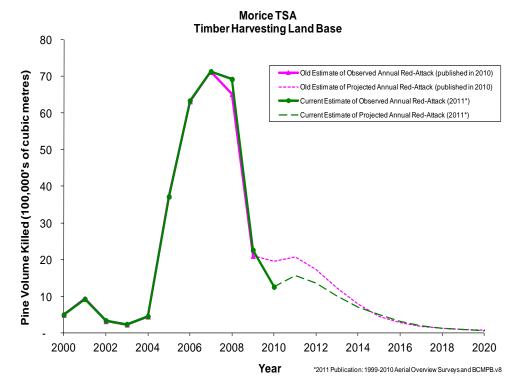


Figure 2: Estimated Observed and Projected Annual Red-Attack in the Morice TSA (Old and Current -2011).

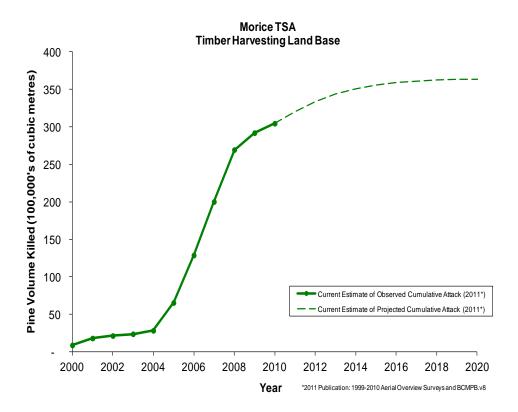


Figure 3: Current Estimate of Observed and Projected Cumulative Attack in the Morice TSA (2011).

2.3 Other Major Factors at Play in the DFA

Morice Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP)¹⁵

The Government of British Columbia announced the Morice Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) on July 18, 2007. The LRMP addresses the long-term balance of environment and economy in the region. It provides access to timber for the local forest industry, certainty for the mining, ranching and tourism industries while also establishing conservation and recreation objectives for many natural values in the Morice TSA. The stability and security provided by the plan provides economic and social stability and increased opportunities for growth and investment throughout the region.

Draft Biodiversity Order¹⁶

As part of the implementation of the Morice LRMP, a biodiversity order is being proposed to be declared under the Land Use Objectives Regulation. This order will delineate no timber harvesting areas, high biodiversity emphasis areas, old growth management areas, and general forest areas. In addition objectives will apply to seral stage distribution and stand level biodiversity for the above areas.

The Values, Objectives, Indicators and Targets (VOITs) in this SFMP, have been developed to be consistent with the draft order as currently proposed to the extent practicable, however the SFMP may need to be amended once the final order has been put into effect by government.

Bull Trout Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHA)

A Government Action Regulation (GAR) order establishing bull trout WHA's and associated general wildlife measures (GWM) was put into effect on July 30th, 2009. Due to the relatively small areas these measures are not expected to impact this SFMP. Bull trout would be considered a species of management concern and appropriate strategies will be documented in site plans if forest activities are planned within the areas.

Telkwa Caribou WHA

A GAR order establishing a WHA and associated GWM's for the Telkwa Caribou herd is being considered by government. The order is proposing to establish, no harvest zones, forest cover requirements, enhanced stand level retention, non-roaded buffers, and treed reserves to limit access to alpine areas in the Telkwa range. Caribou would be considered a species of management concern and appropriate strategies will be documented in site plans if forest activities are planned within the areas.

Goat Ungulate Winter Range (UWR).

A GAR order establishing UWR associated GWM's for Mountain Goats in the Morice TSA is being considered by government. The order is proposing to establish Goat UWR areas in the vicinity of escape terrain where forest vegetation will be retained unless exempted. There will also be restrictions in the timing of forest activities the type of roads and the length of time they can be in service within 1 kilometre of the UWR. These areas would be considered sites of biological significance and appropriate strategies will be documented in site plans if forest activities are planned within the areas.

¹⁵ Reference: http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/lrmp/smithers/morice/index.html.

¹⁶ Reference: ILMB, 2010. Ministerial Order, Land Use Objectives: Morice Land and Resource Management Plan Area (version 6 - Updated April 7, 2010)

Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds (FSW)

A GAR order establishing FSW's and associated objectives in the Morice TSA is being considered by government. The objectives relate to the maximum allowable hydrologically disturbed area, managing fine sediment production, maximum allowable stream crossing densities, maintain the recruitment of large woody debris, and maintaining channel widths at stream crossings.

The VOITs' in this SFMP, have been developed to be consistent with the draft order as currently proposed to the extent practicable, however, the SFMP may need to be amended once the final order has been put into effect by government

Timber Supply

In addition to the Chief Forester's determination February 1, 2008,the Morice/Lakes IFPA was granted a cut uplift of 200, 000 m3 year on the same date for a period ending August 31st 2011. To be consistent with the Chief Forester's decision no more than 50,000m³ per year could be harvested from non-pine stands.¹⁷

The rationale for the cut uplift was based on the following factors

- Reduced Operational Adjustment Factors (OAF1);
- Basing volume projection on site indices from PEM/SIBEC/OGSI rather than forest cover inventory;
- Increasing utilization lower stump height;
- Using genetically selected stock consistent with BC Forest Genetics Council's species plans.

The MPB mitigation harvest rule and using the Sustainable Forest Management Framework to manage environmental risk from accelerated harvesting was also considered in the decision. For more information please refer to the Morice Lakes IFPA Forestry Plan¹⁸

2.4 Licensee Operating Areas

The current mountain pine beetle infestation is focusing all forest management planning and harvesting activities on pine leading stands. The size of the epidemic has caused the BC Government to increase the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) for the Morice TSA from the previous harvest level of 1 961 117 cubic meters to 2,165,000 cubic metres and includes a non-pine partition of 550,000 m3. The mountain pine beetle epidemic has had an effect on the ecological, social and economic indicators developed for this SFM Plan. The increase in AAC has resulted in additional Non – Replaceable Forest Licences (NRFL) being awarded to other licensees. Volume from licenses outside the TSA have been transferred into the Morice TSA on a short term basis to help salvage as much pine as possible. Appendix 5 provides a detailed list of the license volumes that could be harvested in the DFA and an assessment of the risk this might pose to the SFMP.

Other licensees may conduct harvesting and associated activities on the DFA under authority given by the British Columbia government. Other licensees are responsible for the construction

¹⁷ Reference: Warner, William. Rationale for Determination of Increase in Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) for the Morice and Lakes Innovative Forest Practices Agreement: Uplift for the Morice Timber Supply Area. William J Warner, RPF Regional Manager Northern Interior Forest Region.

¹⁸ Reference: http://www.moricelakes-ifpa.com/publications/documents/MLIFPA_forestryplan_20070117.pdf

and maintenance of roads and stream crossings necessary to access the harvest areas approved by the British Columbia government.

Other licensees are responsible for hiring competent and skilled employees and are responsible for the direction, supervision, training and control of their employees. The performance of other licensees is subject to the review and inspection of British Columbia government compliance and enforcement officers and must fully comply with the applicable laws and regulations while operating on the DFA. The signatories to this plan do not have the right to direct or control other licensees and their employees and will not be responsible for their activities in the DFA under this SFM plan.

The signatories to this plan do have good working relationships with other operators in the Morice TSA and communicate their SFM commitments to all known licensees prior to the commencement of operations in the DFA.

Of all the volume that could be harvested in the DFA, 74.4% is directly controlled by the plan signatories, 17% of the volume is considered low risk to the SFMP, and 5.8% is considered moderate risk. Because of this the overall risk of other operators impacting the VOIT's for this plan is considered to be low.

3.0 THE PLANNING PROCESS

3.1 The CSA Certification Process

The CSA Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) Standard, initially developed in 1996 and subsequently revised and improved in 2002 and again in 2009 is Canada's national certification standard. The standard is a voluntary tool that provides independent third party assurance that an organization is practicing sustainable forest management. Consistent with most certifications, the CSA standard expects compliance with existing forest policies, laws and regulations.¹⁹

Participants under the CSA certification system must address the following two components:

- Participants must develop and achieve indicators and targets for on-the-ground forest management, monitored through an annual public review with the input of the public and Aboriginals (Sec 3.1.1 following).
- Participants who choose to be registered to the CSA standard must incorporate CSAdefined systems components into an internal environmental management system (EMS) (Sec 3.1.2 following).

For a licensee seeking certification to the CSA SFM standard, the DFA SFMP or a licensee-specific plan, complimentary to the DFA SFMP, is developed. The licensee-specific plans may contain additional information such as their defined forest area and internal means to monitor and measure the DFA SFMP components.

Applicants seeking registration to the CSA standard require an accredited and independent thirdparty auditor to verify that these components have been adequately addressed. Following registration, annual surveillance audits are conducted to confirm that the standard is being maintained. A detailed description of these two components and a summary of the CSA registration process are as follows.

3.1.1 Public/Aboriginal Involvement: Performance Requirements & Indicators

The CSA standard includes performance requirements for assessing sustainable forest management practices that influence on-the-ground forestry operations. The performance requirements are founded upon six sustainable forest management criteria:

- conservation of biological diversity;
- conservation of forest ecosystem condition and productivity;
- conservation of soil and water resources;
- forest ecosystem contributions to global ecological cycles;
- provision of economic and social benefits; and
- accepting society's responsibility for sustainable forest management.

Each of these criteria has a number of "elements" that further define the criteria. The criteria and associated elements are all defined under the CSA standard and must be addressed during development of the SFMP. The criteria are endorsed by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers and are aligned with international criteria. New to the CSA Standard (Z809-08 version) is the need to have specific discussion on selected forest management topics during the public

¹⁹ In the case of the SFMP for the Morice DFA, this includes compliance with the strategic direction provided in the Morice Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP).

participation process. Also new are the requirements for the SFMP to contain core indicators for nearly all of the elements.

For each set of criteria and elements, forest managers, Aboriginals and the public identify local values and objectives. Core and local indicators and targets associated with each are assigned to the values and objectives to measure performance.

Values identify the key aspects of the elements. For example, one of the values associated with "species diversity" might be "sustainable populations of native flora and fauna."

Objectives describe the desired future condition, given an identified value. For example, the objective to meet the value of sustainable populations of native flora and fauna might be "to maintain a variety of habitats for naturally occurring species."

Indicators are measures to assess progress toward an objective. Indicators are intended to provide a practical, cost-effective, scientifically sound basis for monitoring and assessing implementation of the SFMP. There must be at least one indicator for each element and associated value. Core indicators have been included in the CSA standard for nearly all elements. Additionally, local indicators can be added to the SFMP.

Targets are a specific statement describing a desired future state or condition of an indicator. Targets provide a clear specific statement of expected results, usually stated as some level of achievement of the associated indicator. For example, if the indicator is "minimize loss to the timber harvesting land base," one target might be "to have less than 'x' percent of harvested areas in roads and landings."

Values, objectives, indicators, and targets apply to social, economic and ecological criteria and may address process as well as on-the-ground forest management activities. In the SFMP for the Morice DFA, these indicators and targets were developed to be applied to the entire plan area.

As part of the process of developing values, objectives, indicators and targets, the PAG also assisted in the development of forecasts of predicted results for indicators and targets.

Forecasts are the long-term projection of expected future indicator levels. These have been incorporated into the SFMP targets as predicted results or outcomes for each target. Additional forecasting of indicators has occurred where there is some reliance on the TSR process. In these circumstances, forecasting is projected out over the next 250 years. More on the TSR process is available at: <u>http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/pubs.htm</u>.

3.1.2 Public Review of Annual Reports & Third Party Audits

Each year, the licensees compile a report that summarizes results for each of the indicators in the SFMP. This annual report is provided to the PAG for review and comment. Annual monitoring of achievements against indicators and targets, and comparing the actual results to forecasts, enables the SFMP to be continually improved. Continuous improvement is mandated by the CSA standard.

For a licensee registered to the CSA standard, conformance with the standard is assessed annually through surveillance audits carried out by a registered third party auditor. The audit confirms that the registrant has successfully implemented the SFMP and continues to meet the CSA Standard. Audit summaries are available to the public.

3.1.3 Internal Infrastructure: Systems Components

The CSA SFM standard mandates a number of process or systems-related requirements called "systems components." These systems components must be incorporated in a registrant's internal environmental management system (EMS). Systems components include:

- **Commitment:** A demonstrated commitment to developing and implementing the SFMP.
- **Public and Aboriginal participation:** The CSA standard requires informed, inclusive and fair consultation with Aboriginals and members of the public during the development and implementation of the SFMP.
- **CSA-aligned management system:** The management system is an integral part of implementation of the SFMP and is designed to meet CSA standards. The management system has four basic elements: Planning, Implementing, Checking and Monitoring, and Review and Improvement. The management system, includes the following base components:
 - 1) Identify environmental risks.
 - 2) Identify standard operating procedures or develop performance measures to address significant risks.
 - 3) Develop emergency procedures in the event of an incident causing environmental impacts.
 - 4) Review all laws and regulations.
 - 5) Establish procedures for training. Providing updated information and training ensures that forestry staff and contractors stay current with evolving forest management information and are trained to address environmental issues during forestry activities.
 - 6) If an incident does occur, conduct an investigation or incident review and develop an action plan to take corrective action, based on the preparation undertaken in steps 1 to 5.
- **Continual improvement:** As part of a licensee's management system, the effectiveness of the SFMP is continually improved by monitoring and reviewing the system and its components. This includes a review of ongoing planning, public process and Aboriginal liaison to ensure that the management system is being implemented as effectively as possible.

3.1.4 CSA Registration

Following completion of a sustainable forest management plan, and the development of an environmental management system in accordance with the CSA standard, a licensee may apply for registration of its DFA. The determination of whether all the components of an SFM system applied to a DFA are in place and functional involves an on-the-ground audit of the DFA including field inspections of forest sites. The intent of the registration audit is to provide assurance that the objectives of sustainable forest management on the DFA are being achieved. The registration of a licensee's DFA follows a successful registration audit by an eligible independent third party auditor who has assessed and determined:

- an SFMP, that meets the CSA Standard, has been developed and implemented, including confirmation that quantified targets for meeting sustainable forest management criteria have been established through a public participation process;
- an SFM Environmental Management System has been developed and is being used to manage and direct achievement of the SFMP indicators and targets; and
- progress toward achieving the targets is being monitored, and monitoring results are being used for continual improvement of the SFMP and Environmental Management System.

A typical registration audit may include:

- meeting with the advisory group facilitator to review the public advisory process;
- interviews with public advisory group members;
- a review of monitoring and reporting responsibilities related to CSA indicators and targets;
- meetings with government officials to discuss licensee performance and government involvement in development of the SFMP;
- field reviews visiting harvest and road construction operations;
- interviews with staff and/or contractors to review their understanding of the environmental management system requirements; and
- meetings with management to assess the level of commitment to environmental performance and sustainability.

In addition to the registration audit, regular surveillance audits are conducted to examine performance against all aspects of the SFM System, including the requirement that regulatory standards and policy requirements are met or exceeded.

3.2 The Morice SFM Planning Process

The SFMP was developed by the licensees based on advice and recommendations provided by the PAG. The plan was developed to be in compliance with all existing legislation and policy and consistent with the strategic direction of higher level plans such as the Morice Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). The plan is continually updated and improved to incorporate new information, changing values, recommendations from monitoring activities and new circumstances.

3.2.1 Licensee Participation

The licensees who hold replaceable Forest Licenses, through the IFPA, worked with the PAG to develop initial performance measures (values, objectives, indicators and targets) for the SFMP that would meet the CSA Z809-02 standard. Originally Canfor, BCTS, and West Fraser were certified to the CSA standard for the Morice SFMP. West Fraser has since dropped their CSA certification and therefore are not signatories to this plan. On publicly owned land, the responsibility and accountability is ultimately with the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, however, the signatories to this plan are held responsible for forest management under legislative and contractual agreement through the tenure agreements.

The MFLNRO has participated in the SFM planning process in a number of roles including:

- Participation in the development of the original suite of SFM values, objectives, indicators and targets.
- Participation as an observer at Public Advisory Group meetings.
- Providing technical support to the planning process.

The participating licensees make efforts to communicate periodically with Non-Replaceable Forest Licence (NRFL) holders to assess their impact on indicators in the SFM Plan.

To address the impact of that other licensees may potentially have on achieving the targets the participating licensees have developed a risk ranking matrix (Appendix 5) to display the estimated impact on these operations, and provide confidence that the reporting is consistent with the reality of operations on the DFA.

3.2.2 Public Participation

The PAG was formed to assist the licensees in developing the SFMP by identifying local values, objectives, indicators and targets and evaluating the effectiveness of the plan.

Members of the PAG represented a cross-section of local interests including environmental organizations, Aboriginals, resource-based interests and research specialists. An open and inclusive process was used to formulate the public advisory group. Local Aboriginals were formally invited to participate. Various government ministries provided technical support to the SFM planning process, including information on resources and policy issues. The group developed, and was guided by, the Terms of Reference (TOR). The TOR was consistent with the CSA standard, and also specified that the process for developing the SFMP would be open and transparent. As part of the updating of the SFMP to meet the requirements of the revised 2008 CSA standard (Z809-08), considerable discussion occurred on specific topics related to the six Criteria.

The PAG reviews the annual report prepared by the licensees to assess achievement of indicators and targets. This monitoring process provides the licensees, the public and Aboriginals with an opportunity to bring forward new information and to provide input concerning new or changing public values that can be incorporated into future updates of the SFMP.

4.0 STRATEGY GUIDING THE SFMP

4.1 SFMP Strategy for the DFA

A set of strategies has been developed to progress toward achievement of targets for the indicators in the SFMP. These strategies document the relevance of the indicator to the SFMP and sustainability, and summarize actions required to meet the targets.

The SFMP, utilizes indicators and targets that:

- reflect values and objectives from the LRMP Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds, Forest Health, Mid-Term Timber Supply, etc.;
- are guided by the Canadian Council of Forest Ministers' Criteria and Elements; and
- are within the ability of the forest industry to influence and manage.

Applicable strategies are documented in the detail sheets for each indicator in Section 5.7 of the SFMP.

4.2 Additional Guidance

The licensees are also guided by the regulations, laws and policies established by the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

The direction set forth in legislation as well as additional policies provided by the District Managers guides strategies to manage forest operations and to provide high quality fibre for licensee operations over the long term. At the same time, the licensees will make efforts to manage and balance the landscape for biological diversity, global cycles, soil, water and social responsibility.

5.0 INDICATORS & INDICATOR MATRICES

The PAG has identified local values and objectives for each of the CSA defined elements. These values and objectives are summarized in this section.

Core Indicators (included in the CSA standard) as well as local indicators and their respective targets have been developed to meet these local values and objectives. SFMP indicators (core and local) and their targets are described in Section 7. A summary table showing all criteria and elements and associated local values, objectives, indicators and targets is provided in Appendix 2.

In an SFMP it is the indicators and targets that provide the performance measures that are to be met through on-the-ground forest management activities. This section provides a detailed description of each of the indicators and targets in the SFMP for the Morice DFA. Core indicators prescribed within the latest CSA standard (Z809-08) have been integrated into the plan using the numbering system found within the standard. Indicator statements have been developed for each core indicator, and some core indicators incorporate more than one statement. These serve to put the target into context against the core indicator and make the target easily measurable. Many of the previous plan indicators were very close to the set of core indicators, thus the targets used to measure these core indicators are familiar to the SFMP. Full conformance is required for many targets (i.e., there is no variance). Where full conformance may not be achievable, an acceptable level of variance is indicated for the target.

The licensees monitor the achievement of targets annually. Monitoring procedures for each target in the SFMP are described below. Management strategies provide further direction to the performance measures (indicators and targets) and serve as a guide for the licensees in their annual monitoring activities.

5.1 Objectives, Indicators & Targets

The Morice SFMP process has served to further refine the information and concerns of the local public. Incorporating these concerns and ideas into individual licensee operations through the established indicators and targets and ongoing monitoring ensures long-term sustainability of the forest resource. Any indicators established in this SFMP that are conducive to long term projections are as noted below.

Section 6.2 describes the plans, policies and management strategies that support the achievement of the targets in the SFMP.

5.2 Base Line for Indicators

The primary source of base line information for indicators is the initial monitoring report subsequent to adoption of the indicator. Where existing indicators and targets were used to satisfy a core indicator, the baseline will be identified as that from the previous SFMP. In some instances, particularly in the case of newly developed indicators, a baseline might be difficult to establish and thus be absent in the plan. In those situations, baseline information will become available through subsequent monitoring reports.

5.3 Current Status of Indicators

Current status of each indicator is as reported and updated in annual SFMP performance reporting. To obtain current information please refer to the most recent monitoring report on the Morice SFMP website: <u>http://www.canfor.com/responsibility/environmental/certification</u>.

5.4 Forecasting

Forecasts are the long-term projection of expected future indicator levels. These have been incorporated into the SFMP targets as predicted results or outcomes for each target.

Often, the target for the indicator is in itself the predicted result or outcome. The target is the predicted outcome or forecast for most of the SFMP indicators. Generally, the target is being achieved for SFMP indicators, and it is expected these targets will continue to be met. Indicator forecasts also provide predictions of future state relative to Elements, Values or Objectives.

5.5 Regional Forecasting Related to the SFMP

Morice and Lakes IFPA

The Morice Timber Supply Area Rationale for AAC Determination, February 1, 2008²⁰, included sensitivity analysis around the shelf life of beetle killed pine and the harvesting of non-pine stands in the short term. The analysis was conducted using information related to the timber harvesting landbase, timber volumes, and management strategies to indicate future state projected out for a period of 400 years. Prior to the Chief Forester making his determination, the public was invited to review and comment on the Timber Supply Review (TSR). Additional information on the opportunities that were provided for public input can be found in the TSR discussion paper (June 2007)²¹. Further information pertaining to assumptions and analysis can be found within the Chief Foresters Rationale for AAC Determination for the Morice TSA (February 2008).

In support of their request for an AAC uplift the Morice and Lakes IFPA prepared a Forestry Plan and analysis that included a timber supply forecast and a number of sensitivities to test the effect of the innovative forest practices on timber supply and SFMP indicators. The seven elements that were analyzed included:

- 1. Use Currently Experienced Operational Adjustment Factors (OAF) for the Morice TSA;
- 2. Use of Better Site Productivity Information;
- 3. Increased Utilization;
- 4. Target Species Composition in Managed Stands to Better Support Long Term Harvest Level;
- 5. Recognize Tested Gains for Future Production of Genetically Selected Stock;
- 6. Harvest Rules to Prioritize Harvesting of Pine Stands, and;
- 7. Risk Management of Environmental Values (Accelerated AAC under provisions of SFM Plan)

For details on this analysis please refer to the Morice and Lakes Forestry Plan ²²and Forestry Plan supplement ²³.

Ecosystem Representation Analysis

Canfor and BCTS recently completed an Ecosystem Representation Analysis across their operations in BC. This analysis was used to determine the relative abundance of ecosystem

²⁰ Reference: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa20/

²¹ Reference: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa20/

²² Reference: <u>http://www.moricelakes-ifpa.com/publications/documents/MLIFPA_forestryplan_20070117.pdf</u>

 $^{^{23} \} Reference: \ http://www.moricelakes-ifpa.com/publications/documents/Forestry\% 20 Plan\% 20 Supplement_final\% 20 draft_071101.pdf$

groups and highlight rare or uncommon groupings that may need special management. This analysis supports the indicator and target for 1.1.1 Percent representation of ecosystem groups across the DFA. For more details on the analysis please refer to the indicator detail sheet for 1.1.1. in Section 5.7.

5.6 Legal Requirements

Awareness of legal requirements is essential when considering suitable Objectives for an Element and determining appropriate Indicators and Targets. The licensees ensure that specific legislation related to Objectives, Indicators and Targets is known and complied with by staying current with legal requirements. Subscribing to commercial services, reliance on in-house staff or industry associations, and participating in joint legislative review committees are just some of the methods used by the licensees to remain current with legislation.

| Indicator | 1.1.1 Ecosystem area by type |
|--|---|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 1.1.1. Percent representation of ecosystem groups across the DFA. |
| Element(s) | 1.1 Ecosystem Diversity |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | <u>Value 1.1:</u> The range of functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA |
| | <u>Objective 1.1:</u> Functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA will fluctuate within a (naturally, socially) acceptable range of variation over time |
| Strategy(s) Description | Maintaining representation of a full range of ecosystem types is a widely accepted strategy to conserve biodiversity. Ecosystem conservation represents a coarse-filter approach to biodiversity conservation. It assumes that by maintaining the structure and diversity of ecosystems, the habitat needs of various species will be provided. For many species, if the habitat is suitable, populations will be maintained. |
| | Ecosystem area by type can be influenced by managers, and many foresters/ecologists prefer to characterize the forest in terms of ecosystem types (according to forest ecosystem classifications such as Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification – BEC or Predictive Ecosystem Mapping – PEM) rather than by age and type of structures as derived from classic forest inventories. Most ecosystem classification systems use an integrated hierarchical classification scheme that combines climate, vegetation and site classifications. This mapping is used in such applications as: a. Seed zones b. Protected area planning c. Land management planning d. Forest pest risk e. Natural disturbance types f. Wildlife habitat management |
| | Rare ecosystems are frequently identified as focal points for conservation concern. Provincially, ecosystems are listed based largely on frequency of occurrence or rarity. There are at least three broad reasons for creating local lists: |
| | • to help assess the status of an ecosystem throughout a planning area; |
| | • to focus attention and tracking on ecosystems that merit conservation concern; and |
| | • to help rank allocation of resources to conservation efforts, such as parks, Wildlife Habitat Areas, Old Growth Management Areas (OGMA's) or Wildlife Tree Patches (WTPs). |
| | An analysis of ecosystem representation across all Canfor and BCTS operations was conducted in 2011 ²⁴ . This analysis determined the abundance and representation of ecosystem groups within four distinct regions and 13 management units. The following steps were carried out for this analysis: |
| | Identifying the non-harvesting landbase Classifying the forested landbase into ecosystem groups Evaluating the amount and how the ecosystem groups are distributed in the harvesting and non-harvesting landbase. |
| | The Morice DFA is within the West- Central and North-East Mountains regions and comprises 52 unique forested ecosystem groups. |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Rare or uncommon ecosystem groups were identified by mapping at the BEC variant level or PEM site series level. |
| | The following criteria was used to select the site series that would be considered rare or uncommon |
| | The ecosystem group is present on the DFA. (area >0%). The forested area is <= 10,000 ha. in the West-central region. The representation class is: Low <20% of the area is in the NHLB. Rare/uncommon abundance is <0.1% of the forest area < 100% of the area of the ecosystem group is in the NHLB. |
| | Site series in these ecosystem groups are considered rare and should not be harvested. During field layout if the these site series are encountered they will be reserved from harvest by excluding them from the harvest area or reserving them in WTP's (see indicator 1.1.4a) |

5.7 Indicators in the SFMP

²⁴ Ecosystem Representation Analysis Final Report January 18th , 2012 Forest Ecosystem Solutions Ltd.

| Forecast Predicted Results | There was one to be protected | e ecosystem g d from harve | group within the DFA id sting. The following tab | entified as rare le lists the site | e/uncommo s series (20 | on. All sites wi 012 Baseline da | thin this group are ata): |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--|
| or Outcome | Final region | Final Ecogroup Number | Final Group Name |) | Site Series | Moisture- Nutrient regime | Site Association |
| | | 63 | hygric ESSFmc | | ESSF mc-09 ESSF mc- | Hygric- subhydric; very poor- poor | BI - Horsetail - Glow moss |
| | NE Mtns West- central | 4 | xeric SBSdk | | 09 10 SBS dk-02 | Xeric; very poor-poor | PI - Juniper - Ricegrass |
| | West- central | 49 | subhygric-hygric S | BSmc2 | SBS mc2- 07 | Subhygric- hygric; very poor- poor | Sxw - Scrub birch - Feathermoss |
| | West- central | 58 | hygric SBSdk | | SBS dk-09 | hygric | Sb - Snowberry - Sphagnum |
| | West- central | 60 | hygric SBSdk (Act | hygric SBSdk (Act) | | hygric | Act - Dogwood - Prickly rose |
| | West- central | 77 | mesic ESSFmc | | ESSF mc-05 | Mesic; rich-very rich | BI - Huckleberry - Thimbleberry |
| | West- central | 79 | subhygric-hygric n ESSFmc | nedium | ESSF mc-08 | Subhygric- hygric; medium- rich | BI - Valerian - Sickle moss |
| | West- central | 81 | hygric-subhygric E | SSFmk | ESSF mk-06 | hygric - subhydric | BI - Horsetail - Leafy moss |
| | West- central | 85 | subhygric-hygric E | SSFmc | ESSF mc-07 | Subhygric- hygric; rich-very rich | BI - Devil's club - Lady fern |
| | The following | g table shows | how much harvesting ha | as occurred in | these ecos | stems since the | e year 2000: |
| | | | Site Series | Area | Harvested | (ha) | |
| | | ESS | F mc-09 | | | 27.3 | |
| | | ESS | F mc-09 10 | 45.3 | | | |
| | | | 6 dk-02 | 3.2 | | | |
| | | | s mc2-07 | 144.8 | | | |
| | | | 6 dk-09 | 4.3 | | | |
| | | | 6 dk-08 6F mc-05 | 0 | | | |
| | | | F mc-08 | 143.5 | | | |
| | | | F mk-06 | | | 0 | |
| | ESSF mc-07 | | | 243.8 | | | |
| | | ESS | F mc-09 | | | 0 | |

| Forecast | A diversity of ecosystems while maintaining "rare" attributes, enabling a diversity and abundance of naturally occurring plants, animals and their habitats. When a mappable (typically ≥ 2.0 ha that are not part of complexes) unit of the above ecosystems are identified in the field they will be reserved from harvest. |
|---|--|
| Target | Rare ecosystems groups as identified in the previous table will not be harvested. |
| Basis for the Target | Proactive measure to identify and conserve rare and uncommon ecosystems. |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | Identification of rare and uncommon ecosystems to occur with inventory updates that occur in conjunction with Timber Supply Review (generally every 5 years). |
| Annual | Report any incidents of harvesting that occurred in ecosystem groups defined as rare. Also report the number of hectares where harvesting occurred within uncommon ecosystem groups and the number of these hectares where specific management strategies to retain the characteristics of unmanaged forests were implemented. |
| Variance | Harvesting may occur in rare ecosystems for access, forest health, or safety issues as rationalized and documented by a qualified professional. |

| | 1.1.2 Forest area by type or species composition | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 1.1.2. Percent distribution of forest type (treed conifer, treed broad leaf, treed mixed) >20 years old across the DFA | | | | |
| Element(s) | 1.1 Ecosystem Diversi | ity | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | <u>Value 1.1:</u> Abundance conserve species in the | | nmon and rare habitats with | in a range of variability over time | |
| | Objective 1.1: A constant supply of habitats and/or attributes sufficient to conserve spector occur naturally on the DFA through time. | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | stand age, and stand st - providing structure a range of variation, imp Reporting on this india forest succession and i Ensuring a diversity of positively influences f System, which identifi site. This guides fore | ructure are important w nd habitat for other org proves ecosystem resili cator provides high lev management practices f tree species is maintationest health. Forests in tes the tree species that | ariables that affect the biolo anisms. Ensuring a diversi- ence and productivity and p el overview information on hat might alter species com ned improves ecosystem re Canada are classified accor are most suited ecologicall- ning the natural forest comp | area. Tree species composition, ogical diversity of a forest ecosyste ty of tree species within their natur ositively influences forest health. area covered by broad forest type, position. silience and productivity and ding to an Ecosystem Classificatio γ for regeneration in any particular roosition in an area and lends itself t | |
| | (BCMOFR 2008) con Forest Interior Region free growing. This is areas regenerate nature overall diversity of th To remove some of th will not be included in Treed conifer forests a treed broad leaf forest | Included that the amount in has increased signific expected to continue is rally with ingress from e DFA, many of these is short term variation the reporting structure are those where conife ts are those where mound mixed forests are t | nt of deciduous mixed star antly, from 2,811 hectares n the short term in both B n early successional broad forests will revert back to in the reporting of the indica- rs dominate the species mi stly deciduous trees domina- | and Diversity in British Columb dds at free growing in the Northe before harvest to 55,614 hectares C and Alberta as recently harvest lleaf species. While adding to t coniferous mixed forests over tim ator, forests less than 20 years of a x (at least 75% of trees are conife ate the species mix (at least 75% iddle range where neither conifer | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Forest plans will incorporate reforestation strategies that retain the natural balance of broad forest types within the DFA. | | | | |
| - , | | | | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or Outcome | | | | : % Species Composition by BEC nual Reports (2010 Baseline data). | |
| | by Licensee. Mixedw | ood percentages will be | e reported in subsequent An | | |
| Predicted Results or | by Licensee. Mixedw | ood percentages will be | e reported in subsequent An iferous, broadleaf, mixed | nual Reports (2010 Baseline data). | |
| Predicted Results or | by Licensee. Mixedw | ood percentages will be | iferous, broadleaf, mixed DFA | nual Reports (2010 Baseline data). | |
| Predicted Results or | by Licensee. Mixedw | ood percentages will b on of forest type (con Forest type | iferous, broadleaf, mixed DFA BCTS | nual Reports (2010 Baseline data).) >20 years old across the Canfor | |
| Predicted Results or | by Licensee. Mixedwo | ood percentages will be on of forest type (con Forest type Coniferous | iferous, broadleaf, mixed DFA BCTS 82.8% | nual Reports (2010 Baseline data).) >20 years old across the Canfor 90.6% | |
| Predicted Results or | by Licensee. Mixedwo Percent distributio Report Year 2010 | ood percentages will be on of forest type (con Forest type Coniferous Broadleaf | iferous, broadleaf, mixed DFA BCTS 82.8% 8.3% | nual Reports (2010 Baseline data).) >20 years old across the Canfor 90.6% 3.2% | |
| Predicted Results or | by Licensee. Mixedwo | ood percentages will be on of forest type (con Forest type Coniferous Broadleaf Mixed | e reported in subsequent An iferous, broadleaf, mixed DFA BCTS 82.8% 8.3% 8.8% | nual Reports (2010 Baseline data).) >20 years old across the Canfor 90.6% 3.2% 6.1% | |
| Predicted Results or | by Licensee. Mixedwo Percent distributio Report Year 2010 | ood percentages will be on of forest type (con Forest type Coniferous Broadleaf Mixed Coniferous | e reported in subsequent An iferous, broadleaf, mixed DFA BCTS 82.8% 8.3% 8.8% 8.8% 86.7% | Canfor 90.6% 3.2% 6.1% 93.7% | |
| Predicted Results or | by Licensee. Mixedwo Percent distributio Report Year 2010 | ood percentages will be on of forest type (con Forest type Coniferous Broadleaf Mixed Coniferous Broadleaf | e reported in subsequent An iferous, broadleaf, mixed DFA BCTS 82.8% 8.3% 8.8% 8.8% 86.7% 13.3% | nual Reports (2010 Baseline data).) >20 years old across the Canfor 90.6% 3.2% 6.1% 93.7% 6.3% | |
| Predicted Results or | by Licensee. Mixedwo Percent distribution Report Year 2010 2009 | ood percentages will be on of forest type (con Forest type Coniferous Broadleaf Mixed Coniferous Broadleaf Coniferous | e reported in subsequent An iferous, broadleaf, mixed DFA BCTS 82.8% 8.3% 8.8% 8.6.7% 13.3% 86.7% | nual Reports (2010 Baseline data). >20 years old across the Canfor 90.6% 3.2% 6.1% 93.7% 6.3% 93.7% | |

| Forecast | Healthy ecosystems with a diversity of native broadleaf and coniferous species maintained at endemic and sustainable levels.Species composition information is utilized in the Provincial Timber Supply Review. | | | | |
|---|---|----------------|--------|------------------|------------------------------------|
| Target | The following table shows the (coniferous, broadleaf, mixed) | | | nd Canfor for Pe | ercent distribution of forest type |
| | | Forest type | BCTS | Canfor | |
| | | Coniferous | 80-90% | 85-95% | |
| | | Broadleaf | 5-10% | 2.5-7.5% | |
| | | Mixed | 5-10% | 2.5-7.5% | |
| Basis for the Target | The need to maintain the biological diversity of forest ecosystems in future generation forests. Addresses diversity and abundance of naturally occurring tree species on the landscape. Management control restricted to areas of the Timber Harvesting Land Base (THLB). | | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | Report the area (total hectares and percent) of treed conifer, treed broad leaf, treed mixed forest types as updated for the most current Timber Supply Review (TSR) for the management unit. Reporting to occur periodically – in the year following completion of subsequent TSR's and determination of the allowable annual cut. Confirm that forest type reporting is within baseline levels. | | | | |
| Annual | | | | | |
| Variance | None. | | | | |

| Indicator | 1.1.3 Forest area by seral stage or age class |
|------------------------------|---|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 1.1.3. Percent late seral distribution by ecological unit across the DFA. |
| | 4.1.1. Maintain the retention of existing (or replacement of) old forest retention area. |
| Element(s) | 1.1 Ecosystem Diversity |
| | 4.1 Carbon Uptake and Storage |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | <u>Value 1.1:</u> The range of functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA |
| | <u>Objective 1.1:</u> Functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA will fluctuate within a (naturally, socially) acceptable range of variation over time. |
| | Value 4.1: Storage of carbon in forest ecosystems and products |
| | Objective 4.1: Forest ecosystems are net carbon sinks over time. |
| Strategy(s) Description | The northern interior forest ecosystems have been historically influenced by the presence or absence of fire as a dominant form of natural disturbance. The similarities in fire return intervals, and disturbance sizes and patterns form the basis for categorizing each of the ecosystems into natural disturbance types (NDT), which in turn is used to provide guidance for maintaining biodiversity. |
| | Biodiversity can be affected by the disruption of natural processes. Future maintenance of biodiversity is in part dependent upon the maintenance of representative habitats and seral stages at the landscape and watershed level. Forests in their late seral stage offer unique habitat to certain plant and animal communities. Maintenance of a component of late seral stage forests – within a natural range of variation will contribute to an appropriate balance of forest age classes. |
| | Forests have great potential to sequester and store carbon from the atmosphere. Given this, managers should recognize the imperative of keeping forest lands in vigorous tree growth at all times. This often means understanding any age class imbalances and strategies for correction. It also includes ensuring prompt tree regeneration following disturbances such as timber harvests and converting the smallest possible amount of forest land to non-forest land during forest operations (e.g., minimizing roads and landings). |
| | Forest carbon has recently become a key SFM value, especially in light of Canada's international commitment to lower its net carbon outputs to the atmosphere. Models for calculating a forest carbon budget (e.g., the Canadian Forest Service's Carbon Budget Model of the Canadian Forest Sector (CBM-CFS3)) are becoming available for use by practitioners particularly where they can be linked to forest inventory and timber supply models. Their use in forest planning can indicate whether a specific forest is expected to be a net carbon source or sink over the period normally used for wood-supply forecasts. |
| | In their 2009 summary of carbon management in BC's forests ²⁵ Mike Greig and Gary Bull report a need for additional guidance for forest managers and practitioners. "The interest in managing British Columbia's forests for climate control and CO2 offsetting projects has built to the point where forest managers are seeking guidance. Equally important is the public's desire to understand the potential of provincial forests in mitigating climate change and to have this clearly communicated. Some work has taken place in assembling carbon yield curves, researching local carbon storage, and undertaking carbon accounting projects. However, no published handbooks or policies exist to guide forest managers, practitioners, or the public. |
| | The level of carbon budget analysis in Canada relies largely on the forest inventory (species and growth rates) and underlying assumptions the forest management regime and what makes up the timber harvesting land base. Because of some of the uncertainty surrounding the data inputs, it can be difficult to tease out changes in carbon sequestration modeling that are strictly as a result of changes to a particular management regime. This creates difficulties for forest managers who are trying to understand the carbon balance implications of various management regimes. |
| | Recent timber supply reviews in the province have included carbon sequestration in the analysis such as that for the Lillooet TSA (May 2009). This trend is expected to continue. In his rationale for the Allowable Annual Cut determination for the Lillooet TSA, the Chief Forester reported "as government and society address the important considerations related to carbon management and climate change mitigation, and reach decisions on how all of the potential uses of forest land should be balanced with carbon management, those decisions will be reflected in future AAC determinations." Also in his rationale, the Chief Forester recognizes the need for government to take an active role in understanding carbon budgets: "No doubt governments will be called on to analyse and prioritise the many alternative potential uses of the forest, from which to derive and provide a range of socially acceptable management objectives. Analysis of the carbon implications of forest management alternatives will be important information for consideration in the making of such decisions on society's behalf by our elected representatives." |

²⁵ Carbon Management in British Columbia's Forests: Opportunities and Challenges. Forrex Series 24. 2009

| | In the interim, until government has finalized assumptions for carbon budget modelling, Canfor's and BCTS's carbon strategy will be: |
|---|--|
| | • Maintain some old growth on the land base for carbon storage |
| | • Prompt reforestation for carbon uptake. |
| | • Minimize permanent access structures to maintain forest productivity for carbon uptake. |
| | The participating licensees will continue to report on the target within this indicator (retention of old forest) as well as related indicators and targets for forest land conversion and reforestation success. Collectively, these indicator statements and targets demonstrate commitment to positively influence carbon balance within the management unit. Retention of old forest (such as Old Growth Management Areas or OGMA's) throughout the DFA will assist in locking up the carbon already sequestered in these older forests. |
| | The participating licensees will continue to monitor developments in carbon sequestration modeling both at the provincial and regional level and will utilize this information within the SFM Plan. At the very latest, Canfor and BCTS will rely upon forest carbon analysis conducted in conjunction with the next Timber Supply Review. |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | The relative amount of late seral stage or old forests have generally been mandated by Higher Level Plans or provincial orders. Where actual percent late seral is less than the desired target in a given ecological unit, harvesting the remaining late seral stands will be avoided. A recruitment strategy will be developed for these ecological units to meet the minimum requirements for late seral stands over time. |
| | Contribute positively to carbon uptake and storage by managing the existing amount of designated old forest retention areas either through their protection from harvesting or by replacing area where incursions are necessary with old forests having similar attributes. |
| | Details of the replacement strategies are outlined in management plans. |
| | For the purpose of this DFA indicator, late seral is defined as => 140 yrs. The ecological units used for the purpose of reporting at the DFA level are BEC variant and Landscape Unit combinations listed below. |

| Outcome | | BEC | Seral Stage | Current Status | Forecasted Target | Variance | Achieve Target by |
|---------|--|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|
| Canfor | Management High Biodiversity Emphasis | ESSF mc & ESSF | Old | 81.6% | >= 42% | 0 | Immediatel |
| | Area | mv3 ESSF mk | Old | 96.1% | >= 84% | -6% | Immediatel |
| | | SBS dk | Old | 13.6% | >= 16% | 0 | Period 3 |
| | | SBS mc2 and SBS wk3 | Old | 42.1% | >= 26% | 0 | Immediatel |
| | General Forested Area | ESSF mc & ESSF mv3 | Old | 76.2% | >= 34% | 0 | Immediatel |
| | | ESSF mk | Old | 78.5% | >= 82% | 0 | Immediate |
| | | SBS Old 21.2% >= 8% 0 dk 0 | | Immediate | | | |
| | | SBS mc2 and SBS wk3 | Old | 37.1% | >= 17% | 0 | Immediate |
| License | LRMP Area- specific Management | BEC | Seral Stage | Current Status | Forecasted Target | Variance | Achieve Target by |
| BCTS | High Biodiversity Emphasis Area | ESSF mc & ESSF mv3 | Old | 51.7% | >= 42% | 0 | Immediate |
| | | SBS dk | Old | 12.9% | >= 16% | 0 | Immediate |
| | | SBS mc2 and SBS wk3 | Old | 2856.9% | >= 26% | 0 | Immediate |
| | General Forested Area | ESSF mc & ESSF mv3 | Old | 53.0% | >= 34% | 0 | Immediate |
| | | SBS dk | Old | 12.8% | >= 8% | 0 | Immediate |
| | | SBS mc2 | Old | 28.8% | >= 17% | 0 | Immediatel |
| | | and SBS wk3 | | | | | |

| Basis for the Target | The following documents were used as a basis for the targets: |
|-----------------------------|---|
| | • The Morice LRMP, |
| | • The Morice Draft Biodiversity Order, |
| | The Provincial Non-spatial Old Growth Order, |
| | Canfor Biodiversity Strategy. |
| Monitoring & Measurement | |
| Periodic | |
| Annual | The report will continue to provide the current status percentage of Early, Immature, Mature + Old, as well as Old seral and report as per the table above however ,Early, Immature = and Mature + Old will not have a target and will be provided for information purposes only. This will be reported annually. |
| Variance | Percentages by ecological unit (LRMP area specific management) as shown in the table above. |

| Indicator | 1.1.4 Degree of within-stand structural retention |
|--|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 1.1.4(a). Percent of stand structure retained across the DFA in harvested areas 1.1.4(b). Percent of blocks meeting dispersed retention levels as prescribed in the site plan/logging plan 1.1.4(c). Number of non-conformance where forest operations are not consistent with riparian management requirements as identified in operational plans |
| Element(s) | 1.1 Ecosystem Diversity 1.3 Genetic Diversity |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 1.1: The range of functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA |
| | <u>Objective 1.1:</u> Functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA will fluctuate within a (naturally, socially) acceptable range of variation over time. |
| | <u>Value 1.3</u> : The opportunity for individuals within sub-species and species to move and interact within their natural range in and across the DFA. |
| | Objective 1.3: Habitats for species present on the DFA that are functionally connected over a range of spatial and temporal scales. |
| Strategy(s) Description | Complexity of stand structure is a key component of an operational strategy to sustain biodiversity in forested ecosystems (Bunnell et al 1999). Structural complexity helps to mitigate the potential deleterious effects of large scale stand and landscape simplification associated with intensive short-rotation fores management. It can be provided by the adoption of retention silvicultural systems, a practice broadly applied in interior BC (Lindenmayer and Franklin 2002, Bunnell et al. 1999). |
| | Wildlife tree retention areas (WTRAs) are a retention tool recommended for use in stand and landscape planning to help sustain biodiversity and ecological processes. They are used to provide protection for known wildlife habitat features (including standing dead and dying trees), to provide attributes important to key ecological processes (including woody debris, tree species diversity, and understory vegetation diversity), to protect smal, local sites of special biological significance (i.e. unclassified riparian or wetlands rock outcrops or rare plants or ecosystems), or to provide stand level complexity (vertical and horizontal) to harvest areas under even-aged, short rotation management. At the landscape level WTPs can be used with other protected areas such as riparian reserves, old gowth areas and provincial parks to provide landscape structure to help keep landscape complexity more consistent with natural disturbance regimes. All of the above values should be considered when considering where to locate (anchor) WTRAs. By maintaining WTRAs, that are close to their natural distribution it is expected that landscape level ecological processes such as habitat connectivity and genetic diversity will be maintained within an acceptable proportion of the range of natural variability. This indicator in conjunction with other landscape level indicators such as sera stage distribution and species composition will provide important information on ecosystem health. |
| | Operationally, harvest plans often include retention of dispersed trees such as snags, large live trees, deciduous trees, stub trees and understory trees. Dispersed retention provides stand level complexity and long term recruitment of coarse woody debris. Harvest value and ecological value can be optimized by selecting the variety of tree types (e.g., species, size, live and dead, etc.) that have high ecological value and low economic value, and through the number of trees retained. |
| | Riparian management areas, provide opportunities for connectivity of forested cover along waterways, which are generally areas with high value for wildlife habitat and movement. Operational plans influenced by riparian areas contain site specific commitments that range from 100% protection to 100% removal of merchantable trees, generally with efforts to mange existing understory trees and shrubs. |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Companies will achieve targets through allocation of retention patches and dispersed retention (individua trees and stubs) during forest development planning. Where applicable plans will also contain riparian area comitments. Company plans and practices support riparian management, group retention and protection o designated wildlife trees/stubs. Operational plans include a commitments that, at the landscape level, wil achieve a target level of 7% retention. Plans are properly executed providing desired results. Post harves evaluations assess plan conformance. |

| Forecast | 1.1.4(a). The following | g table displays the baseline landscape le | evel retention levels by lice | ensee. | | | |
|---------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|--------|--|--|--|
| Predicted Results or Outcome | Licensee | 2009 Status | 2010 Status | Target | | | |
| | Canfor | 18.1% | 14.4% | 7% | | | |
| | BCTS | 16% | 11.0% | 7% | | | |
| | 1.1.4(b). 100 percent of blocks for both Canfor and BCTS meet dispersed retention levels as prescribed in the site plan/logging plan areas (2009 baseline data). 1.1.4(c). There were no non-conformances where forest operations are not consistent with riparian management requirements as identified in operational plans. (2009 baseline data). | | | | | | |
| Forecast | Healthy ecosystems with a diversity and abundance of native species and habitats. Harvested areas with habitat attributes that will help to sustain biological and ecological processes. Properly functioning riparian systems leading to the conservation of fish habitat and maintenance of water quality. | | | | | | |
| Target | Target 1.1.4(a) Landscape level of target 7%. 1.1.4(b) 100% | | | | | | |
| | 1.1.4(c) 0 | | | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Recognition that tree retention and riparian areas are "focus areas" for successfully meeting biodiversity and ecosystem objectives. Stand level plan commitments are site specific, consider landscape conditions and may exceed legal requirements. | | | | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement | | | | | | | |
| Periodic | | | | | | | |
| Annual | 1.1.4(a). For areas harvested during the annual reporting period, report the (weighted average) percent of area retained. | | | | | | |
| | 1.1.4(b). For areas harvested during the annual reporting period report the percent of blocks meeting dispersed retention levels as prescribed in the site plan/logging plan. | | | | | | |
| | 1.1.4(c). For areas harvested during the annual reporting period report the number of riparian related non conformances to plans occurring during the reporting year as compared to the number of cutblocks that were harvested that had riparian management areas within or adjacent to them. | | | | | | |
| Variance | None. | | | | | | |

| Indicator | 1.1.5 Degree of habitat connectivity (Local Indicator) |
|--|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 1.1.5. Percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC variant by licensee. |
| Element(s) | 1.1 Ecosystem Diversity 1.2 Species Diversity 2.1 Forest Ecosystem Resilience 2.2 Forest Ecosystem Productivity |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) Strategy(s) Description | 2.2 Forest Ecosystem Resincte 2.2 Forest Ecosystem Productivity <u>Value 1.1</u>: The range of functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA <u>Objective 1.1</u>: Functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA will fluctuate within a (naturally, socially) acceptable range of variation over time. <u>Value 1.2</u>: Abundance and distribution of common and rare habitats within a range of variability over time to conserve species on the DFA. <u>Objective 1.2</u>: A constant supply of habitats and/or attributes sufficient to conserve species that occur naturally on the DFA through time. <u>Value 2.1</u>: Healthy, productive forests that support ecosystem conditions and process. <u>Objective 2.1</u>: Forest ecosystem resilient to disturbances and stresses. <u>Value 2.2</u>: Ecosystem and biological productivity is conserved on the DFA. <u>Objective 2.2</u>: Sustainable rates of ecosystem and biological productivity The distribution of patches across the BEC variant can be used as an indicator of ecosystem health at the BEC variant level. Natural disturbance regimes create different size patches based on variables such as disturbance agents (e.g. wind, fire, insects, disease), frequency, intensity and size of disturbance. Patches can range in size from very small (stand gaps caused by windfall or root to) to very large (tens of thousands of hectares caused by fire or insect epidemic). The Biodiversity Guidebook and other analyses have suggested patch size distributions that follow natural disturbance regime and fire return intervals. By maintaining patch sizes, that are close to their natural distribution it is expected that landscape level ecological processes such as habitat connectivity and genetic diversity will be maintained within an acceptable proportion of the range of natural variability. T |
| | patches will be grouped into patch size classes, which are differentiated by seral stage and area class. Thresholds for each patch size class vary according to BEC variant and are defined in the Morice LRMP. The desired representation of each patch size class on the landscape is defined by BEC variant units, which are delineated on the basis of topographic, climatic, and ecosystem features. Age criteria for patch types are as follows: Early <= 2 0 year old forest. Mature/old >=100 year old forest Patch size classes are as follows: Small >1 and <=40 Medium >40 and <=250 No targets set. Large >250 |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Companies will achieve targets continuing to gradually plan harvesting so that the patch size distribution for the BEC variant will be moving toward the targets. Company plans and practices support early seral patch development. Operational plans include a commitments that, at the landscape level, will work toward achieving targets for early seral patches. Plans are properly executed providing desired results. Post harvest evaluations assess plan conformance. |

| Forecast Predicted Results or | | The following table displays the baseline percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC Variant (2012 Baseline data). | | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Outcome | Licensee | BEC Variant | Patch Type | Patch Size Class (ha) | Current Status (2012) | Forecasted Target (trend toward) | | | |
| | | ESSF | Early | Large | 56.8% | 50% - 60% | | | |
| | BCTS | 2001 | Early | Small | 27.5% | 15% - 25% | | | |
| | 2010 | SBS | Early | Large | 59.0% | 50% - 60% | | | |
| | | 000 | Early | Small | 13.6% | 20% - 30% | | | |
| | | ESSF | Early | Large | 49.2% | 50% - 60% | | | |
| | Canfor | | Early | Small | 20.7% | 15% - 25% | | | |
| | | SBS | Early | Large | 72.7% | 50% - 60% | | | |
| | | | Early | Small | 85.7% | 20% - 30% | | | |
| Forecast | | | | | ive species and hab cological processes. | itats. Harvested areas with | | | |
| Target | Trending tow | ard early se | eral patch targets | as shown in the | table above. | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | The Biodiver | sity Guideb | ook, and Morice | LRMP for the n | atural distrubance ty | ppes that occur on the DFA. | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | and old patch (generally eve | Utilize targeted percent early seral patch baseline information. Identification of actual percent early, mature and old patch by BEC variant to occur with inventory updates in conjunction with Timber Supply Review (generally every 5 years). Report as per the table above. Mature and old patches by patch class will be reported for information purposes only. | | | | | | | |
| Annual | | | | | | | | | |
| Variance | None. | | | | | | | | |

| Indicator(s) | 1.2.1 Degree of habitat protection for selected focal species, including species at risk 1.2.2 Degree of suitable habitat in the long term for selected focal species, including species at risk | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 1.4.1 Proportion of identified Sites with Implemented Management Strategies | | | | | | | |
| Indicator Statement(s) | 1.2.1. Percent of forest management activities consistent with management strategies for Species of Management Concern. | | | | | | | |
| | 1.4.1. Percent of forest management activities consistent with management strategies for protected areas and sites of biological significance | | | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 1.2 Species Diversity | | | | | | | |
| | 1.3 Genetic Diversity | | | | | | | |
| | 1.4: Protected Areas and Sites of Biological and Cultural Significance. | | | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | <u>Value 1.2:</u> Abundance and distribution of common and rare habitats within a range of variability over time to conserve species on the DFA. | | | | | | | |
| | Objective 1.2: A constant supply of habitats and/or attributes sufficient to conserve species that occur naturally on the DFA through time. | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Value 1.3</u> : The opportunity for individuals within sub-species and species to move and interact within their natural range in and across the DFA. | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Objective 1.3</u> : Habitats for species present on the DFA that are functionally connected over a range of spatial and temporal scales. | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Value 1.4</u> : Protected areas and sites of biological and cultural significance are identified and appropriately managed. | | | | | | | |
| | <u>Objective 1.4</u> : Protected areas identified through government processes are respected and accommodated. Biologically and culturally significant areas are identified and management strategies appropriate to their long term maintenance are implemented. | | | | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | While ecosystem conservation is the coarse-filter approach to biodiversity management, species diversity the fine-filter approach. For most species, forest managers can influence habitat only, not speci- populations. To account for the degree of habitat protection for selected focal species, including at ris- species, this indicator looks at the proper execution of operational plans where those plans conta conservation measures for Species of Mangement Concern. | | | | | | | |
| | Maintenance of wildlife habitat over the long-term is critical to meeting the genetic diversity requirements of sustainable forest management. Each of the selected focal species have specific habitat attribute requirements (i.e. snags, closed canopy forests, limited road access, etc.) that need to be maintained for optimal habitat value. | | | | | | | |
| | Canfor and BCTS include commitments in site/logging plans or other operatinal plans to manage the habitat of the DFA's Species of Management Concern. These species will include at risk species and other focal species and are identified in Appendix 3 of this SFM Plan. | | | | | | | |
| | Canfor and BCTS participate in higher level and strategic planning that has delineated a series of protected areas (i.e. parks, ecological reserves) and draft old growth management areas within the DFA. This achieved the geographic and ecological goals of provincial Protected Areas Strategies (PAS), providing representation of the cross-section of ecosystems and of old forest attributes. Ecosystems of special biological significance have generally been given a high priority for inclusion in the protected area strategy. Timber harvesting, mining and hydroelectric development are usually not permitted within protected areas and other resource development activities such as grazing and commercial tourism development, are permitted only in specified areas and under strict guidelines. Incursions into draft OGMAs are generally tolerated when Canfor or BCTS replaces that area with other areas of suitable attributes. | | | | | | | |
| | At the stand level, protected areas include wildlife habitat areas (retention patches), wildlife tree features (such as a nest tree or mineral lick) and other resource features (such as a permanent sample plot or range improvement). Unique areas of biological significance are identified in the field during the planning phase and are managed through avoidance (either by relocating the road and/or harvest area or by protecting it with a wildlife tree patch) or using an appropriate conservation management strategy. | | | | | | | |
| | Canfor includes commitments in site/logging plans or other operational plans to ensure activities do not comprimise these protected areas. | | | | | | | |

| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Government's policy and legally established framework for the protection of biodiversity values and s at risk under provincial and federal legislation includes the establishment of parks and protected area protection of biodiversity, riparian and aquatic habitats, old-growth forests, ungulate winter range, sp wildlife features and the habitat for listed species at risk. For some of these species, specific habitat conservation targets have been established that identia amount, distribution and attributes of desireable habitat. For the remaining species, desirable h conditions have been identified for each species. Canfor and BCTS manage spatial information identifies the broad habitat types and locations for each of the Species of Management Concern. Y applicable, this information is brought forward into operational plans to manage for the desired h conditions. Plans are properly executed providing desired results. Post harvest evaluations and applicable post activity forms (i.e. road construction or site preparation) assess plan conformance. Canfor and BCTS manage spatial information that identifies the location of these larger scale and stand protected areas. Where applicable, this information is brought forward into operational plans to ensure harvest activities do not comprimise protected areas. Management strategies might include plans for deactiviation or rehabilitation, additional dispersed retention or a uniquer silviculture regime. Opera plans are then properly executed, providing desired results. Post harvest evaluations and other appl post activity forms (i.e. road construction or site preparation) assess plan conformance. | | | | | | |
|--|--|----------|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Forecast | | | ormance with management strategies (2012 Ba | coline data) | | | |
| Predicted Results or Outcome | The following table of | Licensee | 2010 Status | | | | |
| | | Canfor | 100% | | | | |
| | | BCTS | 100% | | | | |
| | See Appendix 3 for the complete list of Species of Management Concern within the DFA. | | | | | | |
| Forecast | Short and long term s resulting in stable pop | | e habitat for all Species of Management Cond | cern (see Appendix 3) | | | |
| Target | 1.2.1. 100% conforma 1.4.1. 100% conforma | • | - | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Legal obligations, use of best available information, and habitat supply modeling done at the provincial/regional level for specific focal species. | | | | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement | | | | | | | |
| Periodic | | | | | | | |
| Annual | For areas where forest activities occurred during the annual reporting period that contained operation plan commitments to mange for a Species of Mamagement Concern, report the number of non conformances to plans occurring during the reporting year as compared to the total number areas having operational plan commitments. | | | | | | |
| Variance | 1.2.1. None. 1.4.1. None. | | | | | | |

| Indicator(s) | 1.2.3 Proportion of regeneration comprised of native species |
|---|---|
| | 1.3.1 Genetic diversity (not a Core Indicator) |
| Indicator Statement(s) | 1.2.3. Regeneration will be consistent with provincial regulations and standards for seed and vegetative material use |
| Element(s) | 1.2 Species Diversity |
| | 1.3 Genetic Diversity |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | <u>Value 1.2</u> : Abundance and distribution of common and rare habitats within a range of variability over time to conserve species on the DFA. |
| | <u>Objective 1.2</u> : A constant supply of habitats and/or attributes sufficient to conserve species that occur naturally on the DFA through time. |
| | <u>Value 1.3</u> : The opportunity for individuals within sub-species and species to move and interact within their natural range in and across the DFA. |
| | <u>Objective 1.3:</u> Habitats for species present on the DFA that are functionally connected over a range of spatial and temporal scales. |
| Strategy(s) Description | One of the primary management objectives for sustainability is to conserve the diversity and abundance of native species and their habitats. Silviculture practices that promote regeneration of native species, either through planting or other natural programs assist in meeting these objectives. The well-being and productivity of future forests are dependent upon the structure and dynamics of their genetic foundation. |
| | Seed used in Crown land reforestation that is consistent with provincial regulations and standards ensure regenerated stands are genetically diverse, adapted, healthy and productive, now and in the future. Suitable seed and vegetative lots must also be of a high quality and available in sufficient quantities to meet the specific stocking and forest health needs of a given planting site. |
| | Tree seed used for growing seedlings to meet reforestation requirements on public lands in BC and Alberta must be registered by the province. The provinces have strict procedures pertaining to the collection, transport, testing, storage and use of registered seed. Tree seed having uniformity of species, source, quality and year of collection are referred to as a seedlot. Administrative seed zones identify what seedlot is ecologically suited for a given area. By choosing a seedlot that was suitable to the site it was to be planted in, the resulting plantation would be adapted to its site, local climate, and endemic forest health problems. |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Participating licensees plans will contain site information and reforestation prescriptions that ensure regeneration will be consistent with provincial regulations and standards. Planted trees will be of acceptable species and originate from seedlots that are ecologically suited to the site. Planting reports will be used to confirm proper execution of plans. |
| Forecast Predicted Results or Outcome | 100% of regeneration was consistent with provincial regulations and standards for seed and vegetative material use. (2010 baseline data). |
| Forecast | Healthy, productive and genetically diverse forests that are ecologically suited to the site. |
| Target | 100% conformance with Chief Forester's Standards for seed use. |
| Basis for the Target | Legal obligations and use of best available information |
| Monitoring & Measurement | |
| Periodic | |
| Annual | Participating licensees will report the number of hectares where trees were planted with species and seedlots appropriate to the site as compared to the total number of hectares where planting occurred. |
| Variance | None. |
| | |

[Element 1.4 Protected Areas and Sites of Biological and Cultural Significance.]

Core Indicator 1.4.1. Percent of forest management activities consistent with management strategies for protected areas and sites of biological significance is covered under Indicator 1.2.1 (above).

| Indicator | 1.4.2 Protection of identified sacred and culturally important sites | | | | | | | |
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| | 6.2.1 Evidence of understanding and use of Aboriginal knowledge through the engagem of willing Aboriginal communities, using a process that identifies and manages cultural important resources and values | | | | | | | |
| Indicator Statement(s) | 1.4.2. Percent of ident processes | ified Aboriginal | l forest values, know | ledge and uses co | onsidered in forestry planning | | | |
| | 6.2.1. Percent of ident processes | ified Aboriginal | l forest values, know | ledge and uses co | onsidered in forestry planning | | | |
| Element(s) | 1.4 Protected Areas an | d Sites of Speci | ial Biological and C | ultural Significan | ce | | | |
| | 6.2 Respect for Aborig | ginal Forest Val | ues, Knowledge, and | d Uses | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 1.4: Protected A | areas and Sites of | of Special Biologica | l and Cultural Sig | gnificance | | | |
| | rare physic | al environments | s and sites of cultura | l significance. | urring and important ecosystems, | | | |
| | Value 6.2.1: Informati | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | se in planning processes. | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | of cultural importance the importance of m operations. Aborigina information concernit | are managed in anaging and p als, with the l ng the specific ng protection or | a way that retains t rotecting culturally benefit of local and c location and use r management. The | heir traditions and important resound traditional kn e of these sites intent of the ind | communities help ensure that areas d values. This indicator recognizes urces and values during forestry nowledge may provide valuable as well as the specific forest icator is to manage and/or protect ifying the sites. | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | company Defined Fe communities to promo | prest Areas. In the the use and p | nformation sharing protection of sensitiv | agreements are information. | cories fall within the Plan area and e made with willing Aboriginal | | | |
| | Forest management plans are shared with Aboriginal communities. Open communication with Aboriginals that includes a sharing of information and enables forest licensees to understand and incorporate traditional knowledge into forest management options. | | | | | | | |
| | Participating licencees are aware of culturally important, sacred and spiritual sites leading to appropriate management or protection by specifying measures in operational plans. Plans are properly executed providing desired results. Post harvest evaluations and other inspections assess plan conformance. | | | | | | | |
| | Consultation records are completed for each block and road and there is a record of the Aboriginal(s) involved, the comments received, the level of consultation carried out, and any adjustment to strategies or accommodation made as a result of this consultation. | | | | | | | |
| | All cutblocks and roads have a Cultural Heritage Resource (CHR) assessment completed and strategies implemented to protect resource features. | | | | | | | |
| | BCTS manages culturally important values according to the BCTS First Nations Engagement Strategy. (Appendix 4) | | | | | | | |
| Forecast | The following table di | splays the % co | nformance with man | nagement strategi | es (2010 Baseline data). | | | |
| Predicted Results or Outcome | | Licensee | 2010 Status | Target |] | | | |
| | | Canfor | 100% | 100% | | | | |
| | | BCTS | 100% | 100% | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Forecast | Open and meaningful Forest plans contain ir | | | | st in sharing sensitive information. otected. | | | |
| Target | comments received, the made as a result of this 100% of cutblocks an | 100% of blocks and roads have consultation records and there is a record of the Aboriginals involved, the comments received, the level of consultation carried out, and any adjustment to strategies or accomodation made as a result of this consultation. 100% of cutblocks and roads have a Cultural Heritage Resource (CHR) assessment completed and | | | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | strategies implemented Legal obligations, alig Nations Engagement S | nment with Car | nfor Sustainable For | est management (| Commitments, the BCTS First | | | |

| Monitoring & Measurement | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Periodic | |
| Annual | Retain a record of the Aboriginal communities whose traditional territory (any part) overlaps with the DFA for the purpose of communication with affected parties. |
| | Retain a record demonstrating that forest management plans within the DFA were shared/discussed with Aboriginal communities. |
| | Report: |
| | Number of instances where discussions lead to the identification of Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and uses that required specific management or protection. |
| | Where the above occurred, report the number of times where operational plans specified how these values were considered. |
| | Retain a record of the number of blocks and roads having a consultation record. |
| | Retain a record of the number of blocks and roads having a CHR assessment completed. |
| Variance | 0% |

| Indicator | 2.1.1 Reforestation success | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 2.1.1. Average Regeneration delay for stands established annually | | | | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 2.1 Forest Ecosystem Resilience4.1 Carbon Uptake and Storage | | | | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 2.1: Healthy, productive forests that support ecosystem conditions and process. Objective 2.1: Forest ecosystem resilient to disturbances and stresses. Value 4.1: Storage of carbon in forest ecosystems and products. Objective 4.1: Forest ecosystems are net carbon sinks over time on the DFA. | | | | | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | that a diversity influences fores trees is maintain identifies the tre Prompt reforest carbon. Young photosynthesis regenerating cu completion of h | of tree species t health. Prom hed. Forests in se species that ation also lend plantations ar than they rele- tblocks can con arvest the soor | is is maintained is pt reforestation of Canada are class are most suited of ls itself to long e typically heal ase through dec ntribute to reduce ner this process of | improves ecosy ensures that the ssified according ecologically for term forest heal thy and rapidly ay. By reducin ing climate cha can begin. | stem resilience productive cap g to an Ecosyste regeneration in th and product growing so th g atmospheric nge. The soone | and productivit acity of forest la em Classificatio any particular s ive forests that ley sequester m greenhouse gas r cutblocks are p | ement. Ensuring y and positively ind base to grow n System, which ite. uptake and store ore CO_2 though es such as CO_2 , regenerated after g, Canfor's and | | |
| | BCTS's carbon | strategy will b | | Ĩ | | uugee meueemi | g, cuitor o una | | |
| | Prompt reforestation for carbon uptake. Minimize permanent access structures to maintain forest productivity for carbon uptake. | | | | | | | | |
| | Canfor and BCTS will continue to report on the target within this indicator (Average Regeneration delay for stands established annually) as well as related indicators and targets for forest land conversion and retention of old forest. Collectively, these indicator statements and targets demonstrate commitment to positively influence carbon balance within the management unit. | | | | | | | | |
| | provincial and r | egional level a | nd will utilize th | nis information | within the SFM | Plan. At the ve | ling both at the ery latest, Canfor Timber Supply | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | date specified i include perman wetlands). Part the site. Silvice | Licensees are legally required to declare the Net Area to be Reforested (NAR) of a cutblock regenerated by a date specified in the Site Plan. The NAR is the area of a cutblock that must be reforested, and does not include permanent access structures, wildlife tree patches, and natural non-productive area (i.e. rock, wetlands). Participating licensees will also specify in Site Plans tree species that are ecologically suited to the site. Silviculture treatment regimes and forward plans schedule activities consistent with established key dates contained within plans. | | | | | | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or Outcome | The following represents the data). | The following table summarizes licensee performance to date specific to regeneration delay. The data represents the yearly area weighted average regeneration delay performance by licensee (2010 Baseline | | | | | | | |
| | | Planti | ng Year Avera | age Weighted | Regeneratio | n Delay | Average | | |
| | Licensee | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | Regen Delay | | |
| | CFP | 1.71 | 1.94 | 2.00 | 2.93 | 2.43 | 2.20 | | |
| | BCTS | 3.46 | 3.80 | 3.64 | 3.54 | 3.67 | 3.62 | | |
| Forecast | Promptness also | o aids in provi inual or chemi | ding young tree | s a head start a | gainst competir | ng vegetation, h | s is maintained. elping to reduce l best contribute | | |
| | Healthy ecosyst sustainable leve | | | | | | at endemic and on emissions. | | |

| Target | Regeneration delay achieved in: CFP: <= 2.5 years BCTS: <= 4.0 years |
|---|---|
| Basis for the Target | This target promotes prompt reforestation and meets or exceeds legal requirements outlined in legislation. Early establishment of a viable crop of trees reduces the need for subsequent interventions (i.e. planting, brushing) and positively contributes to carbon sequestration. |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | Periodic monitoring will require tracking harvesting commencement dates for blocks as well as the date that regeneration delay was declared. Tracking of this data will allow for yearly reporting of the area weighted average regeneration delay for all blocks reforested within a given reporting period. |
| Annual | Annually report the average time (weighted by area) for regeneration establishment on areas where regeneration delay was declared during the reporting period. For the purposes of this indicator, commencement of the regeneration delay period is based on the harvesting commencement date. |
| Variance | CFP: + 0.5 years BCTS: No Variance |

| Indicator | 2.2.1 Additions and deletions to the forest area |
|--|---|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 2.2.1. Percent of gross forested landbase in the DFA converted to non-forest land use through forest management activities |
| Element(s) | 2.2 Forest Ecosystem Productivity |
| | 4.2 Forest Land Conversion |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 2.2: Productive area and productivity within the DFA |
| | Objective 2.2: Minimize reductions to the productive area and productivity within the DFA |
| | Value 4.2: Gross Forest Area within the DFA. |
| | Objective 4.2: Minimize reductions to the gross forest area on the DFA over time. |
| Strategy(s) Description | Given the crown forest land ownership and associated forest tenure situation in Canada forest companies generally have little influence over additions to or deletions from the forest area, which generally are a result of government land use objectives. Where companies can have an influence is through their practices, particularly as it pertains to permanent access structures within the DFA. A permanent access structure is defined as "a structure, including roads, bridges, landings, gravel pits or other similar structures that provides access for timber harvesting". The amount of area permanently lost to permanent access structures varies depending on the harvest system, season of harvest, topography and road building standards. Unless rehabilitated, these access structures occupy otherwise productive area suitable for the growth of trees. The target for this indicator is focused on those activities where forest companies have direct control (i.e. excludes other permanent losses resulting from other industries sharing the overall forest estate). Actual reporting against the specified targets is anticipated to increase over time until timber harvesting landbase is fully roaded. As such a periodic review of the associated targets will be necessary over time. |
| | In the interim, until government has finalized assumptions for carbon budget modelling, Canfor's and BCTS's carbon strategy will be: |
| | Maintain some old growth on the land base for carbon storage |
| | • Prompt reforestation for carbon uptake. |
| | Minimize permanent access structures to maintain forest productivity for carbon uptake. |
| | Canfor and BCTS will continue to report on the target within this indicator (Percent of gross forested landbase in the DFA converted to non-forest land use through forest management activities) as well as related indicators and targets for regeneration delay and retention of old forest. Collectively, these indicator statements and targets demonstrate commitment to positively influence carbon balance within the management unit. |
| | Canfor and BCTS will continue to monitor developments in carbon sequestration modeling both at the provincial and regional level and will utilize this information within the SFM Plan. At the very latest, Canfor and BCTS will rely upon forest carbon analysis conducted in conjunction with the next Timber Supply Review. |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Reductions to the gross forest area due to permanent access structures resulting from forest management activities can be minimized by |
| | Careful total chance access planning to minimize the amount of permanent access structures |
| | Use of proper road construction, maintenance, deactivation and rehabilitation procedures |
| | Minimizing the degraded width of roads necessary to safely extract timber from an area |
| | • Specifying performance measures in operational plans which include proposed and maximum permanent access area and percent as well as degraded road widths. |
| | • Conducting pre-works to communicate road construction expectations and allowable levels of permanent access structures specified in operational plans. |
| | • Conducting harvesting inspections to assess consistency with specifications outlined in preworks and operational plans. |
| | Proposed reductions to the gross forest landbase resulting from permanent access structures are calculated and included in operational plans (site plans and/or logging plans). Plans are executed providing desired results. Post harvest evaluations and other inspections assess plan conformance with the desired results. |

| Forecast Predicted Results or Outcome | converted to pe BCTS in 2009. | rmanent acces The variabilit gross forest ar | ss by licensed y in individu | e includes a 1 al licensee p | naximum of erformance f | 1.56% for C rom year to | anfor in 200 year is a fun | best forested area 06 and 2.30% for action of changes set used to report | |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|---|--|
| | | Licensee | 2006 Status | 2007 Status | 2008 Status | 2009 Status | 2010 Status | | |
| | | Canfor | 1.56% | 1.30% | 1.30% | 1.30% | 1.26% | | |
| | | BCTS | 0.40% | 1.90% | 2.20% | 2.30% | 1.56% | | |
| | For the purpose percentage of the | | | | | | used as the | baseline for the | |
| Forecast | | ruction and m | naintenance of | of permanent | t access stru | ctures. Pern | nanent acce | ve area resulting ss structure area | |
| Target | The targets by l | icensee will b | e as follows: | | | | | | |
| | • Canfor = 2.2% | | | | | | | | |
| | • | BCTS = 3.09 | | | | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Focused on removal of productive forest land base where forest managers have direct management responsibility. Provides an overall DFA performance measure by licensee, evaluating landbase lost within harvest areas as well as that area lost to access those harvest areas. Inclusive of forests that are not part of the THLB. | | | | | | | | |
| | constructed in a result is the pe averages where specific weight methodology fo permanent acco percentage of t | a reporting per recentage of ro e then used to ed averages the or establishme ess structures he gross fores A becomes full | riod relative ad area need assess this hat form the ent of the ta needed to h tt landbase the ly roaded. As | to the total a led to be con percentage o basis of the argets provid arvest a given hat is convert | area harveste hstructed to h wer multiple targets for the es a basis fu en area of ti ted to perma | d during the narvest a give reporting pe- his indicator. or correlatin mber. Over nent access s | same report en area of ti eriods and a The assum g the percent time it is e structures with | ds required to be ting period. The imber. Weighted rrive at licensee ption is that this ntage of area in xpected that the ill decrease over will be necessary | |
| Monitoring & | Permanent access structures percent are utilized in Provincial Timber Supply Review forecasts. | | | | | | | | |
| Measurement Periodic | | ent roads, land | dings, borrov | v pits, rock | quarries and | | | Senus that tracks uct any included | |
| Annual | None | | | | | | | | |
| Variance | None | | | | | | | | |

| Indicator | 2.2.2 Proportion of the calculated long-term sustainable harvest level that is actually harvested |
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| | 5.1.1 Quantity and quality of timber and non-timber benefits, products, and services produced in the DFA |
| Indicator Statement(s) | 2.2.2. Percent of volume harvested compared to the allocated harvest level |
| | 5.1.1(a). Percent of volume harvested compared to the allocated harvest level |
| Element(s) | 2.2 Forest Ecosystem Productivity |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | <u>Value 2.2</u> : Ecosystem and biological productivity is conserved on the DFA. |
| | Objective 2.2: Sustainable rates of ecosystem and biological productivity |
| | Value: 5.1: A balanced supply and variety of timber and non-timber products, services and benefits on the DFA |
| | Objective: 5.1: A sustainable harvest and use of timber products, services and benefits across the DFA |
| Strategy(s) Description | For many, sustainability involves limiting actual timber harvest to levels within the long-term capability of the forest to grow wood. To track this, managers need data on both harvest levels and long-term production capability to make proportional calculations. In many locations it also requires an understanding of the nature of the transition of forests from harvesting old growth to harvesting second growth. In practice, only the actual harvest level can be physically measured. The amount of wood that can be produced in perpetuity from a forest is a theoretical calculation that depends not only on the inherent wood-growing capacity of the forest ecosystem but also on the kinds and intensities of management inputs (e.g., silvicultural treatments). |
| | Because the latter inputs are under human control, a forest can have a wide range of potential long-term sustainable wood harvest levels. One strategy to ensure the wood growing capacity of forests is fully recognized is to retain it in a productive state. Other core indicators that directly measure this are 2.2.1 (additions and deletions to the forest area by cause) and 2.1.1 (reforestation success). |
| | Timber supply is usually considered within the context of three relative timeframes — short term, medium term and long term. The short term is typically represented by the first two decades of the harvest forecast and reflects the period in which the scheduled harvest level is defined by immediate concerns of achieving socio-economic objectives and maintaining non-timber values. The medium term corresponds to the transition from harvesting mostly old growth to harvesting managed stands. The long term is the period that begins approximately when the harvest reaches the long term harvest level. |
| | Guidance in developing harvest flow objectives is taken from the current economic and social objectives of the Crown. In the short term, there is often a desire by government to retain the continued availability of good forest jobs and the long-term stability of communities that rely on forests. At the same time, harvest levels in the short term must not compromise long term sustainability. |
| | In general, a reasonable flow pattern provides for a managed and gradual transition from short-term to medium- and long-term harvest levels, and avoids large and abrupt disruptions in timber supply. A reasonable flow has a medium-term level that drops below the long-term level to the minimum extent and only if justified. The long-term level should provide an even level of growing stock over the long term. |
| | Initial harvest levels are used by government decision makers in determining the allowable annual cut (AAC). The harvest level is set using a rigorous process that considers social, economic and biological criteria. |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Participating licencees contribute to the sustainable harvest level by managing to the determined harvest level for the management unit or in some cases by adhering to their apportioned harvest volume within the TSA. Cut control regulations dictate the short-term harvest flexibility. Essentially, licensees have flexibility on harvest levels from year to year but must balance every five years or less if desired by the licensee. |
| | Currently Canfor's replaceable Forest License has an AAC 940,424 m3 and the five year cut control is from 2012 to 2017. This volume is harvested on Canfor's DFA. |
| | Currently BCTS has an allocated volume of 339, 410 m3 |
| Forecast | Long term harvest level (2008 baseline data): |
| Predicted Results or Outcome | • the AAC of 2,165,000 m3 for the Morice TSA can be maintained for the duration of the current AAC determination |
| | • the approximate long term harvest level indicated in the 2008 timber supply review was 1,600,000 cubic meters; however the emphasis of the 2008 TSR (TSR 3) was placed on the midterm impact of the mountain pine beetle epidemic |
| | BC data from most current AAC rationale <u>http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsas.htm</u> |

Short and long term harvest flows that reflect forest conditions, forest practices, and the socio-economic objectives of the Crown. Timber Supply Review has detailed timber supply forecasts which then rely on the Chief Forester to provide a determination of harvest levels utilizing forecast information, Crown objectives and input from the public.

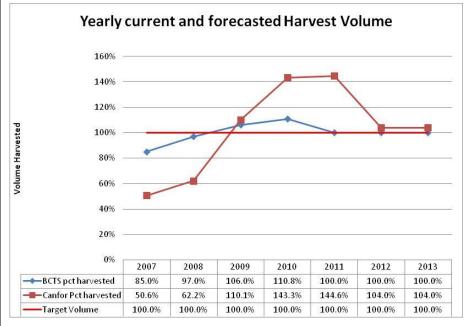
The latest timber supply review for the Morice TSA was determined on February 1st, 2008. The review indicated the new AAC for the Morice TSA is 2,165,000 cubic metres.

The new allowable cut includes a partition attributable to harvesting non-pine timber. This partition provides an annual harvest limit of 550,000 cubic metres for tree species other than pine.

The 2008 AAC will remain in effect until a new AAC is determined, which must take place within five years of this determination, unless postponed in accordance with Section 8(3.1) of the *Forest Act*.

More information on the timber supply review can be found at: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa20/

The following graph shows the percentage volume that has been harvested from 2007 to 2011 and the percentage volume that is planned to be harvested in 2012 and 2013compared to the AAC the volume that was harvested (or put up for auction in the case of BCTS) has generally been within 50% of the AAC apportionment.



The monitoring results from the above graph will be used as baseline data for the percent of volume allocated compared to the actual harvest level.

The following table shows the percentage species composition (pine, balsam, spruce) of harvested volumes (2009 Baseline data).

| Licensee | Species | 2005 Status | 2006 Status | 2007 Status | 2008 Status | 2009 Current Status |
|----------|---------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| Canfor | Pine | 70.1 | 74.9 | 68.3 | 67.0 | 74 |
| | Balsam | 7.5 | 7.3 | 12.7 | 19.0 | 16 |
| | Spruce | 22.4 | 17.9 | 19.0 | 14.0 | 10 |
| BCTS | Pine | 71 | 78 | 72 | 79.7 | 74 |
| | Balsam | 10 | 1 | 2 | 6.8 | N/A |
| | Spruce | 19 | 20 | 26 | 13.4 | N/A |

| Forecast | |
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| Target | 100% over the cut control period as defined by Timber supply forecast harvest flow |
| Basis for the Target | Legal requirements. |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | The schedule for subsequent Timber Supply Reviews for the Morice TSA can be found at: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/schedule.htm . |
| Annual | For monitoring purposes only, report (m3) the species composition (pine, balsam, spruce) of harvested volumes. |
| 5 year | Report the harvest level allocated for each license for the cut control period and the harvest level cut at the end of the period. |
| Variance | According to the Cut Control Regulation and Policy 10% for Canfor and 50% for BCTS as BCTS is influenced by markets and not bound by cut control. BCTS offered 824,090 cubic meters in 2010 /11due to no bid sales and fluctuating markets. |

| Indicator | 3.1.1 Level of soil disturbance | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 3.1.1. Percent | of harveste | ed blocks m | eeting soil o | listurbance | objectives | identified i | n plans | | |
| Element(s) | 3.1 Soil Quality and Quantity | | | | | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 3.1: Productive capacity of soil resources are conserved Objective 3.1: Soil quantity and quality are sustained through their characteristic range of variation on the DFA over time | | | | | | | | ige of | |
| Strategy(s) | The objectives of soil conservation under British Columbia's Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) | | | | | | | | | |
| Description | includes: Limiting the extent of soil disturbance caused by harvesting and silviculture activities that negatively affect the physical, chemical and biological properties of soil; and Conducting forest practices in a manner that addresses the inherent sensitivity of a site to soil degrading processes to minimize soil disturbance, landslides, soil erosion and sediment delivery to streams. | | | | | | | | | |
| | The objective of placing limits on the amount of soil disturbance allowed within the "Net Area to be Reforested" (NAR) is to ensure that site productivity is maintained and that impacts to other resource values are prevented or mitigated. Net Area to be Reforested (NAR) is defined as the area which the licensees are legally obligated to regenerate to free growing status (i.e. gross harvest area minus deletions for roads, landing, gravel pit, wildlife tree patches, etc.). Harvesting and silviculture activities must be carried out such that the total amount of soil disturbance at any time during operations does not exceed the specified maximum (BCMOF 2001). Objectives set by Government for Soils as well as associated practice requirements specific to soil disturbance limits are outlined in the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR). | | | | | | | | | |
| | Soil Disturbance types and related categories is a general term and can include temporary access structures, corduroyed trails, compacted areas and dispersed disturbance (dispersed trails, gouges, and scalps). Soil disturbance can have positive (mineral soil exposure for seed germination) or negative (soil compaction) impacts. Managing the detrimental soil disturbance levels will help to retain the productive capacity of ecosystems. Soil compaction, displacement and erosion are components of potentially detrimental soil disturbance. These targets seek to manage soil disturbance levels caused by harvesting and silviculture operations. | | | | | | | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Prior to harvest commencement field data is collected to assess slopes, soil textures, soil moisture regimes and organic matter content for soils within a block. This information is then used for the identification and delineation of allowable levels of soil disturbance within the block net area to reforest for harvesting and silviculture activities. Soil disturbance objectives are written into plans by committing to the maximum planned levels of soil disturbance for standard units and roadside work areas. Harvest operations are conducted in a way and during times of year that ensures commitments can be achieved. Post harves evaluations and other inspections assess -compliance with soil distrubance limits identified in plans. | | | | | | | | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or | The following was met every | | | | | | soil disturb | ance objective | es. The targe | |
| Outcome | Percentage of Blocks meeting Net Area Reforested (NAR) soil disturbance objectives | | | | | | | | | |
| | Licensee | 2006 Status | 2007 Status | 2008 Status | 2009 Status | 2010 Status | Target | Variance | Achieve Target | |
| | Canfor | 99.6% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 0% | Annually | |
| | BCTS | 100% | 100% | 100% | 96% | 100% | 100% | 0% | Annually | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forecast | Productive for | est soils w | ith minimiz | ed losses fro | om forest o | perations w | ill be main | tained. | | |
| Target | 100% of blocks meet soil disturbance objectives. | | | | | | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Maintenance of site productivity is a core prerequisite for achieving sustainability. Managing the area of | | | | | | | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | detrimental soil disturbance will help retain the productive capacity of the land base. The harvesting and/or silviculture supervisor in conjunction with the contractor will monitor and measure soil disturbance levels during active operations. When levels of soil disturbance are approaching limits specified in preworks and associated operational controls the contractor is to suspend operations in the area and contact their licensee supervisor. | | | | | | | | | |

| Annual | Reporting based on harvest inspections and/or government inspections. Any non-conformance or non- compliance to plans will be identified and used as the basis for reporting |
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| | Report the area (hectares) of cutblocks where soil disturbance commitments were achieved as compared to the total area of cutblocks that were harvested during the reporting year (reporting on net area requiring reforestation). |
| | The annual report will provide a description of any corrective actions where this indicator falls below the target. |
| Variance | None |

| Indicator | 3.1.2 Level of downed woody debris | | | | | | | | |
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| Indicator Statement(s) | 3.1.2. Percent of cutblocks reviewed where post harvest CWD levels are within the targets contained in Plans | | | | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 3.1 Soil Quality and Quantity | | | | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 3.1: Productive capacity of soil resources are conserved Objective 3.1: Soil quantity and quality are sustained through their characteristic range of variation on the DFA through time. | | | | | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | variation on the DFA through time. This indicator and target addresses the need to manage for Coarse Woody Debris (CWD) given its importance as a stand attribute and component of stand-level biodiversity. Coarse Woody Debris typically includes sound or rotting logs, stumps, or large branches that have been fallen or been cut and left in the woods, or trees and branches that have died but remain standing or leaning. For operational purposes CWE is defined as material greater than 10cm in diameter, in all stages of decay. Coarse Woody Debris plays numerous functional roles in natural and managed forests and aquatic ecosystems including: providing feeding, breeding and shelter substrate for may organisms, providing habitat for many forest plants, animals and microorganisms, providing a nutrient source and growing substrate for various bacteria and fungi, carbor storage, erosion control, microclimates for seedling establishment, shelter and access routes for small mammals, and influencing slope and stream geomorphology. Guiding principles related to CWE management include: minimizing CWD accumulations on landings and roadside, larger pieces are more valuable than smaller pieces, ecologically it is advantageous to maintain the full range of decay and diameter classes of CWD, coniferous material lasts many times longer than deciduous material, CWD can be managed in conjunction with wildlife trees and other constrained or reserve areas, manage the composition and arrangement of CWD within acceptable levels of risk of wildfire, insect pest and forest disease outbreaks and harmonize the retention of CWD with silviculture objectives. This indicator is complimented by Indicator 1.1.4: Degree of within-stand structural retention or age class. Potential sources of CWD in managed stands can include the following: Logs already lying on the forest floor that are left after harvesting Uneconomic wood resulting from harvest operations includ | | | | | | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Companies will achieve objectives and targets specific to CWD through the possible application of the following procedures and controls: Training for licensee staff and contractors specific to CWD management and best management practices Legislative requirements specific to CWD Harvesting preworks and inspections Conducting implementation monitoring to assess success of implementation of controls and possible opportunities for improvement Conducting effectiveness monitoring to assess if controls are effective at achieving the desired results CWD is managed on a rotation bases and as such strategies must address recruitment of CWD over the short and long term. | | | | | | | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or | Using baseline data starting in 2006 it was determined that the percentage of blocks where post harvest CWD levels are within targets contained in plans was 100% for both Canfor and BCTS. | | | | | | | | |
| Outcome | Percentage of cutblocks reviewed where post harvest CWD levels are within the targets contained in plans | | | | | | | | |
| | Licensee 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 Average Target Variance Achieve Target | | | | | | | | |
| | Canfor 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100.0% 100% 100.0% 100.0% 0% Annually | | | | | | | | |
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| Forecast | Upon competition of harvesting, piling and site preparation activities areas will contain a range of standing and downed CWD sizes in a range of decay classes that will deliver a supply of CWD in the short through to the long-term. |
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| Target | 100% of blocks reviewed annually will meet target. |
| Basis for the Target | Legal requirements, "Coarse Woody Debris Best Management Practices", "Chief Forester's Guidance on Coarse Woody Debris Management", and studies conducted in the defined forest area on "Post-harvest Monitoring for Coarse Woody Debris and Stand Structural Retention 2008". |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | Periodic monitoring will be conducted during harvest inspections completed during operations. Harvest inspections will assess consistency with legal requirements and CWD debris best management practices during active operations. When instances of non-compliance or non-conformance are identified this will be entered into the licensee specific incident tracking system. |
| Annual | Report compliance with legal requirements and conformance with operational guidelines for CWD management based on blocks reviewed as part of implementation monitoring. On a yearly basis a subset of blocks with harvesting completed during the reporting period will be randomly assessed for consistency with legal requirements and CWD Best Management Practices. Current status results will be calculated by determining the number of blocks consistent with legislative and operational controls divided by the total number of blocks assessed during the reporting period. |
| Variance | None |

| Indicator | 3.2.1 Proportion of watershed or water management areas with recent stand-replacing disturbance | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 3.2.1(a). Sensitive watersheds that are above Peak Flow targets will have further assessment | | | | | | | |
| | 3.2.1(b). % of high hazard drainage structures in sensitive watersheds with identified water quality concerns that have mitigation strategies implemented | | | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 3.2 Water Quality and Quantity | | | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 3.2: Water Quantity and Quality | | | | | | | |
| | Objective 3.2: Water quantity and quality are sustained through their characteristic range of variation, on the DFA through time. | | | | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | Water quality and quantity can be affected by stand-replacing disturbances (human and natural-caused). The effects are normally highest in the initial post-disturbance years and diminish over time as regenerating forest cover is established. The critical threshold at which the disturbance begins to effect water values varies according to topography, soil properties, vegetation types, and climate. Certain watersheds can be classified as more sensitive to the impacts of disturbance either because their environmental and climatic attributes or because of their inherent value to aquatic life and communities that are dependent on the water. The peak flow of a watershed is directly influenced by the amount of area that is recently harvested or otherwise recently disturbed (Equivalent Clear-cut Area or ECA). These disturbed areas accumulate more snow and subsequently can deliver more water as the snow melts more rapidly in the spring. | | | | | | | |
| | Roads and stream crossings in particular can have a large impact on water quality in a watershed. In general, steps are taken on all drainage structures to minimize the risk of sediment delivery into watercourses. Within sensitive watersheds local conditions such as soil type, topography, road grade, road construction history and structure type will determine how great a risk a drainage structure is to negatively impacting water quality. | | | | | | | |
| | Target 3.2.1(a) is a measure of a select group of watersheds within the DFA that have been identified as sensitive. Sensitive watersheds in the Morice TSA are listed in the table under <i>Forecast, Predicted Results or Outcomes</i> " below. These watersheds have an assigned target for peak flow. Equivalent Clearcut Area (ECA) will be used as a measure of peak flow in the Morice DFA. Any harvest activity that is planned in these sensitive watersheds will require a more detailed assessment that will evaluate potential impacts and provide recommendations to mitigate impacts on water quality and quantity. The sensitive watersheds are assessed by a qualified professional. Professionals have different approaches for assessing the sensitivity, but generally terrain, channel stability, buffering (lakes, wetlands) and climate are rated to determine a sensitivity for each watershed. Watersheds can also be considered high sensitivity due to social reasons (e.g. community watershed) or high fish values Based on assessed sensitivity watersheds are assigned a threshold Peak Flow Index (PFI). Refer to the forecast section for details on PFI calculation.For watersheds of high sensitivity, further assessments will be conducted if the threshold is going to be exceeded. Examples of further assessments include: | | | | | | | |
| | Sediment source surveys; Channel stability assessments; Stream crossing quality survey; Inventory review (ground review of disturbed areas to determine hydrologic recovery); Other assessments or actions as recommended by a qualified professional | | | | | | | |
| | High Sensitivity watersheds in the DFA require more detailed assessments. Assessments could lead to different outcomes or recommendations. Possible examples are as follows: | | | | | | | |
| | A lower actual PFI index that would require no further mitigation A revised threshold for PFI Repair or maintenance to address problem issues Increased riparian buffering Deferral of harvest or modified harvest Increased standards around crossings | | | | | | | |
| | Target 3.2.1(b) recognizes the importance of identifying high risk drainage structures in those watersheds that were determined to be sensitive. In order to manage the risks to water quality, the target requires that a mitigation strategy be in place for each of the identified structures and that it is being followed. A variety of strategies could be employed for mitigation based on site specific situations. These could include: Ditch blocks Sumps; Silt fences; Cross drains; Grass seeding the cut or fill slopes and the road bed; Water bars | | | | | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | 3.2.1(a) Conduct inventory of sensitive watersheds and assign peak flow target to each. Where peak flow targets are | | | | | | | |

| | conducted. T indicator 3.2 other suitable | hese assessme .1(b)), height | ents could includ | e watershed s regenerating | ensitivity stands, re | assessment, str | eam qual |) further assessn lity crossing index el stability assess | k survey |
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| | | | | | | | | lop mitigation str | |
| orecast | 3.2.1(a). Th | e following ta | ble identifies the | current status | s and futur | e state of sensi | tive wate | rsheds in the DFA | λ. |
| Predicted Results or Outcome | Watershed ID | | Watershed Name | | | Current ECA area (Ha.) | РСТ | Future ECA area (Ha.) 2013 | PCT |
| | BABLWSI | 0000054 | TACHEK CREEK | 9,7 | 710.5 | 679.9 | 7.0 | 720.7 | 7.4 |
| | BULKWSI | 2000088 | RICHFIELD CREEK | 15,3 | 350.1 | 810.1 | 5.3 | 816.0 | 5.3 |
| | BULKWSI | 2000096 | MCQUARRIE CREEK | 6,7 | 103.3 | 508.1 | 8.3 | 484.3 | 7.9 |
| | BULKWSI | D000129 | BUCK CREE | 〈 33, ´ | 129.7 | 9,032.3 | 27.3 | 10,773.9 | 32. |
| | BULKWSI | D000136 | KLO CREEK | 7,5 | 579.3 | 584.8 | 7.7 | 984.0 | 13. |
| | MORRWS | D000004 | HOUSTON TOMMY CREEK | 15,2 | 272.0 | 2,608.9 | 17.1 | 2,795.5 | 18. |
| | MORRWSD000046 | | OWEN CREEK | 22,3 | 375.7 | 7,254.4 | 32.4 | 6,598.8 | 29. |
| | MORRWS | D000053 | LAMPREY CREEK | 16,5 | 551.1 | 5,722.9 | 34.6 | 6,217.6 | 37. |
| | MORRWS | D000054 | PIMPERNEL CREEK | 6,7 | 780.9 | 2,973.3 | 43.8 | 3,043.3 | 44. |
| | MORRWS | D000055 | MCBRIDE CREEK | 11,7 | 121.6 | 3,910.3 | 35.2 | 3,904.3 | 35. |
| | MORRWS | D000063 | Objective creek | 3,7 | 706.8 | 989.7 | 26.7 | 994.8 | 26. |
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| Forecast | Acceptable levels of water quality (clean water) and quantity (maintain stream-flow regimes within natural variation). Riparian systems will maintain existing uses and support human and ecological communities and aquatic life. Introduction of sedimentation into watercourses' is minimized. |
| Target | 3.2.1(a): 100% of sensitive watershed will have further assessments if they are above the peak flow target. The initial |
| | peak flow target is 30%. |
| | 3.2.1(b): 100% of high hazard drainage structures in sensitive watersheds will have mitigations strategies implemented. |
| Basis for the Target | Places emphasis and resources on most sensitive and high risk areas. Ensures focused assessment of watershed conditions and drainage structures. |
| Monitoring & | Fisheries sensitive watersheds may be developed in the Morice and Lakes TSAs in the short-term. If a new selection |
| Measurement Periodic | of watersheds is identified, this plan will be updated in accordance with the legislated designation of watersheds. Measurements and analysis may need to occur on the new set of watersheds. |
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| Annual | 3.2.1(a). Report the number of sensitive watersheds where peak flow targets were exceeded and harvesting occurred. Identify the watershed(s) and for each, whether a further detailed assessment was conducted prior to harvest. Report road density index (RDI) by sensitive watershed |
| | 3.2.1(b). Report the number of high risk drainage structures within the sensitive watersheds. Further report whether each had a mitigation strategy and whether that strategy was implemented as planned. |
| Variance | 3.2.1 (a)- 10% |
| | 3.2.1(b) none. |

[Element 4.1 Carbon Uptake and Storage]

The indicator for Element 4.1 is covered under indicators 1.1.3, 2.1.1 and 2.2.1 (above).

[Element 4.2 Forest Land Conversion]

The indicator for Element 4.2 is covered under indicator 2.2.1 (above).

[Element 5.1 Timber and Non-Timber Benefits]

Core Indicator 5.1.1(a) % of volume harvested compared to allocated harvest level is covered under Indicator 2.2.2 (above).

| Indicator | 5.1.1 Quantity and quality of timber and non-timber benefits, products, and services produced in the DFA |
|------------------------------|---|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 5.1.1(b). Conformance with strategies for non-timber benefits identified in Plans. |
| Element(s) | 5.1 Timber and Non-Timber Benefits |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 5.1: A balanced supply and variety of timber and non- timber Products, services and benefits on the DFA Objective(s) 5.1: |
| | A sustainable harvest and use of non-timber forest products services and benefits |
| | A variety of agricultural products are provided from the DFA |
| | A full range of recreation opportunities are provided on the DFA |
| Strategy(s) Description | Forests represent not only a return on investment for an organization (measured, for example, in profit/loss, or product output) but also a source of income and non-financial benefits for DFA-related workers, local communities and governments. While there is limited information on the ecological services and non-timber benefits produced in the DFA, it is important to consider the costs and benefits of a variety of goods and services. |
| | <u>Timber benefits</u> can be measured by looking at sustainable harvest levels in relation to the allocated supply levels determined by the Chief Forester (BC) or authorized by the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Development (Alberta). The harvest level is set only after considering social, economic and biological criteria. In BC, more information on this rigorous process to determine allowable annual cut (AAC) levels can be found at the website: <u>http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/pubs/tsr/tsrbkg.htm</u> . Support for local communities through business relationships provides employment diversification and increased local revenue. |
| | <u>Non-timber benefits</u> can be assessed on a harvest unit specific basis by assessing operational plan commitments designed to reduce any potential impact of the operation on other forest users and stakeholders. These plan commitments could include specific actions to assist ranchers, trappers, guides, resort owners, mineral rights holders, etc. manage their licensed obligations on shared public forest land. Actions within plans could also involve public expectations related to forest access, visual quality or specific recreational or ecotourism opportunities. Plan commitments could also include actions to manage or protect sites that are culturally important, sacred or spiritual to local Aboriginals. |
| Means of Achieving | Companies contribute to the sustainable harvest level by adhering to their apportioned harvest volume within the TSA. Cut control regulations dictate the short-term harvest flexibility. |
| Objective & | Continued discussions with existing licence/rights holders, interested public and Aboriginals. |
| Target | Operational plans incorporate commitments to manage concerns related to those discussions. Plans are properly executed providing desired results. Post harvest evaluations and other inspections assess plan conformance. |

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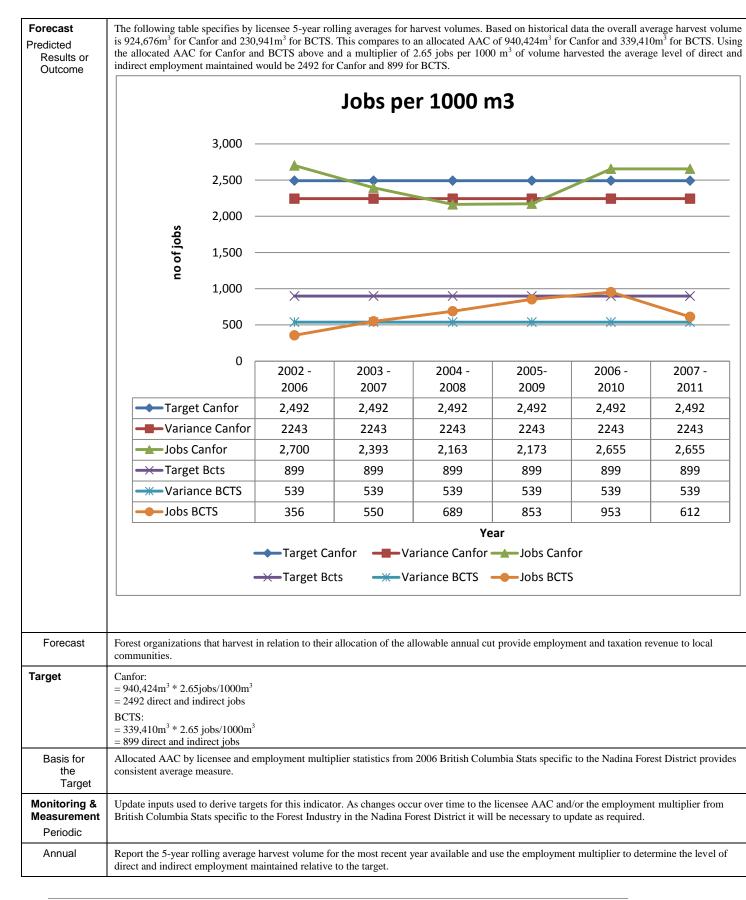
| Forecast Predicted Results or Outcome | | t 5.1.1(b). The benefits identit | | v shows the reporting form is. | at and cu | irrent statu | is of conformance with st | rategies fo | or non- |
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| | | | Canfor | | | BCTS | | | |
| | | Value | Plans ¹ | Non- conformances ² | Pct | Plans | Non- conformances | Pct | |
| | | Recreation | 1 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | VQO | 1 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Range | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Guide | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Trapper | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | 100 | |
| | | Lodge | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Air Quality | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Other | 4 | 0 | 100 | 0 | 0 | | |
| | | Total | 6 | 0 | 100 | 1 | 0 | 100 | |
| | | ns that have cor ns that did not r | | | | | | | |
| Forecast | the Cr | own. (see indica | ator 2.2.2 f | ws that reflect forest condi or more detail on forecast) d reflect the interests of no | | | | | |
| Target | | b). 100% | - | | | | - | - | |
| Basis for the Target | use te | enures, commu | nicate reg | eholders, broader public a ularly with one another measure the company's per | and wit | th the pu | blic and Aboriginals. | overlappin Conform | |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual | | | | s harvested having operations harvested having ber of cutblocks harvested | | | | | |
| Variance | 0 | | | | | | | | |

| Indicator | 5.2.1 Level of investment in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability |
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| Indicator Statement(s) | 5.2.1(a). Investment in local communities5.2.1(b). Benefits directed into local communities by licensee (Local Indicator). |
| Element(s) | 5.2 Communities and Sustainability |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 5.2: Healthy and sustainable communities Objective 5.2: A diverse local economy and local participation in the use and management of forest benefits on the DFA. |
| Strategy(s) Description | 5.2.1(a). Investment in local communities In addition to the many biological and ecological benefits provided by forests, they also contribute social and economic benefits. Forests represent not only a return on investment (measured, for example, in dollar value, persondays, donations, etc.) for the organization but also a source of income and non-financial benefits for DFA-related workers, contractors, and others; stability and opportunities for communities; and revenue for local, provincial, and federal governments. In the same way that larger forest organizations depend on a secure flow of resources to justify investment in an area, small businesses depend on a sustained flow of opportunities to develop and invest in their local community. As the majority of forest workers are hired locally, communities benefit by forest planning and operations. This target measures the amount of spending in forest related activities that occur on the DFA by local contractors/suppliers. For the purposes of this indicator, a local contractor or supplier is defined as one that resides within or in the vicinity of the DFA and will include local vendors and suppliers with postal codes that occur within the Defined Forest Area. The total dollar value of goods and services considered to be local will be calculated relative to the total dollar value of all goods and services provided. This calculation will be used to derive the percentage of money spent on forest operations and management of the DFA from suppliers and contractors within local communities. 5.2.1(b). Benefits directed into local communities by licensee. Benefits directed toward local communities by the forest licensees contribute to the distribution of benefits obtained from the surrounding forest resources. With forestry as the primary industry in local communities, licensees can demonstrate good corporate citizenship through various volunteer contribution mechanisms such as providing scholarships, spons |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | contributions) and sponsorship. Companies track all spending pertaining to forest related activities (operations, management, donations) within the DFA, separated by that occurring locally. |

| Forecast | . , | following table | | y licensee | the percen | tage of | total goo | ds and s | ervices | provided | by local |
|-----------------------------|--|--|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Predicted | vendors for pr | revious reporting | g periods. | | | | | | | | |
| Results or Outcome | Licensee | e 2005 Status | | 2006 Status | | 2007 Status | | 2008 Status | | 2009 Status | |
| | Canfor | 40.99% | 6 3 | 4.27% | 39.51 | ۱% | 52.1 | 7% | 45. | .0% | 48.0% |
| | BCTS | 23.47% | 6 | N/A | 38.48 | 3% | 15.4 | 8% | 18. | .0% | 9.89% |
| | 5.2.1(b). The previous report | following table rting periods. | identifies b | y licensee | the dollar | value o | f benefits | s directed | l into lo | ocal comr | nunities for |
| | Licensee | 2006 Status | 2007 Statu | | 2008 Status | | 009 atus | 20 Sta | - | | yr rolling vgerage |
| | Canfor | \$39,244.91 | \$29,000 | 0.00 \$2 | 8,248.20 | \$34,; | 390.00 | \$8,11 | 3.25 | \$27,79 | 99.27 |
| | BCTS | N/A** | N/A** | N/ | ۹** | N/A** | | N/A** | | N/A** | |
| | ** This is an indicator that BCTS did not report on due to it being a government ministry. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Forecast | | of the target wil also provide be | | | | | | n and ad | jacent o | of the DF. | A. Localized |
| Target | 21.0% for BC | ent of dollars sp TS. ount of benefits o | | | - | - | - | - | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Target based of being. | on past perform | ance from | indicator N | A24 and ref | flects a | desire to | maintair | n or enh | ance con | nmunity well- |
| Monitoring & Measurement | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Periodic | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Annual | | internal account during the repor | | | ate and rep | ort out | on the pe | ercent of | dollars | spent in I | local |
| | | internal account ocal communiti | | | | ort out | on the (5 | year rol | ling ave | erage) am | ount of benefit |
| Variance | 5.2.1(a)10% 5.2.1(b)10% | | | | | | | | | | |

| Indicator | 5.2.2 Level of investment | in training and | skills develo | pment | | | | |
|---|--|---|-------------------|--------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 5.2.2. Training in environment | 5.2.2. Training in environmental and safety procedures in compliance with company training plans | | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 5.2 Communities and Sustainability | | | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 5.2: Healthy and sustainable communities | | | | | | | |
| | Objective 5.2: A di forest benefits on t | | my and local pa | articipation in th | ne use and management of | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | organizations seek continual i generally pay dividends to for environment. Assessing whet direct way of measuring this is forest organizations who wor | Sustainable forest management provides training and awareness opportunities for forest workers as organizations seek continual improvement in their practices. Investments in training and skill development generally pay dividends to forest organizations by way of a safer and more environmentally conscious work environment. Assessing whether forest contractors have received both safety and environmental training is a direct way of measuring this investment. Additionally, training plans should be in place for employees of the forest organizations who work in the forest. Measuring whether the training occurred in accordance with these plans will confirm an organizations commitment to training and skills development. | | | | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Participating licensees invest i environmental training and for their plans. | | | | | | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or Outcome | The following table shows t procedures in compliance with | | | | g in environmental and safety 2010 Baseline data). | | | |
| Outcome | | Licensee | 2010 Status | Target | | | | |
| | | Canfor Employees | 100% ¹ | 100% | | | | |
| | | Canfor Contractors | 100% | 100% | | | | |
| | | BCTS Employees | 100% | 100% | | | | |
| | | BCTS Contractors | 100% | 100% | | | | |
| | ¹ Tracking system unable to report on all 2010 training for employees due to information override from current status. See Houston training report. Although training in 2011 is 98%. 100% of contractors received training through annual pre-work training and SAFE company certification | | | | | | | |
| Forecast | Forest planning and operations stewardship. Forest contractor performing well even under up | rs and employees l | | | | | | |
| Target | 100% of company employees on licensee training plans. | and contractors wi | ill have both en | vironmental an | d safety training as identified | | | |
| Basis for the Target | A trained workforce is critical with respect to contractors or a administrative or clerical work | employees whose | | | | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | When training is completed by employee as per the applicable percentage of training taken re | e training plan. Th | ese results can | | ę ; | | | |
| Annual | percentage of training taken relative to the training plan. Report the total number of company employees and forestry contractors and identify the number of those that | | | | | | | |
| | had received both environmen | tal and safety trair | ning in accorda | nce with trainin | g plan expectations. | | | |

| Indicator | 5.2.3 Level of direct and indirect employment |
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| Indicator Statement(s) | 5.2.3. Maintain average level of direct and indirect employment |
| Element(s) | 5.2 Communities and Sustainability |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 5.2: Healthy and sustainable communities Objective 5.2: A diverse local economy and local participation in the use and management of forest benefits on the DFA. |
| Strategy(s) Description | Forests represent not only a return on investment (measured, for example, in dollar value, person-days, donations, etc.) for the organization but also a source of income and non-financial benefits for DFA-related workers, suppliers, local communities and governments. |
| | While employment levels have been declining in many manufacturing industries including the forest industry, there remains a very direct relationship between direct and indirect employment and annual harvest levels. Stable employment is a clear indication of the sustainable economic well-being of individuals and communities. Employment from the forest sector is an important contributor toward community stability, particularly rural communities that tend to be mostly resource-dependant. Within the context of the forest industry direct employment refers to employment directly related to the production of forest products or services. As a result of this direct employment, employment is also generated in the businesses that supply goods and services to the forest sector. This is referred to as indirect employment. Finally, when these directly and indirectly generated incomes are spent and re-spent on a variety of items in the broader economy (e.g., food, clothing, entertainment), it gives rise to induced employment effects. |
| | Using 2006 data from British Columbia Stats specific to the Nadina Forest District the multiplier is approximately 2.65 direct, indirect, and induced jobs per 1000 m^3 of harvest. This includes 1.25 jobs per 1000 m^3 of volume harvested for logging and 1.40 jobs per 1000 m^3 of volume harvested for wood manufacturing. |
| | Organizations that harvest at sustainable harvest levels in relation to the allocated supply levels determined by government authorities continue to provide direct and indirect employment opportunities. The harvest level is set using a rigorous process that considers social, economic and biological criteria. |
| Means of Achievi ng Objectiv e & Target | Organizations contribute to direct and indirect employment within the region and to sustainable harvesting by adhering to their apportioned harvest volume within each respective TSA. Cut control regulations dictate the short-term harvest flexibility. |



| Variance | Canfor: -10% or 249 jobs per year |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| | BCTS: -40% or 360 jobs per year |

| Indicator | 5.2.4 Level of Aboriginal participation in the forest economy | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 5.2.4. Number of opportunities for Aboriginals to participate in the forest economy | | | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 5.2 Communities and Sustain | 5.2 Communities and Sustainability | | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 5.2: Healthy and susta Objective 5.2: A forest benefits on | diverse local eco | | al participation in th | ne use and management of | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | | nization but also | a source of in | | in dollar value, person-days, ncial benefits for DFA-related | | | |
| | This indicator and related target looks specifically at Aboriginal participation in the forest economy, evaluating licencees' efforts to build capacity within Aboriginal communities on matters related to the forest industry. The target recognizes that there are occasions when Aboriginals after being giving the opportunity, elect not to participate and is respectful of those decisions. BCTS will manage First Nations engagement in conjunction with the BCTS First Nations Engagement Strategy. (Appendix 4) | | | | | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Participating licencees engage | ge in building m | utually benefic | ial relationships wi | th Aboriginal peoples. | | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or | The following table shows the provided by Canfor and BCT | | | Aboriginals to part | cipate in the forest economy | | | |
| Outcome | | Licensee | 2010 Status | Target | | | | |
| | | Canfor | 4 | ≥5 | | | | |
| | | BCTS | 12 | >2 | | | | |
| | Preliminary targets have been established and the Monitoring Report results will be used to modify the target moving forward. | | | | | | | |
| Forecast | Operational activities and pla title. DFA licencees support As responsible stewards of p relationships with Aborigina | Aboriginals in b bublic forest land | ouilding organiz | zational capacity. | inal rights and duly established | | | |
| Target | Number of opportunities; the Canfor: ≥ 5 BCTS: ≥ 2 | ee-year rolling a | average. | | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | DFA Licencees engage in bu Nations Engagement Strateg | | | tionships with Abo | riginal peoples. BCTS First | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement | | | | | | | | |
| Periodic | | | | | | | | |
| Annual | operative agreements, memore meters in volume) during the agreement or joint tenure arr in reporting, count multiple | orandums of unc e reporting year. rangement with work agreemen gle business co | lerstanding, or Examples of a a First Nation 1 ts with one bar ntractInclude | business contracts a business contract Band or First Nation and or contractor or opportunities by a | partnerships, joint ventures, co- over \$5,000 or over 500 cubic include a specific work/service on Contractor. For consistency purchase agreements with one ilso reporting on contracts for declined. | | | |
| | Performance is based on a three year rolling average. For example the 2014 performance target is achieved if the 2012 to 2014 average is \geq to the proposed target. | | | | | | | |

| Indicator | 6.1.1 Evidence of a good understanding of the nature of Aboriginal title and rights | | | | | | |
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| Indicator Statement(s) | 6.1.1. Employees will receive Aboriginal awareness training | | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 6.1 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights | | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 6.1: Aboriginal and Treaty Rights | | | | | | |
| | Objective 6.1: Recognition and respect of aboriginal rights. | | | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | Canada are hereby recognize protect include hunting, fi requirements are not in ar | ed and affirmed ishing, trapping ny way intende regarding thes | '. Some example g, gathering, s ed to define, 1 | les of the rights that acred and spiritua imit, interpret, or | ghts of Aboriginal Peoples of Section 35 has been found to a practices, and title. SFM prejudice ongoing or future how to deal with Aboriginal | | |
| | The first step toward respecting Aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights is compliance with the law. Section 7.3.3 of the CSA Z809 Standard reinforces legal requirements for many reasons, including the reality that demonstrating respect for Aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights can be challenging in Canada's fluid legislative landscape and therefore it is important to identify these legal requirements as a starting point. It is important for companies to have an understanding of applicable Aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights, as well as the Aboriginal interests that relate to the DFA. | | | | | | |
| | Both the desire of the licensee to comply with laws and open communication with local Aboriginals requires that company staff members have a good understanding of Aboriginal title and rights and treaty rights. | | | | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Companies invest in cultural awareness and skill development by ensuring that appropriate Forest Management Group employees have received Aboriginal awareness training. Training to occur as part of training/orientation program for appropriate new employees, as outlined in each companies training matrix and the job function and responsibilities of each employee. Refresher training to occur every 5 years or sooner if training materials or aboriginal law substantially change. | | | | | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or | The following table shows the percentage of employees receiving Aboriginal awareness training by Canfor and BCTS (2010 Baseline data). | | | | | | |
| Outcome | | Licensee | 2010 Status | Target | | | |
| | | Canfor | 0%* | 100% | | | |
| | | BCTS | 4/14 = 28% | 100%* | - | | |
| | *Phase one of BCTS strategy is for all planners and development staff to have this training. | | | | | | |
| | *Canfor Aboriginal awareness training occurred in 2009 for the entire division. By Roxanne Yanishewski | | | | | | |
| Forecast | Forest operations that respectively local Aboriginals. | ct Aboriginal ti | tle and rights a | nd reflect the timbe | er and non-timber interests o | | |
| Target | 100% of employees trained i | n Aboriginal aw | areness as outl | ined in the compani | es training matrix. | | |
| Basis for the Target | Legal obligations, communic | cation process w | ith First Nation | s and Métis. | | | |
| | Sharing information and communication with First Nations and Métis on Forest Stewardship Plans supports the provincial government's legal obligation to consult with First Nations and Métis regarding Aboriginal rights and title. Participating licensees are committed to assisting the Crown in carrying out its duty to consult by sharing information and endeavouring to address concerns. Training helps employees to understand Aboriginal title and rights, treaty rights and the potential for aboriginal interests. | | | | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement | | | | | | | |
| Periodic | | | | | | | |
| Annual | | ne DFA that hav | e received the t | raining within the p | Report the number of active ast five years compared to the ng matrix. | | |
| | 1 2 | 1 | 8 F | ne companies dann | 8 | | |

| Indicator | 6.1.2 Evidence of best Aboriginal communitie | s having a clear | understandin | g of the plans. | | | |
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| | 6.4.3 Evidence of efforts to promote capacity development and meaningful participation Aboriginal communities | | | | | | |
| Indicator Statement(s) | 6.1.2. Evidence of best efforts to obtain acceptance of management plans based on Aboriginal communities having a clear understanding of the plans. | | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 6.1 Aboriginal and Treaty I | Rights | | | | | |
| | 6.4 Fair and Effective Deci | sion-Making | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 6.1: First Nations Al | ooriginal and Treat | y Rights. | | | | |
| | Objective 6.1: Reco | ognition and respec | t for Aboriginal | and treaty rights | | | |
| | Value 6.4: Fair, equitable a | 1 | | | | | |
| | Objective 6.4: A satisfaction of the | | nt process desigr | ned, implemented | and functioning to the | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | Section 7.3.3 of the CSA Z that demonstrating respect evolving legislative landsc | 809 Standard reinf for Aboriginal titl ape and therefore e organization to he Aboriginal interest | orces legal require e and rights, and t is important to ave an understand s that relate to th | rements for many I treaty rights can identify these leg ding of asserted A e DFA. | is compliance with the law. reasons, including the reality n be challenging in Canada's gal requirements as a starting Aboriginal title and rights, and to only the organization | | |
| | understanding the Aboriginal rights and interests within their asserted traditional territory but for Aboriginals to understand the forest management plans of organizations. With this open dialogue, the two parties can then best work towards plans and operations that are mutually acceptable to both parties. The reference to "Aboriginal communities" corresponds to licensees interacting with the Natural Resources Office and Chief and Council (or equivalent positions). | | | | | | |
| | For the purpose of this indicator, "management plans" include Forest Stewardship Plans, Pest Management Plans, block information sharing, and SFM Plans. For the purposes of this indicator, clear understanding is considered as part of the continuum of relationship building between licensees and Aboriginal communities, and will be a qualitative measure based on the summary of interests and concerns. | | | | | | |
| | BCTS will manage First N Strategy. (Appendix 4) | ations engagement | in conjunction w | ith the BCTS Fire | st Nations Engagement | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | will reflect the development | ailed in the Monito | ningful and effec ring section belo | tive working rela w, annual reportin | ng will include a qualitative | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or Outcome | The following table shows the current status of evidence of best efforts by Canfor and BCTS to obtain acceptance of management plans based on Aboriginal communities having a clear understanding of the plans. (2010 Baseline data). | | | | | | |
| | | Licensee | 2010 Status | Target | | | |
| | | Canfor | 100% | 100% | | | |
| | | BCTS | 100% | 100% | | | |
| | | | II | | | | |
| Forecast | Forest operations that responses a local Aboriginals. | ect Aboriginal title | and rights and re | flect the timber a | nd non-timber interests of | | |
| Target | 100% of management plan | s | | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Legal obligations and alignment with Canfor's Environmental Policy and Sustainable Forest Management Commitments and BCTS's Sustainable Forest Management Policy. The BCTS First Nations Engagement Strategy. (Appendix 4) | | | | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement | | | | | | | |
| Periodic | | | | | | | |

| Annual | Retain a record of the Aboriginal communities whose asserted traditional territory overlaps with the DFA for the purpose of communication with affected aboriginal communities by licensee. |
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| | Report by licensee for blocks harvested during the reporting period the number of applicable forest management plans pertaining to Crown tenures held by the company within the DFA and the number of those where open communication to describe and obtain acceptance occurred. |
| | The annual report will document the number of Information Packages provided to each Aboriginal community. Best efforts and clear understanding will be highlighted through tracking plans, forms of communication initiated, and summary of interests/concerns. "Acceptance" will be reported by highlighting the comments received from Aboriginal communities that take exception to the management plans. " |
| Variance | 0% |

| Indicator | 6.1.3 Level of manageme and activities (hunting, f | | | as where cultu | rally important practices | | | |
|--|--|----------------|------------------|---------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 6.1.3(a). Percent of forest operations in conformance with operational/site plans developed to address Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and uses | | | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 6.1 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights | | | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 6.1.3: Aboriginal and | Treaty Rights | | | | | | |
| | Objective 6.1.3: F | | | | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | Meaningful relationships and open communication with local Aboriginal communities help ensure that areas of cultural importance are managed in a way that retains their traditions and values. This indicator recognizes the importance of managing and protecting culturally important practices and activities during forestry operations. Aboriginals, with the benefit of local and traditional knowledge may provide valuable information concerning the specific location and use of these sites as well as the specific forest characteristics requiring protection or management. The outcome of these discussions and the means to manage/protect values and uses are included in operational plans. The intent of the indicator statements are to manage and/or protect those truly important sites, thus there is a degree of reasonableness in identifying the sites. The targets verify that consideration was given in plans, then follows through with assessing plan execution. This indicator closely aligns with Indicators 1.4.2 Protection of identified sacred and culturally important sites and 6.2.1 Evidence of understanding and use of Aboriginal knowledge through the engagement of willing Aboriginal communities, using a process that identifies and manages culturally important resources and values. | | | | | | | |
| | Strategy. (Appendix 4) | • | v | | CTS First Nations Engagemen | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Efforts have been made to understand which First Nation traditional territories fall within the Plan area and company Defined Forest Areas. Information sharing agreements are made with willing Aboriginal communities to promote the use and protection of sensitive information. Forest management plans are shared with Aboriginal communities. Open communication with Aboriginals that includes a sharing of information and enables forest Licencees to understand and incorporate traditional knowledge into operational plans. Licencees are aware of culturally important, sacred and spiritual sites leading to their appropriate management or and protection. Once incorporated, operational plans are properly executed. Post harvest evaluations and other inspections assess plan conformance. Consultation records are completed for each block and road and there is a record of the Aboriginals involved, the comments received, the level of consultation. | | | | | | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or | | the percent of | forest operation | ons in conformation | nce with operational/site plan nfor and BCTS (2010 Baselin | | | |
| Outcome | data). | | | | | | | |
| | | Licensee | 2010 Status | Target | | | | |
| | | Canfor | 100% | 100% | | | | |
| | | BCTS | 100% | 100% | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Forecast | | - | - | - | a sharing sensitive information. or protected. Forest operations | | | |
| | that properly execute the site | | ow these sites v | will be managed | or protected. Forest operation | | | |
| Target | 100% compliance with operational plans and corresponding results and strategies. 100% of blocks and roads that have had a CHR assessment completed. | | | | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | 100% of blocks and roads had Legal obligations, alignment | | | | mmitments | | | |
| | The BCTS First Nations Eng | agement Strate | gy. (Appendix 4 | 4) | | | | |
| Monitoring & | | | | | | | | |
| Measurement | | | | | | | | |

| Annual | Number of roads constructed or cutblocks harvested where operational plans had specific content requirements to manage or protect Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and uses. |
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| | Number of roads constructed or cutblocks harvested referenced above where plan requirements were followed. |
| | : Retain a record of the Aboriginal communities whose traditional territory (any part) overlaps with the DFA for the purpose of communication with affected parties. Retain a record demonstrating that forest management plans within the DFA were shared/discussed with Aboriginal communities. |
| | Report: Number of instances where discussions lead to the identification of Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and use that required specific management or protection. Where the above occurred, report the number of times where operational plans specified how these values were considered. Number of cut blocks and roads where CHR assessments were completed. |
| | Number of cutblocks and roads where there is a record of consultation. |
| Variance | 0 |

[Element 6.2 Respect for Aboriginal Forest Values, Knowledge, and Uses] The indicator for Element 6.2 is covered under indicator 1.4.2 (above).

| Indicator | 6.3.1 Evidence that the organization has co-operated with other forest-dependent businesses, forest users, and the local community to strengthen and diversify the local economy | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Indicator Statement(s) | 6.3.1. Primary products, by-products, and services that are bought, sold, traded, or utilized with other forest dependent businesses forest users, and the community in the local area. | | | | |
| | For BCTS the indicator is the number of TSL bidders in the defined forest area. | | | | |
| Element(s) | 6.3 Forest Community Well-Being and Resilience | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 6.3: Strength and Diversity in the economy | | | | |
| | <u>Objective 6.3:</u> Participate in the local economy by having relationships with forest dependant businesses. | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | weather market downt | urns of a particular sector. Sup | often more sustainable in the long term with its ability to port of efforts to increase diversity, the establishment o dependent businesses and forest users is desirable. | | |
| | or trading of primary f increased local revenu | Support for local communities through business relationships (defined for this indicator as purchases, sales, or trading of primary forest products and forest by-products) provides employment diversification and increased local revenue. For BCTS, "trade relationship" means the # of opportunities to bid. | | | |
| | | | ed as Houston, Topley and Granisle postal codes. | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | service or trade arrang the DFA. Examples of | ements) with other forest prod | ually beneficial business relationships (purchases, sales, ucts businesses within or in the immediate vicinity of s, lumber, plywood, strand board, pulp. Examples of el and trim blocks. | | |
| Forecast | The following table su | mmarizes Canfor's performan | ce for 2011. This was used to set the initial target. | | |
| Predicted Results or Outcome | Product | Number of opportunities | Organization | | |
| Outcome | Logs | 8 | Decker Lake, HPLP, Hunky Dory, Tahtsa Timber, Kermodei, Steve Corneau, Clark Milling, Groot Bros. | | |
| | Trim Blocks | 3 | Kyah, D7H, Brinks/PVR | | |
| | Sawdust/shavings | 1 | Houston Pellet (HPLP) | | |
| | Chips | 1 | Canfor Pulp limited Partnership | | |
| | Total | 13 | | | |
| | BCTS: There are currently 85 bidders in the Defined Forest Area that opportunities are provided. | | | | |
| Forecast | Support for local communities through business relationships provides employment diversification and increased local revenue. | | | | |
| Target | Maintain >=13 relation | nships. | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Business initiatives and relationships, built on sound principles are not only beneficial to the partners, but also to the economy and vitality of communities within and adjacent to the DFA. | | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement | | | | | |
| Periodic | | | | | |
| Annual | Report on the number of purchase, sale, service or trade relationships with other forest dependant businesses within or in the vicinity of the DFA. Tracking is the number of relationships, not the number of transactions within each relationship. BCTS will express this by reporting the number of bidders in the Defined Forest Area. | | | | |
| Variance | -20% | | | | |

| Indicator(s) | 6.3.2 Evidence of co-operation with DFA-related workers and their unions to improve and enhance safety standards, procedures, and outcomes in all DFA-related workplaces and affected communities 6.3.3 Evidence that a worker safety program has been implemented and is periodically reviewed and improved | | | | |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | | |
| Indicator Statement(s) | 6.3.2. Implementation and maintenance of certified safety program | | | | |
| Element(s) | 6.3 Forest Community Well-Being and Resilience | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 6.3: Healthy and sustainable communities | | | | |
| | <u>Objective 6.3:</u> A diverse local economy and local participation in the use and management of forest benefits on the DFA. | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | BCTS and Canfor's first measure of success is the health and safety of our people. This philosophy is embraced and promoted from the mill floor to the executive offices. This commitment is reflected in the work practices and safety programs employed at all worksites. | | | | |
| | BCTS and Canfor implement their safety programs by assigning responsibilities to managers, supervisors and employees as follows: | | | | |
| | Management: | | | | |
| | Develop and maintain a comprehensive occupational health and safety program Conduct regular health and safety audits and implement appropriate action stars | | | | |
| | Conduct regular health and safety audits and implement appropriate action steps Facilitate active employee participation in health and safety initiatives and programs | | | | |
| | Provide the necessary education and training in safe work practices and procedures for supervisors OH&S committee members, and all employees Supervisors: | | | | |
| | • Ensure that all employees under their direction receive proper training and instruction and that all work is performed safely | | | | |
| | Ensure that employees are made aware of all known or reasonably foreseeable health or safety hazards in the areas where they work Initiate actions and follow-up in order to maintain a healthy and safe working environment within | | | | |
| | their areas of responsibility Employees: | | | | |
| | Take responsibility for avoiding risk to themselves and others and following all known safe work rules, procedures and instructions Eliminate all accidents by working together to identify any potential hazards in the workplace and | | | | |
| | to take the appropriate corrective action All of BCTS and Canfor's forest operations are third party certified to a safety program that meets or exceeds | | | | |
| Means of Achieving | provincial safety programs - SAFE Company in BC. Forest operations retain their safety program certification. | | | | |
| Objective & Target | | | | | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or Outcome | Forest organizations who safely execute their work assignments. BCTS' safety program was initially third party certified in 2009. Canfor's safety program was initially third party certified in 2009 as well. | | | | |
| Forecast | From 1998 to 2005, WorkSafe BC accepted an average of nearly 22 harvesting fatality claims each year — the worst in 2005 with 34 claims. But the industry averaged fewer than 14 fatalities from 2006 to 2008. In Alberta companies who have joined PIR and obtained a Certificate of Recognition have 20% fewer WCB lost time claims. Companies who conduct work that meet their certified safety program requirements demonstrate the efforts to make safety integral to each worker's life, and that unsafe is unacceptable. | | | | |
| Target | 100% | | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Continuously improve forest worker safety record. | | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | | | | | |
| Annual | Report whether third-party safety certification has been maintained on the DFA. | | | | |
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| | 6.4.1 Level of participant satisfaction with the public participation process | | | | |
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| Indicator Statement(s) | 6.4.1. PAG established and maintained and satisfaction survey implemented according to Terms of Reference | | | | |
| Element(s) | 6.4 Fair and I | Effective Decision-Making | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | <u>Value 6.4:</u> Fa | Value 6.4: Fair, equitable and effective public participation | | | |
| | Objective 6.4: A public involvement process designed and implemented to the satisf participants | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | The public participation process is a process of engagement that incorporates a diversity of values into SFM. Implementation of a public participation process as outlined in the CSA standard gives the public an opportunity to be involved proactively in the management of a defined forest area (DFA). An effective public participation process accommodates the public's wide range of knowledge, interests, and involvement with regard to SFM, as well as differing cultural and economic ties to the forest. The SFM Public Advisory Group was established to assist participating licensees in: | | | | |
| | Developing and reviewing the SFM Plan; Identifying and selecting values, objectives, indicators, and targets based on SFM elements and issues of relevance to the DFA; Developing, assessing and selecting one or more possible strategies; Designing monitoring programs, evaluate results and recommend improvements; and | | | | |
| | The SFM Pla the assistance values. Ensur responsive SI | • Discuss and resolve any issues relevant to SFM in the DFA. The SFM Plan is an evolving document that will be reviewed for effectiveness and revised as needed with the assistance of the Public Advisory Group to address changes in forest condition and local community values. Ensuring the continuing interest and participation of the PAG is an integral part of a dynamic and responsive SFM Plan. The ability of people to share information, discuss and solve problems, and set and meet objectives is key to achieving and maintaining meaningful public participation. | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | At the end of each Public Advisory Group meeting participating licensees will provide all Public Advisory Group members in attendance a feedback form (survey) to assess their satisfaction with the meeting and associated process. The survey content and process will be that described in the Public Advisory Group's Terms of Reference. All survey questions will have a 1-5 scoring assessment (1 being very poor, 2 being poor, 3being average, 4 being good and 5 being very good). The results of the surveys will be collated and reviewed at the subsequent Public Advisory Group meeting with any corresponding actions or recommendations. The results of all surveys completed will be summarized to determine an overall average score for a PAG meeting as well as the average overall score for all meetings that fall within a reporting period. When the average scoring assessment for a PAG meeting falls below 4 corrective action will be developed in conjunction with the PAG. | | | | |
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| Basis for the Target | Ensure issues are identified in a timely manner, discussed and where possible, resolved. Public Advisory Group process is being continuously improved. |
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| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | Periodic monitoring and measurement will be completed for each PAG meeting conducted within a given reporting period. The satisfaction score for a meeting will be determined and presented to the PAG at a subsequent meeting. The results will be discussed, opportunities will be reviewed and action plans will be developed when the overall average PAG meeting satisfaction score falls below 4. |
| Annual | Annual monitoring and measurement will entail summarizing the overall PAG meeting satisfaction score for all meeting that fall within a given reporting period to arrive at an overall score for the year. This will be for monitoring purposes only given that opportunities and actions plans have already been completed as part of the meeting summaries. |
| Variance | None |

| Indicator | 6.4.2 Evidence of efforts to promote capacity development and meaningful participation in general 6.4.2. Numbers of educational opportunities for information and/or training that are delivered to the Public Advisory Group | | | |
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| Indicator Statement(s) | | | | |
| Element(s) | 6.4 Fair and Effective Decision-Making | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 6.4.: Fair, equitable and effective public participation. | | | |
| | Objective 6.4: A public involvement process designed, implemented and functioning to the satisfaction of the participants. | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | The ability of people to share information, discuss and solve problems, and set and meet objectives is critical to achieving and maintaining meaningful public participation within the context of forest management and the CSA public participation process. Many types of capacity development initiatives can be used to help achieve meaningful public participation. | | | |
| | This indicator recognizes the importance of providing information and/or training opportunities for members of the public advisory group that in turn contributes to a more knowledgeable and effective Public Advisory Group (PAG). Examples of educational opportunities could include field trips and guest presentations on a particular topic of interest to the PAG. Members of the public provide local knowledge that contributes to the achievement of socially and environmentally responsible forest management. At times, public members may feel limited in their ability to contribute to discussions because they may lack the required technical forestry knowledge. Broadening this knowledge base enables better dialogue and helps contribute to balanced decisions and an SFM Plan acceptable to the majority of the affected public. | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Participating licensees are committed to work with members of the PAG on forest management issues and to improve the effectiveness of the public processes through capacity development. Licencees will provide informational/educational opportunities for PAG participants on an annual basis as part of regularly held meetings. | | | |
| Forecast | CSA Auditor visit at February 16, 2011 PAG meeting | | | |
| Predicted Results or Outcome | Presentation on the Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) at August 30, 2011 PAG Meeting. | | | |
| | Presentation on Canfor's Biodiversity Strategy at August 30, 2011 PAG Meeting. | | | |
| Forecast | Public participation in forest planning and operations that is open, inclusive and responsive to public concerns and grounded in science. | | | |
| Target | Licensee All: >= 1 | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Additional knowledge provides for better dialogue and ultimately better decisions. | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement Periodic | | | | |
| Annual | Report the number of educational opportunities that were presented to the public advisory group during the reporting period. PAG meeting minutes will contain supporting documentation specific to the educational opportunity discussed. | | | |
| Variance | None | | | |

[Element 6.4 Fair and Effective Decision-Making]

Core Indicator 6.4.3 Evidence of best efforts to obtain acceptance of management plans based on Aboriginal communities having a clear understanding of the plans is covered under Indicator 6.1.2 (above).

| Indicator | 6.5.1 Number of people reached through educational outreach | | | | | |
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| Indicator Statement(s) | 6.5.1. Number of people to whom educational opportunities are provided. | | | | | |
| Element(s) | 6.5 Information for Decision-Making | | | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 6.5: Informed decision | decision-making and increased knowledge | | | | |
| | Objective 6.5: Relevant information is exchanged between interested parties to support decision- making and increased knowledge of ecosystem processes and interactions with forest ecosystems | | | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | The participating licensees are committed to working with directly affected stakeholders and members of the public on forest management issues and have a well-established history of participation in community meetings, including local planning processes. The sharing of knowledge with affected stakeholders contributes to informed, balanced decisions and plans acceptable to the majority of public. When informed and engaged, members of the public can provide local knowledge and support that contributes to socially and environmentally responsible forest management within the DFA. | | | | | |
| Means of Achieving | Participating licensees mainta | | ement in educati | onal outreach init | iatives. Examples of | |
| Objective & Target | educational outreach initiativ Maintaining an open an | | - 1 -1 | | | |
| | Maintaining an open an Field tours, and Open F | - | advisory group, | | | |
| | Notification/referrals to | | | | | |
| | School classroom visits, | | | | | |
| | Continual improvement | t projects. | | | | |
| | Knowledge Transfer Se | essions | | | | |
| | Participation in Trade S | Shows | | | | |
| | Regional District Preser | Regional District Presentations and | | | | |
| | Forestry Tours | | | | | |
| | Participating licensees will work with the PAG (and others) to identify more opportunities over time. | | | | | |
| | D 1 4 1 1 1 4 | | | • | pportunities over time. | |
| | Record attendance level at ea | | | • | pportunities over time. | |
| Forecast Predicted Results or | | ach meeting or t a summary of | tour (public and the number of | stakeholders). | a educational opportunities are | |
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| Indicator | 6.5.2 Availability of summary information on issues of concern to the public | | | |
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| Indicator Statement(s) | 6.5.2. SFM monitoring report made available to the public | | | |
| Element(s) | 6.5 Information for Decision-Making | | | |
| Value(s) and Objective(s) | Value 6.5: Informed decision making and increased knowledge | | | |
| | <u>Objective 6.5:</u> Relevant information is exchanged between interested parties to support decision- making and increased knowledge of ecosystem processes and human interactions with forest ecosystems. | | | |
| Strategy(s) Description | This indicator recognizes the importance of keeping members of the public informed on forestry strategies being developed, planning occurring in their area and results from forest management activities. Issues of concern brought forward by the public are part of the discussions occurring at public advisory group meetings and often work their way into a reporting requirement in the SFM Plan or an action in SFM monitoring reports. Annual reporting of the Plan's performance measures to the advisory group and to the broader public provides an open and transparent means of demonstrating how issues of concern are being managed. It provides the public with an opportunity to respond to results and associated actions outlined in the annual SFM Monitoring report and make recommendations for improvement. Members of the public can provide local knowledge that contributes to socially and environmentally responsible forest management. | | | |
| Means of Achieving Objective & Target | Licencees maintain an external website that makes the SFM monitoring report publicly available. | | | |
| Forecast | External websites containing the annual SFM monitoring report have been maintained since 2001. | | | |
| Predicted Results or | http://www.moricelakes-ifpa.com | | | |
| Outcome | http://www.canfor.com/responsibility/environmental/certification | | | |
| Forecast | Public awareness and understanding of the SFM Plan and annual performance relative to the Plan's targets. A continuously improving SFM Plan that has openly informed included and responded to the public. | | | |
| Target | SFM monitoring report available to public annually via an external website | | | |
| Basis for the Target | Provides topical information to local public as well as a worldwide audience. Has contact mechanism for those looking for additional information. | | | |
| Monitoring & Measurement | | | | |
| Periodic | | | | |
| Annual | Report a yes/no answer as to whether the annual monitoring report was made publically available on an external website. | | | |
| Variance | None | | | |

6.0 LINKS TO OTHER PLANNING PROCESSES

6.1 Strategic Plans

Morice Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP)

The Government of British Columbia announced the Morice Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) on July 18, 2007. The LRMP addresses the long-term balance of environment and economy in the region. It provides access to timber for the local forest industry, certainty for the mining, ranching and tourism industries while also establishing conservation and recreation objectives for many natural values in the Morice TSA. The stability and security provided by the plan provides economic and social stability and increased opportunities for growth and investment throughout the region.

6.2 Plans, Policies and Strategies That Relate to the SFM Plan

The Forest Stewardship Plan

Licensees are required to prepare a Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) in place of the former Forest Development Plan.(FDP) Resource management objectives are set by Government, the Forest and Range Practices Act or by regulation. Forest Stewardship Plans describe the intended results a licensee commits to achieving, or the strategies that the licensee will use, in relation to these established resource management objectives. Licensees are not required to indicate where cutblocks will be located and how harvesting and reforestation will be carried out in FSP's. Licensees are required to prepare a site plan for planned cutblocks and roads prior to harvesting. A site plan must identify the approximate location of cutblocks and roads, be consistent with the Forest Stewardship Plan and identify how the intended results or strategies described in the Forest Stewardship Plan apply to the site.

Canfor's Sustainable Forest Management Commitments

The Sustainable Forest Management Commitments are based on the tenets of accountability, continuous improvement, aboriginal and public involvement and third party verification of performance. Canfor views these commitments as a fundamental component in improving its existing sustainable forest management practices, ensuring the transparency of its operations and fulfilling sustainable forest management certification requirements. The Sustainable Forest Management Commitments are found at the beginning of this document.

BCTS Sustainable Forest Management Policy

The BCTS Sustainable Forest Management Policy describes BCTS' commitments for sustainable forest management.

BCTS Environmental Policy

The British Columbia Ministry of Forests B C Timber Sales Program (BCTS) manages and administers timber harvesting and related forest management activities on BCTS timber sale licences and related tenures sold on Crown forestland throughout British Columbia.

The BCTS Environmental Policy articulates BCTS' commitment to environmental management.

Canfor's and BCTS's Environmental Management Systems

An Environmental Management System (EMS) is a management tool that enables an organization to control the impacts of its activities, products or services on the environment. It is a structured approach for setting and achieving environmental objectives and targets, and for demonstrating

that they have been achieved. The EMS requires an organization to have in place the mechanisms, policies and structure to comply with environmental legislation and regulations and to evaluate such mechanisms, policies and structure with the objective of continual improvement.

The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) is a worldwide federation of national standards bodies from 130 countries. This non-governmental organization was established in 1947 to promote the standardization of related economic activities around the world. In 1996 ISO developed an international standard for environmental management systems, ISO 14001. This standard was subsequently updated in 2004.

The Environmental Management Systems for Canfor's and BCTS's woodlands operations received certification to ISO 14001 following an audit from independent registrars. The EMS standardizes woodlands environmental management for the identified woodlands operations and will help ensure environmental performance improves over time. Canfor recognizes that the ISO 14001 standard is an essential step in achieving independent recognition of our commitment to sustainable forest management.

LIST OF ACRONYMS

AAC: Allowable Annual Cut **BCTS: BC Timber Sales BEC: Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification** CFP: Canadian Forest Products, Ltd. (Canfor) CHR: Cultural Heritage Resource CO₂: Carbon Dioxide COSEWIC: Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada CSA: Canadian Standards Association CWD: Coarse Woody Debris DFA: Defined Forest Area ECA: Equivalent Clearcut Area EMS: Environmental Management System ESA: Environmentally Sensitive Area ESSF: Engelmann Spruce-Subalpine Fir FDP: Forest Development Plan FMLB: Forest Management Land Base FPPR: Forest Planning and Practices Regulation FREP: Forest and Range Evaluation Program FRPA: Forest and Range Practices Act FSP: Forest Stewardship Plan FSR: Forest Service Road FSW: Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds GAR: Government Action Regulation **GWM:** General Wildlife Measures **IFPA:** Innovative Forest Practices Agreement ISO: International Organization for Standardization LRMP: Land and Resource Management Plan MFLNRO: BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations MPB: Mountain Pine Beetle NAR: Net Area to be Reforested NDT: Natural Disturbance Type NHLB: Non - Harvestable Land Base NRFL: Non-Replaceable Forest License OAF: Operational Adjustment Factor OGMA: Old Growth Management Area OGSI: Old Growth Site Index PAG: Public Advisory Group PAS: Protected Area Strategy PEFC: Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification PEM: Predictive Ecosystem Mapping PIR: Partners in Injury Reduction PL: Lodgepole Pine **RDI:** Road Density Index **RPF: Registered Professional Forester** SARA: Federal Species at Risk Act SBS: Sub-Boreal Spruce

SFM: Sustainable Forest Management SFMP: Sustainable Forest Management Plan SIBEC: Site Index Estimates by Site Series THLB: Timber Harvesting Land Base TOR: Terms of Reference TSA: Timber Supply Area TSR: Timber Supply Review UWR: Ungulate Winter Range VOIT: Values, Objectives, Indicators, Targets VQO: Visual Quality Objective WCB: Workers' Compensation Board WHA: Wildlife Habitat Areas WTP: Wildlife Tree Patch

GLOSSARY

Abiotic – pertaining to the non-living component of the environment (e.g., climate, ice, soil and water). (Canadian Council of Forest Ministers)

Aboriginal – "aboriginal peoples of Canada" [which] include Indian, Inuit, and Métis peoples of Canada (Constitution Act 1992, Subsection 35(2)). (CSA Z808-96)

Abundance – the number of organisms in a population, combining density within inhabited areas with number and size of inhabited areas. (Canadian Council of Forest Ministers)

Access Management Plan - An operational plan that shows how road construction, modification and deactivation will be carried out to protect, or mitigate impacts on, known resources or sensitive areas, while maximizing the efficacy of forest resource development.

Access Structures - a structure, including a road, bridge, landing, gravel pit or other similar structure that provides access for forest management such as harvesting.

Activities – energetic action or movement; liveliness. (The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Third Edition)

Adaptive Management (AM) – a systematic, rigorous approach to improving management and accommodating change by learning from the outcomes of management interventions. (BC Ministry of Forests - Forest Practices Management Branch)

Age Class – any interval of time into which the age range of trees, forests, stands or forest types is decided for classification and use. (BC Ministry of Forests)

Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) – the allowable rate of timber harvest from a specified area of land. British Columbia's Chief Forester sets AACs for timber supply areas (TSAs) and tree farm licenses (TFLs) in accordance with Section 8 of the BC Forest Act. (BC Ministry of Forests)

Apportionment – the distribution of the AAC for a TSA among timber tenures by the Minister in accordance with Section 10 of the *Forest Act*. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Best Management Practices – a practice or combination of practices that are determined to be the most technologically or economically feasible means of preventing or managing potential impacts. (Best Management Practices Handbook: Hillslope Restoration in British Columbia; Watershed Restoration Technical Circular No.3 (revised); May 2000; Watershed Restoration Program, BC MoF)

Biodiversity (or biological diversity) – the variability among living organisms from all sources including *inter alia* terrestrial, marine, and other aquatic ecosystems and the ecological complexes of which they are part; this includes diversity within species, between species and of ecosystems (Canadian Biodiversity Strategy 1995) (CSA Z808-96)

Biogeoclimatic ecosystem classification (BEC) – a hierarchical classification system scheme having three levels of integration: regional, local and chronological; and combining climatic, vegetation and site factors. (BC Ministry of Forests)

Biogeoclimatic zone - a large geographic area with a broadly homogenous macroclimate. Each zone is named after one or more of the dominant climax species of the ecosystems in the zone, and a geographic or climatic modifier. British Columbia has 14 biogeoclimatic zones. (BC Ministry of Forests) **Biomass** – The total dry weight or volume of all or part of a tree.

Biotic – pertaining to any living aspect of the environment, especially population or community characteristics. (Canadian Council of Forest Ministers)

Carbon Cycle – The storage and cyclic movement of organic and inorganic forms of carbon between the biosphere, lithosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere.

Carbon Sink - Forests and other ecosystems that absorb carbon, thereby removing it from the atmosphere and offsetting CO2 emissions.

Coarse-filter Ecosystem Group - Is the outcome of grouping site series that have relative similarities of their indicator plant communities. This term is also referred to habitat types in the SFM Plan.

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

Community Forest Tenures – the control and use of land and resources contained within an area influenced by the urban population. (Dictionary of Natural Resource Management-J. & K. Dunster)

Communities of Interest – sectors of society which share common goals and interests e.g. First Nations, Recreation Associations. (Common usage)

Connectivity – a qualitative term describing the degree to which late-succession ecosystems are linked to one another to form an interconnected network. The degree of interconnectedness and the characteristics of the linkages vary in natural landscapes based on topography and natural disturbance regime. (BC Ministry of Forests)

Cultural Feature – Unique or significant places and features of social, cultural or spiritual importance, such as an archaeological site, recreational site or trail, cultural heritage site or trail, historic site, or protected area.

Considered – mentally contemplate. (Canadian Oxford Dictionary)

Critical – being in or verging on a state of crisis or emergency. (The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition)

Cut Control – a set of rules and actions specified in the *Forest Act* that describes the allowable variation in the annual harvest rate either above or below the allowable annual cut (AAC) approved by the chief forester. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Deactivation – measures taken to stabilize roads and logging trails during periods of inactivity, including the control of drainage, the removal of sidecast where necessary, and the re-establishment of vegetation for permanent deactivation. Road deactivation ranges from temporary to permanent.

Defined Forest Area (DFA) – a specified area of forest, land, and water delineated for the purposes of registration of a Sustainable Forest Management System. (CSA Z808-96)

Disturbed areas – localities which have been impacted by natural events (fire, wind, flood, insects and also by human activities such as forest harvesting or construction of roads (Dictionary of Natural resource management + common usage)

Duly Established Aboriginal and Treaty Rights – existing Aboriginal and Treaty Rights are recognized and affirmed in the Canadian Constitution. When discussed in relation to renewable resources, such Aboriginal and Treaty Rights generally relate to hunting, fishing, and trapping, and in some cases, gathering. (CSA Z808-96 Page 31 Section 2.6.1)

Ecological Reserves – areas of Crown land which have the potential to satisfy one or more of the following criteria:

- areas suitable for scientific research and educational purposes associated with studies in productivity and other aspects of the natural environment;
- areas which are representative of natural ecosystems;
- areas in which rare or endangered native plants or animals may be preserved in their natural habitat; and
- areas that contain unique geological phenomena. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Ecosystem – a functional unit consisting of all the living organisms (plants, animals, and microbes) in a given area, and all the non-living physical and chemical factors of their environment, linked together through nutrient cycling and energy flow. An ecosystem can be of any size-a log, pond, field, forest, or the earth's biosphere-but it always functions as a whole unit. Ecosystems are commonly described according to the major type of vegetation, for example, forest ecosystem, old-growth ecosystem, or range ecosystem. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Forest – a plant community of predominantly trees and other woody vegetation growing more or less closely together, its related flora and fauna, and the values attributed to it. (CSA Z808-96)

Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) – The Forest and Range Practices Act and its regulations govern the activities of forest and range licensees in B.C. The statute sets the requirements for planning, road building, logging, reforestation, and grazing. FRPA and its regulations took effect on Jan. 31, 2004.

Forest Land – land supporting forest growth or capable of so doing, or, if totally lacking forest growth, bearing evidence of former forest growth and not now in other use. (CSA Z808-96)

Forest Product – an item that is manufactured from trees. Forest products can be classified as primary (originating from harvested timber, i.e., lumber, pulp, etc.), or secondary (a by-product of the lumber or pulp process, i.e. furniture, wood-based chemicals, etc.). (Common Usage)

Forest Resources – resources and values associated with forests and range including, without limitation, timber, water, wildlife, recreation, botanical forest products, forage and biological diversity. (Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act)

Free-growing Stand - A stand of healthy trees of a commercially valuable species, the growth of which is not impeded by competition from plants, shrubs or other trees.

Genetic diversity – variation among and within species that is attributable to differences in hereditary material. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

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

Habitat - the place where an organism lives and/or the conditions of that environment including the soil, vegetation, water, and food. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Haylage - Haylage is a name for high dry matter silage of around 45% to 75%.

High Biodiversity Emphasis Area (HBEA) – a spatially explicit portion of the forested landscape managed for high biodiversity values, particularly structural integrity. HBEAs are distributed throughout the plan area and are related to, but not limited by, landscape unit boundaries. (MSRM 2004 - Morice Land and Resource Management Plan Final Land Use Recommendation)

Hydrologic Flows – the movement of groundwater near the surface. (Common Usage)

Hydrology – the science that describes and analyzes the occurrence of water in nature, and its circulation near the surface of the earth. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Indicator – a measurable variable used to report progress toward the achievement of a goal. (CSA Z808-96)

Indicator species – species of plants used to predict site quality and characteristics. (BC MoF website glossary)

Independent – autonomous, self regulating. (Common Usage)

Inoperable lands – lands that are unsuited for timber production now and in the foreseeable future by virtue of their: elevation; topography; inaccessible location; low value of timber; small size of timber stands; steep or unstable soils that cannot be harvested without serious and irreversible damage to the soil or water resources; or designation as parks, wilderness areas, or other uses incompatible with timber production. (BC MoF website glossary)

Interior Forest – Forest that is far enough away from a natural or harvested edge that the edge does not influence its environmental conditions, such as light intensity, temperature, wind, relative humidity, and snow accumulation and melt.

Landscape – a spatial mosaic of several ecosystems, landforms and plant communities intermediate between an organism's normal home-range, size and its regional distribution. (Canadian Council of Forest Ministers). A watershed or series of similar and interacting watersheds, usually between 10,000 and 100,000 hectares in size. (BC Ministry of Forests Biodiversity Guidebook pp76.)

Linkage – a physical, biological, cultural, psychological, or policy connection or influence between two or more objects, processes, or policies. (Dictionary of Natural Resource Management, Julian and Katherine Dunster, 1996)

Mean Annual Increment – the total volume increment for a given area to a given age in years, divided by that age $(m^3/ha/year)$. (BC MoF website glossary)

Minimum Harvest Age - The age at which the minimum harvest volume of a stand of trees is reached on the corresponding yield curve.

Minimum Harvest Volume – The minimum amount of merchantable volume $(m^3/hectare)$ by leading tree species required before a stand of trees is considered economically suitable for harvest.

Natural Disturbance – The historic process of fire, insects, wind, landslides, and other natural events in an area not caused by humans.

Range of Natural variability – the variation in extent or occurrence through time of ecosystems, and species resulting from naturally occurring biotic or abiotic disturbances. (Common Usage)

Net Area to be Reforested (NAR) - (a) the portion of the area under a silviculture prescription or Site Plan that does not include:

(i) an area occupied by permanent access structures,

(ii) an area of rock, wetland or other area that in its natural state is incapable of growing a stand of trees that meets the stocking requirements specified in the prescription,

(iii) an area of non-commercial forest cover of 4 ha or less that is indicated in the silviculture prescription as an area where the establishment of a free growing stand is not required.

(iv) a contiguous area of more than 4 ha that the district manager determines is composed of non-commercial forest cover, or

(v) an area indicated in the silviculture prescription as a reserve area where the establishment of a free growing stand is not required, and

(b) if there is no silviculture prescription for a cutblock in a woodlot license area or community forest agreement area, the portion of the cutblock that does not include:

(i) an area occupied by permanent access structures,

(ii) an area of rock, wetland or other area that in its natural state is not capable of supporting a stand of trees that meets the stocking requirements specified in the regulations,

(iii) an area of non-commercial forest cover of 4 ha or less that is indicated in an operational plan as an area where the establishment of a free growing stand is not required,

(iv) a contiguous area of more than 4 ha that the district manager determines is composed of non-commercial forest cover, or

(v) an area indicated in an operational plan as a reserve area where the establishment of a free growing stand is not required. (Forest Practices Code of BC Act; Part 1 - Definitions)

Non-contributing – having no involvement or effect (Common Usage)

NHLB – Non-Harvestable Land Base. The portion of the total area of the Defined Forest Area considered **not** to contribute to, and **not** to be available for, long-term timber supply. The non-harvestable land base includes parks, protected areas, inoperable areas, and other areas and tends to change slightly over time.

Objective – a clear, specific statement of expected quantifiable results to be achieved within a defined period of time related to one or more goals. An objective is commonly stated as a desired level of an indicator. (CSA Z808-96)

Patch – a stand of similar-aged forest that differs in age from adjacent patches by more than 20 years. When used in the design of landscape patterns, the term refers to the size of either a natural disturbance opening that led to an even-aged forest of an opening created by cutblocks. (BC Ministry of Forests Biodiversity Guidebook pp76.)

Peak Flow Index (PFI) – Is an index of the maximum water flow rate that occurs within a specified period of time, usually on an annual or event basis. In the interior of British Columbia, peak flows occur as the snowpack melts in the spring.

Permanent Access Structures – A structure, including a road, bridge, landing, gravel pit or other similar structure, that provides access for timber harvesting and is shown on a forest development plan, access management plan, logging plan, road permit or silviculture prescription / site plan as remaining operational after timber harvesting activities on the area are complete.

Permanent Site Disturbance – roads, landings, gravel pits, and permanent skid trails

Plant Association – A community of plants. A plant association is generally comprised of, at least the three most abundant species found growing on a site, with at least one representative from the tree layer and one or more representatives from either the shrub, herb, or bryophyte layers.

Productive forest land – forest land that is capable of producing a merchantable stand within a defined period of time. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Predictive Ecosystem Mapping (PEM) – A computer-GIS, and knowledge-based method that divides landscapes into ecologically-oriented map units for management purposes. PEM is a new and evolving inventory approach designed to use available spatial data and knowledge of ecological-landscape relationships to automate the computer generation of ecosystem maps. Spatial data typically includes forest cover, digital elevation models, biogeoclimatic units, and may also include bioterrain information. Spatial data layers are overlaid using GIS to produce resultant maps and attributes. The resultant attributes are passed through the PEM knowledge base to derive final ecosystem maps. Field sampling is used to calibrate the knowledge base and to validate the final classification.

Public Advisory Group – an assembly that provides local people, community groups and general public that are interested in, or affected by Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) certification. (Common Usage)

Rare Ecosystems – infrequently occurring; uncommon functional unit consisting of all the living organisms (plants, animals, and microbes) in a given area, and all the non-living physical and chemical factors of their environment, linked together through nutrient cycling and energy flow. (Common Usage)

Rare Flora and Fauna – infrequently occurring; uncommon plants and animals in a given area. (Common Usage)

Recreation Feature – a biological, physical, cultural or historic feature that has recreational significance or value. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Recruitment – the action of enrolling or enlisting people and resources (Common Usage)

Regeneration – the renewal of a tree crop through either natural means (seeded on-site from adjacent stands or deposited by wind, birds, or animals) or artificial means (by planting seedlings or direct seeding). (BC MoF Website Glossary)

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. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Resource Value – values on Crown land which include but are not limited to biological diversity, fisheries, wildlife, minerals, oil and gas, energy, water quality and quantity, recreation and tourism, natural and cultural heritage resource, timber, forage, wilderness and aesthetic values. (BC Ministry of Forests)

Return on Capital Employed – a key financial statistic reflecting the rate of return that the company's management has obtained, on the shareholders' behalf, by their management of the company's assets. ROCE is determined by dividing net income before income taxes for the past 12 months by Common Shareholder's Equity and Long-term Liability. The result is shown as a percentage. (Common Usage)

Riparian – an area of land adjacent to a stream, river, lake or wetland that contains vegetation that, due to the presence of water, is distinctly different from the vegetation of adjacent upland areas. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Riparian Habitat - Vegetation growing close to a watercourse, lake, swamp, or spring that is generally critical for wildlife cover, fish food organisms, stream nutrients and large organic debris, and for stream bank stability.

Riparian Management Area (RMA) – Defined in the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act Operational Planning Regulation as an area, of width determined in accordance with Part 10 or the regulation, that is adjacent to a stream, wetland or lake with a riparian class of L2, L3 or L4; and, consists of a riparian management zone and, depending on the riparian class of the stream, wetland or lake, a riparian reserve zone. See Figure 1.

Riparian Management Zone (RMZ) – Defined in the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act Operational Planning Regulation as that portion of the riparian management area that is outside of any riparian reserve zone or if there is no riparian zone, that area located adjacent to a stream, wetland or lake of a width determined in accordance with Part 10 or the regulation. See Figure 1.

Riparian Reserve Zone (RRZ) – Defined in the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act Operational Planning Regulation as that portion, if any, of the riparian management area or lakeshore management area located adjacent to a stream, wetland or lake of a width determined in accordance with Part 10 of the regulation. See Figure 1.

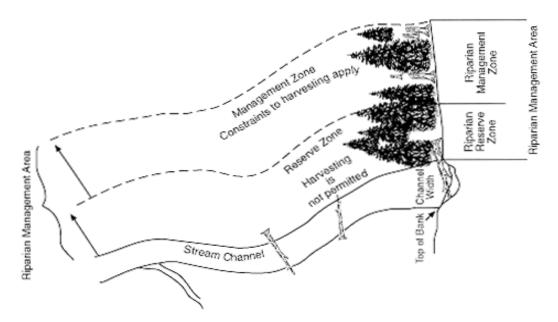


Figure 1. Riparian management area showing a management zone and a reserve zone. Source: Riparian Management Area Guidebook 1995.

Road - A path or way with a specifically prepared surface for use by vehicles.

Road Permit – An agreement entered into under Part 8 of the Forest Act to allow for the construction or modification of a forest road to facilitate access to timber planned for harvest.

Road Density Index – a ratio describing the extent of road development within a given watershed. (Common Usage)

Scenic area – any visually sensitive area or scenic landscape identified through a visual landscape inventory or planning process carried out or approved by the district manager. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Seral Stages – the stages of ecological succession of a plant community, e.g., from young stage to old stage. The characteristic sequence of biotic communities that successively occupy and replace each other by which some components of the physical environment becomes altered over time. The age and structure of seral stages varies significantly from one biogeoclimatic zone to another. (BC Ministry of Forests Biodiversity Guidebook).

Silviculture – The theory and practice of controlling the establishment, composition, growth and quality of forest stands; can include basic silviculture (e.g., planting and seeding) and intensive silviculture (e.g., site rehabilitation, spacing and fertilization).

Site Index – The height of a tree at 50 years of age (age is measured at 1.3m above the ground) In managed forest stands site index may be predicted using either (1) the biogeoclimatic ecosystem classification for the site or (2) the Site Index Curve which uses the height and age of sample trees over 30 years old.

Site Plan – Replaces the silviculture prescription and is created and kept on file by the licensee and does not need Ministry of Forests approval. The site plan identifies the appropriate standards for:

- Stand-level biodiversity and permanent access structures at the cutblock level; and
- Soil disturbance limits, stocking requirements, regeneration date, and free-growing date at the standards unit level

Site Productivity – The site capacity of the land to produce vegetative cover (biomass).

Site Series – A landscape position consisting of a unique combination of soil edaphic features, primarily soil nutrient and moisture regimes within a biogeoclimatic subzone or variant. Soil nutrient and moisture regimes define a site series, which can produce various plant associations (see definition of "plant association"). In the BEC system, site series is identified as a number (e.g., 01,02,03,...).

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

Soil – the naturally occurring, unconsolidated mineral or organic material at the surface of the earth that is capable of supporting plant growth. It extends from the surface to 15 cm below the depth at which properties produced by soil-forming processes can be detected. The soil-forming processes are an interaction between climate, living organisms, and relief acting on soil and soil parent material. Unconsolidated material includes material cemented or compacted by soil-forming processes. Soil may have water covering its surface to a depth of 60 cm or less in the driest part of the year. (BC MoF Website Glossary).

Soil Disturbance – Disturbance caused by a forest practice on an area. This includes areas occupied by excavated or bladed trails of a temporary nature, areas occupied by corduroyed trails, compacted areas, and areas of dispersed disturbance.

Soil Moisture Regime – The amount of moisture in the soil. Generally shown on a scale going from **xeric** (being deficient in moisture - dry) to **mesic** (characterized by moderate or a well-balanced supply of moisture) to **hydric** (characterized by excessive moisture).

Species at risk– A wildlife species that is facing extirpation or extinction if nothing is done to reverse the factors causing its decline, or that is of special concern because it is particularly sensitive to human activities or natural events.

Species Sensitive to Disturbance – plants or animals susceptible to disturbance by natural events (fire, wind, flood, insects) and also by human activities such as forest harvesting or construction of roads. (Common Usage).

Stand – a community of trees sufficiently uniform in species composition, age, arrangement, and condition to be distinguishable as a group from the forest or other growth on the adjoining area, and thus forming a silviculture or management entity. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Stakeholder – A person with an interest or concern with resource management within a defined area (i.e. community, forest district, defined forest area).

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) – established procedure to be followed in carrying out a given operation or in a given situation. (The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language, Fourth Edition).

Stocking Standard – The required range of healthy, well-spaced, acceptable trees growing on an area to achieve a free-growing stand.

Sustainability – the concept of producing a biological resource under management practices that ensure replacement of the part harvested, by regrowth or reproduction, before another harvest occurs. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

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"²⁶

Temporary Access Structures – the area of land within the Designated Forest Area that has been converted through land-use policy (temporarily removed from the productive forest landbase to be rehabilitated after use) to provide access for resources development and protection. Temporary access structures include those haul roads, landings and excavated or bladed trails that will be restored to a productive state upon completion of harvesting. Temporary access structures are identified on operational plans and prescriptions. All areas occupied by temporary access structures must be rehabilitated so that all silvicultural obligations are achieved on the whole of the net area to be reforested. (BC Forest Practices Code Soil Conservation Guidebook)

Timber Harvesting Landbase (THLB) – The portion of the total area of the Defined Forest Area considered to contribute to, and to be available for, long-term timber supply. The harvesting land base is defined by reducing the total land base according to specified management assumptions and tends to change slightly over time.

Understory – any plants growing under the canopy formed by other plants, particularly herbaceous and shrub vegetation under a tree canopy. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

²⁶ The State of Canada's Forests 2001/2002, as cited by the CSA.

Value – a principle, standard, or quality considered worthwhile or desirable. (CSA Z808-96)

Viable – an action or proposed action which has a feasible, realistic outcome (Common Usage)

Visually Effective Greenup – the stage at which regeneration is seen by the public as newly established forest. When VEG is achieved the forest cover generally blocks views of tree stumps, logging debris and bare ground. Distinctions in height, colour, and texture may remain between a cutblock and adjacent forest but the cutblock will no longer be seen as recently cut-over. (BC MoF Visual Landscape Design, Training Manual)

Visual Quality Objective – a resource management objective established by the district manager or contained in a higher level plan that reflects the desired level of visual quality based on the physical characteristics and social concern for the area. Five categories of VQO are commonly used: preservation; retention; partial retention; modification; and, maximum modification. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

Unsalvaged Losses - the volume of timber destroyed by natural causes such as fire, insect, disease or blowdown and not harvested, including the timber actually killed plus any residual volume rendered non-merchantable.

Utilization Standards - the dimensions (stump height, top diameter, base diameter, and length) and quality of trees that must be cut and removed from Crown land during harvesting operations. For detailed standards see the Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual (July 1, 2002 & May 1, 2004 – Draft).

Waste - the volume of timber left on the harvested area that should have been removed in accordance with the minimum utilization standards in the cutting authority. It forms part of the allowable annual cut for cut-control purposes. For detailed standards see the Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurement Procedures Manual (July 1, 2002 & May 1, 2004 – Draft).

Watershed – an area of land, which may or may not be under forest cover, draining water, organic matter, dissolved nutrients, and sediments into a lake or stream. The topographic boundary, usually a height of land that marks the dividing line from which surface streams flow in two different directions. (Dictionary of Natural Resource Management, Julian and Katherine Dunster, 1996)

Windthrow – see Blowdown.

Winter Range – a range, usually at lower elevation, used by migratory deer, elk, caribou, moose, etc., during the winter months and typically better defined and smaller than summer range. (BC MoF Website Glossary)

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APPENDIX 2 – SUMMARY OF PUBLICLY DEVELOPED VALUES, OBJECTIVES AND INDICATORS

| CCFM Criterion | CSA Element | Value | Objective | Core Indicator | Indicator Statement | Target | Previous Morice SFMP Indicator |
|--|---|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| Conserve biological diversity byConser diversity maintaining integrity, | 1.1 Ecosystem Diversity Conserve ecosystem diversity at the stand and landscape level by maintaining the variety of communities and ecosystems that naturally occur in the DFA | The range of functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA | Functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between ecosystems on the DFA will fluctuate within a (naturally, socially) acceptable range of variation over time | 1.1.1 Ecosystem Area by Type | Percent representation of ecosystem group across the DFA | Rare ecosystems groups identified will not be harvested. | M17 : Percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC Variant by licensee |
| | | Abundance and distribution of common and rare habitats within a range of variability over time to conserve species in the DFA. | A constant supply of habitats and/or attributes sufficient to conserve species that occur naturally on the DFA through time. | 1.1.2 Forest area by type or species composition | Percent distribution of forest type (treed conifer, treed broad leaf, treed mixed) >20 years old across DFA | CFP will maintain 85- 95% Coniferous, 2.5- 7.5% Broadleaf and 2.5- 7.5% Mixed stands. BCTS will maintain 80- 90% Coniferous, 5-10% Broadleaf and 5-10% Mixed stands. | M33: Percent Species Composition by BEC by licensee |
| | | The range of functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and | Functions, interactions and processes that occur naturally within and between | 1.1.3 Forest area by seral stage or age class | Percent late seral distribution by ecological unit across the DFA | Stay within targets of Percent late seral (old) distribution by ecological unit | M32: Percent Seral Stage Distribution by LRMP Biodiversity Emphasis Area / BEC Combination by Licensee |

| | between ecosystems on the DFA | ecosystems on the DFA will fluctuate within a (naturally, socially) acceptable range of variation over time. | 1.1.4 Degree of within-stand structural retention | Percent of stand structure retained across the DFA in harvested areas | Landscape level of target 7% | M15: Percent area retained in WTR by Licensee Annually |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| | | | | Percent of blocks meeting dispersed retention levels as prescribed in the site plan/logging plan | 100% | M53: Percent of Harvesting by Licensee Where Recommended Operational Guidelines Have Been Applied to Retain Structural Habitat Elements |
| | | | | Number of non- conformances where forest operations are not consistent with riparian management requirements as identified in operation plans. | 0 | M10: Percent of cut blocks harvested that are consistent with riparian management area commitments by licensee |
| | | | 1.1.5 Degree of habitat connectivity (Local Indicator) | Percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC variant by licensee. | Trending toward early seral patch targets. Targets are derived from the Biodiversity Guidebook, and Morice LRMP for the natural distrubance types that occur on the DFA. | M17:Percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC Variant by licensee |
| 1.2 Species Diversity Conserve species diversity by ensuring that habitats for the native species found in the DFA are maintained through time, including habitats for | Abundance and distribution of common and rare habitats within a range of variability over time to conserve | A constant supply of habitats and/or attributes sufficient to conserve species that occur naturally on the | 1.2.1 Degree of habitat protection for selected focal species, including species at risk | Percent of forest management activities consistent with management strategies for Species of Management Concern | 100% conformance with management strategies. | M53: Percent of Harvesting by Licensee Where Recommended Operational Guidelines Have Been Applied to Retain Structural Habitat Elements |

| known occurrences of species at risk | species on the DFA. | DFA through time. | 1.2.2 Degree of suitable habitat in the long term for selected focal species, including species at risk | | | M33: Percent Species Composition by BEC by licensee M37: Total area by Ecosystem & Wildlife Value Class by licensee |
|---|--|--|--|---|--|---|
| | | | 1.2.3 Proportion of Regeneration comprised of native species | Regeneration will be consistent with provincial regulations and standards for seed and vegetative material use | 100% conformance with Chief Forester's Standards for seed use. | none |
| 1.3 Genetic Diversity Conserve genetic diversity by maintaining the variation of genes within species and ensuring that reforestation programs are | The opportunity for individuals within sub-species and species to move and interact within their | Habitats for species present on the DFA that are functionally connected over a range of spatial | No core indicator in Z809-08 for Element 1.3 - waiting for practical indicators to be | Regeneration will be consistent with provincial regulations and standards for seed and vegetative material use | 100% conformance with Chief Forester's Standards for seed use. | M17: Percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC Variant by licensee |
| free of genetically modified organisms | natural range in and across the DFA. | and temporal scales. | developed. Proportion of genetically modified trees in reforestation efforts | | | M32: Percent Seral Stage Distribution by LRMP Biodiversity Emphasis Area / BEC Combination by Licensee |
| 1.4 Protected Areas and Sites of Special Biological and Cultural Significance Respect protected areas identified through government processes. Cooperate in broader landscape management | Protected areas and sites of biological and cultural significance are identified and appropriately managed. | Protected areas identified through government processes are respected and accommodated. Biologically and culturally | 1.4.1 Proportion of identified sites with implemented management strategies | Percent of forest management activities consistent with management strategies for protected areas and sites of biological significance | 100% conformance with management strategies. | M27: Percentage of forest management commitments completed on time resulting from consultations regarding non-timber features and interests by licensee |
| related to protected areas and sites of special biological and cultural significance. Identify sites of special geological, | manageu. | significant areas are identified and management strategies appropriate to | | significance | | M31: Percent Seral Stage Distribution by Ecosystem & Wildlife Value Class by licensee |
| biological, or cultural significance within the DFA and implement | | their long term maintenance are implemented. | | | | Indicator M37: Total area by Ecosystem & Wildlife Value Class by |

| | management strategies appropriate to their long- term maintenance | | | | | | licensee |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| | | | | | | | Indicator M46: Road density by Ecosystem & Wildlife Value Class by licensee |
| | | | | 1.4.2 Protection of identified sacred and culturally important sites | % of identified Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and uses considered in forestry planning processes | 100% of blocks and roads have consultation records and there is a record of the Aboriginals involved, the comments received, the level of consultation carried out, and any adjustment to strategies or accomodation made as a result of this consultation. 100% of cutblocks and roads have a Cultural Heritage Resource (CHR) assessment completed and strategies implemented to protect the resource features. | M27: Percentage of forest management commitments completed on time resulting from consultations regarding non-timber features and interests by licensee |
| 2. Ecosystem Condition and Productivity Conserve forest ecosystem condition and productivity by maintaining the health, vitality, and rates of biological production | 2.1 Forest Ecosystem Resilience Conserve ecosystem resilience by maintaining both ecosystem processes and ecosystem conditions | Healthy, productive forests that support ecosystem conditions and process. | Forest ecosystem resilient to disturbances and stresses. | 2.1.1 Reforestation success | Average Regeneration delay for stands established annually | Regeneration delay, CFP: <= 2.5 years BCTS: <= 4.0 years | M17: Percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC Variant by licensee M32: Percent Seral Stage Distribution by LRMP Biodiversity Emphasis Area / BEC Combination by Licensee |
| | | | | | | | M33: Percent Species Composition by BEC by licensee |

| | 2.2 Forest Ecosystem Productivity Conserve ecosystem productivity and productive capacity by maintaining ecosystem conditions that are capable of supporting naturally occurring species. Reforest promptly and use tree species ecologically suited to the site | Ecosystem and biological productivity is conserved on the DFA. | Sustainable rates of ecosystem and biological productivity | 2.2.1 Additions and deletions to the forest area | Percent of gross forested landbase in the DFA converted to non-forest land use through forest management activities | Gross DFA converted to permanent access CFP: = 2.2% BCTS: = 3.0% | M25: Percent of Gross Forest Area converted to permanent access by licensee. M17: Percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC Variant by licensee M32: Percent Seral Stage Distribution by LRMP Biodiversity Emphasis Area / BEC Combination by Licensee |
|---|---|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | | | | 2.2.2 Proportion of the calculated long-term sustainable harvest level that is actually harvested | Percent of volume harvested compared to the allocated harvest level | 100% over the cut control period as defined by Timber supply forecast harvest flow | M20: Percentage of AAC harvested by licensee |
| 3. Soil and Water Conserve soil and water resources by maintaining their quantity and quality in forest ecosystems | 3.1 Soil Quality and Quantity Conserve soil resources by maintaining soil quality and quantity | Productive capacity of soil resources are conserved | Soil quantity and quality are sustained through their characteristic range of variation on the DFA over time | 3.1.1 Level of soil disturbance | Percent of harvested blocks meeting soil disturbance objectives identified in plans | 100% of blocks meet soil disturbance objectives. | M23: Percentage of Blocks meeting NAR disturbance objectives by licensee M25: Percent of Gross Forest Area converted to permanent access by licensee |
| | | | | 3.1.2 Level of downed woody debris | Percent of cutblocks reviewed where post harvest CWD levels are within the targets contained in Plans | 100% of blocks reviewed annually will meet target. | M53: Percent of Harvesting by Licensee Where Recommended Operational Guidelines Have Been Applied to Retain Structural Habitat Elements |

| | 3.2 Water Quality and QuantityConserve water resources by maintaining water quality and quantity | Water Quantity and Quality | Water quantity and quality are sustained through their characteristic range of variation, on the DFA through time. | 3.2.1 Proportion of watershed or water management areas with recent stand- replacing disturbance | Sensitive watersheds that are above Peak Flow targets will have further assessment | 100% of sensitive watershed will have further assessments if they are above the peak flow target. The initial peak flow target is 30%. | M45: Equivalent clear cut area (ECA) by Sensitive watershed by licensee M52: Road density index (RDI) by sensitive watershed by licensee |
|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|--|
| | | | | % of high hazard drainage structures in sensitive watersheds with identified water quality concerns that have mitigation strategies implemented | 100% of high hazard drainage structures in sensitive watersheds will have mitigations strategies implemented. | M7: Percentage of Identified High Hazard Structures with Actions Plans Implemented by Licensee | |
| | | | | | strategies | | M10: Percent of cut blocks harvested that are consistent with riparian management area commitments by licensee |
| 4. Role in Global Ecological Cycles Maintain forest conditions and management activities that contribute to the | 4.1 Carbon Uptake and Storage Maintain the processes that take carbon from the atmosphere and store it in forest ecosystems | Storage of carbon in forest ecosystems and products | Forest ecosystems are net carbon sinks over time. | 4.1.1 Net carbon uptake | Maintain the retention of existing (or replacement of) old forest retention area | Maintain status for Old Seral Stage distribution (See LRMP Specific management) –high biodivsity emphasis area and general forested | M32: Percent Seral Stage Distribution by LRMP Biodiversity Emphasis Area / BEC Combination by Licensee |
| health of global ecological cycles | | | | | | area | M53: Percent of Harvesting by Licensee Where Recommended Operational Guidelines Have Been Applied to Retain Structural Habitat Elements |
| | | | | | | | M57: Ecosystem Carbon Storage by tonnes/ha. by Licensee |
| | 4.2 Forest Land Conversion Protect forest lands from | Ecosystem and biological productivity is | Sustainable rates of ecosystem and biological | 2.2.1 Additions and deletions to | Percent of gross forested landbase in the DFA converted to | Gross DFA converted to permanent access | M25: Percent of Gross Forest Area converted to permanent access by |

| | deforestation or conversion to non-forests, where ecologically appropriate | conserved on the DFA. | productivity | the forest area | non-forest land use through forest management activities | CFP: = 2.2% BCTS: = 3.0% | licensee. M17: Percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC Variant by licensee M32: Percent Seral Stage Distribution by LRMP Biodiversity Emphasis Area / BEC Combination by Licensee M49: Area Weighted Average Minimum Harvest Age Mean Annual Increment (m3/ha/year) by BEC by licensee |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| 5. Economic and Social Benefits Sustain flows of forest benefits for current and future generations by providing multiple goods and services | 5.1 Timber and Non- Timber Benefits Manage the forest sustainably to produce an acceptable and feasible mix of timber and non- timber benefits. Evaluate timber and non-timber forest products and forest- based services | A balanced supply and variety of timber and non- timber Products, services and benefits on the DFA | A sustainable harvest and use of non-timber forest products services and benefits, A variety of agricultural products are provided from the DFA, A full range | 5.1.1 Quantity and quality of timber and non- timber benefits, products, and services produced in the DFA | Percent of volume harvested compared to the allocated harvest level | 100% over the cut control period as defined by Timber supply forecast harvest flow | M20: Percentage of AAC harvested by licensee |

| | of recreation opportunities are provided on the DFA | | | M21: Ratio of annual mill consumption to AAC apportionment harvested by licensee |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| | | Conformance with strategies for non- timber benefits identified in plans | 100% conformance for site level plans. | M11: Percent area less than VEG by recreation class by licensee |
| | | | | M12: Percentage of Blocks and Roads Harvested Annually by Licensee that are Consistent with the Visual Quality Objective (VQO) |
| | | | | M13: Percent area in suitable forage opportunity class by LU by licensee |
| | | | | M19: Percent Seral Stage Distribution by non- timber tenure license by forest licensee |
| | | | | M27: Percentage of forest management commitments completed on time resulting from consultations regarding non-timber features and interests by licensee |

| | | | | | | M32: Percent Seral Stage Distribution by LRMP Biodiversity Emphasis Area / BEC Combination by Licensee |
|---|---|--|---|---------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | | | M35: Percent species composition of harvest volume by licensee |
| | | | | | | M42: Area of arable land (Ha/5yr.) within contributing and non- contributing forest converted to agricultural lease by agricultural unit in licensee operating area |
| | | | | | | M47: Road density by recreation class by licensee |
| | | | | | | M56: Percent of Fires Burning During Poor or Fair Air Quality Conditions by Licensee |
| 5.2 Communities and Sustainability Contribute to the sustainability of communities by providing | Healthy and sustainable communities | A diverse local economy and local participation in the use and management of | 5.2.1 Level of investment in initiatives that contribute to community | Investment in local communities | Percent of dollars spent in local communities; 5- year rolling average. Target will be 45.0% for Canfor and 21.0% for | M6: Number of Continual Improvement– related projects in the DFA by licensee |
| diverse opportunities to derive benefits from forests and by supporting local community economies | | forest benefits on the DFA. | sustainability | | BCTS. | M24: Percentage of Total Goods and Services Provided by Local Vendors by Licensee |

| | | | | | M27: Percentage of forest management commitments completed on time resulting from consultations regarding non-timber features and interests by licensee |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| | | 5.2.1 Level of investment in initiatives that contribute to community sustainability | Benefits directed into local communities by licensee (Local Indicator). | Amount of benefits directed into local communities; 5-year rolling average. Target will be \$38,000 for Canfor. | M43: Benefits directed into local communities by licensee |
| | | 5.2.2 Level of investment in training and skills development | Training in environmental and safety procedures in compliance with company training plans | 100% of company employees and contractors will have both environmental and safety training as identified on licensee training plans. (Variance = -10%) | none |
| | | 5.2.3 Level of direct and indirect employment | Maintain average level of direct and indirect employment | Canfor: = 940,424m ³ * 2.65jobs/1000m ³ = 2492 direct and indirect jobs | M20: Percentage of AAC harvested by licensee |
| | | | | BCTS: = 339,410m ³ * 2.65 jobs/1000m ³ = 899 direct and indirect jobs | |

| | | | | 5.2.4 Level of Aboriginal participation in the forest economy | Number of opportunities for Aboriginals to participate in the forest economy | Number of opportunities; three-year rolling average. Canfor: ≥ 5 BCTS: ≥ 2 (Variance = -10%) | M4: Number of Participation Opportunities by Opportunity Type |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---|--|---|---|---|
| 6. Society's Responsibility Society's responsibility for sustainable forest management requires that fair, equitable, and | 6.1 Aboriginal and Treaty Rights Recognize and respect Aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights. Understand and comply with current legal | Aboriginal and Treaty Rights | Recognition and respect of aboriginal rights. | 6.1.1 Evidence of a good understanding of the nature of Aboriginal title and rights | Employees will receive Aboriginal awareness training | 100% of employees trained in Aboriginal awareness as outlined in the companies training matrix. (Variance = -10%) | none |
| effective forest management decisions are made | requirements related to Aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights | | | 6.1.2 Evidence of best efforts to obtain acceptance of management plans based on Aboriginal communities having a clear understanding of the plans | Evidence of best efforts to obtain acceptance of management plans based on Aboriginal communities having a clear understanding of the plans. | 100% of Management Plans. | M2: Number of Communications by Licensee M5: Number of Aboriginal Participation Opportunities by Licensee |
| | | | | 6.1.3 Level of management and/or protection of areas where culturally important practices and activities (hunting, fishing, gathering) occur | Percent of forest operations in conformance with operational/site plans developed to address Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and uses | 100% compliance with operational plans and corresponding results and strategies. 100% of blocks and roads that have had a CHR assessment completed. 100% of blocks and roads have a completed consultation record. (0 Variance) | M54: Percentage of comments receiving response by type by licensee |

| 6.2 Respect for Aboriginal Forest Values, Knowledge, and Uses Respect traditional Aboriginal forest values, knowledge, and uses as identified through the Aboriginal input process | Protected areas and sites of biological and cultural significance are identified and appropriately managed. | Protected areas identified through government processes are respected and accommodated. Biologically and culturally significant areas are identified and management strategies appropriate to their long term maintenance are implemented. | 6.2.1 Evidence of understanding and use of Aboriginal knowledge through the engagement of willing Aboriginal communities, using a process that identifies and manages culturally important resources and values | % of identified Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and uses considered in forestry planning processes | 100% of blocks and roads have consultation records and there is a record of the Aboriginals involved, the comments received, the level of consultation carried out, and any adjustment to strategies or accomodation made as a result of this consultation. 100% of cutblocks and roads have a Cultural Heritage Resource (CHR) assessment completed and strategies implemented to protect the resource features. | M5: Number of Aboriginal Participation Opportunities by Licensee M27: Percentage of forest management commitments completed on time resulting from consultations regarding non-timber features and interests by licensee |
|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| 6.3 Forest Community Well-Being and Resilience Encourage, co-operate with, or help to provide opportunities for economic diversity within the community | Strength and Diversity in the economy | Participate in the local economy by having relationships with forest dependant businesses | 6.3.1 Evidence that the organization has co-operated with other forest- dependent businesses, forest users, and the local community to strengthen and diversify the local economy | Primary products, by- products, and services that are bought, sold, traded, or utilized with other forest dependent businesses forest users, and the community in the local area. | 10 purchase/sale/trade/servi ce relationships in the local area. (Variance -20%) | none |

| | Healthy and sustainable communities | A diverse local economy and local participation in the use and management of forest benefits on the DFA. | 6.3.2 Evidence of co-operation with DFA-related workers and their unions to improve and enhance safety standards, procedures, and outcomes in all DFA-related workplaces and affected communities | Implementation and maintenance of certified safety program | Become and maintain Safe certification | none |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|--|
| | | | 6.3.3 Evidence that a worker safety program has been implemented and is periodically reviewed and improved | Implementation and maintenance of certified safety program | Become and maintain Safe certification | none |
| 6.4 Fair and Effective Decision-Making Demonstrate that the SFM public participation process is designed and functioning to the satisfaction of the participants and that there is general public awareness of the process and it's progress | Fair, equitable and effective public participation. | A public involvement process designed, implemented and functioning to the satisfaction of the participants. | 6.4.1 Level of participant satisfaction with the public participation process | PAG established and maintained and satisfaction survey implemented according to Terms of Reference | Complete Public Advisory Group evaluation form at end of each meeting, assess results and develop action plans at subsequent meeting when the overall average PAG meeting satisfaction is less than 4. | M50: Public Advisory Group established and maintained according to approved Terms of Reference |
| | | | 6.4.2 Evidence of efforts to promote capacity development and | Numbers of educational opportunities for information and/or | Licensee All: >= 1 | M2: Number of Communications by Licensee |
| | | | meaningful participation in general | training that are delivered to the Public Advisory Group | | M6: Number of Continual Improvement– related projects in the DFA by licensee |

| | | | | | | M54: Percentage of comments receiving response by type by licensee |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|---|
| | | | 6.4.3 Evidence of efforts to promote capacity development and meaningful participation for Aboriginal communities | Evidence of best efforts to obtain acceptance of management plans based on Aboriginal communities having a clear understanding of the plans. | 100% of Management Plans. | M54: Percentage of comments receiving response by type by licensee |
| 6.5 Information for Decision-Making Provide relevant | Informed decision-making and increased knowledge | Relevant information is exchanged between interested parties | 6.5.1 Number of people reached through educational outreach | Number of people to whom educational opportunities are provided. | Number of people to whom educational opportunities are provided. Target # of 50. (Variance of -10) | M6: Number of Continual Improvement– related projects in the DFA by licensee |
| information and educational opportunities to interested parties to support their involvement in the public participation process, and increase | educational opportunities to interested parties to support their involvement in the public participation | to support decision-making and increased knowledge of ecosystem | | | | M54: Percentage of comments receiving response by type by licensee |
| knowledge of ecosystem processes and human interactions with forest ecosystems | | processes and interactions with forest ecosystems | 6.5.2 Availability of summary information on issues of concern to the public | SFM monitoring report made available to the public | Annual monitoring report was made publically available on an external website. | none |
| | | | Total | 37 proposed indicators | | |

APPENDIX 3 – SPECIES OF MANAGEMENT CONCERN

Wildlife Species

| Species | SAS Group | BC List | SARA | Species of Management Concern |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| American Bittern | 3w,r | Blue | | |
| Caribou | 4 | No Status | | Y |
| Fisher | 3c | Blue | | Y |
| Grizzly Bear | 1 | Blue | | |
| Lewis's Woodpecker | 4 | Red | 1-SC (Jun 2003) | Y |
| Long-billed Curlew | 6 | Blue | 1-SC (Jan 2005) | |
| Mountain Goat | 4 | Yellow | | Y |
| Olive-sided Flycatcher | 1 | Blue | 1-T (Feb 2010) | |
| Peregrine Falcon | 4 | No Status | | Y |
| Rusty Blackbird | 3w,r | Blue | 1-SC (Mar 2009) | Y |
| Short-eared Owl | 4 | Blue | 3 (Mar 2005) | Y |
| Townsend's Big-eared Bat | 6 | Blue | | |

| Western Toad | 3w,r | Blue | 1-SC (Jan 2005) | Y |
|--------------|------|-----------|-----------------|---|
| Wolverine | 1 | No Status | | |

<u>Plants</u>

| Species | BC List | Bec Zone |
|---------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| alpine lily | Blue | ESSFmc |
| Back's sedge | Blue | SBSdk |
| dainty moonwort | Blue | ESSF |
| diverse-leaved cinquefoil | Blue | ESSF |
| Montana larkspur | Blue | ESSF |
| purple oniongrass | Blue | ESSF <i>,</i> SBSdk |
| western Jacob's-ladder | Blue | ESSFmv, SBSmc |
| Whitebark Pine | Blue | ESSFmc, ESSFmv, SBSmc, SBSwk |

Plant Communities

| Species | Bec units | BC List |
|---|-----------|---------|
| black spruce / creeping-snowberry / peat-mosses | SBSdk/09 | Blue |

| lodgepole pine / common juniper / rough-leaved | | Blue |
|---|-----------|------|
| ricegrass | SBSdk/02 | |
| (balsam poplar, black cottonwood) - spruces / red- | | Red |
| osier dogwood | SBSdk/08 | |
| Douglas-fir / red-stemmed feathermoss - step moss | SBSdk/04 | Blue |
| black spruce / common horsetail / peat-mosses | SBSwk3/08 | Blue |
| black spruce / common horsetail / peat-mosses | SBSwk3/08 | Blue |
| lodgepole pine / black huckleberry / reindeer lichens | SBSwk3/02 | Blue |
| Douglas-fir - hybrid white spruce / thimbleberry | SBSwk3/03 | Blue |

Data From BC Ecosystems Explorer http://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/eswp

Current as of January 2012

Includes species with provincial conservation status of Red and Blue, plus species identified in species accounting system.

Species of Management Concern identifies species that both occur in the DFA and are affected by Forest Management.

SAS group definitions

- 1. Generalists and/or species that benefit from forest practices
- 2. Species that are associated with broad habitat types.
- 3. Species with Strong dependencies on specific habitat elements. (riparian, wetlands, cavities, snags, etc)
- 4. Species restricted to highly localized and/.or specialized habitats.
- 5. Species for which patch size and connectivity are considered important.
- 6. Species not dependent on forested environments.

APPENDIX 4 – BC TIMBER SALES FIRST NATIONS ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY

Consultation Process for Operational Plans, Timber Sale Licences and Road Permits January 2011

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Appendix 1 was based on a document prepared by Laura Chessor and Laurie McCulligh for the Strait of Georgia Business Area.

Background:

In May of 2010, the Provincial Government released new procedures to guide Provincial Government staff when consulting with First Nations. The procedures apply to all provincial agencies with the authority to make decisions about land use.

The new provincial procedures and related documents may be found in this link:

Aboriginal Relations E-Guide and Tools | Ministry of Natural Resource Operations

For convenience, the complete list of consultation documents is shown below:

- 1. Updated Procedures for Meeting Legal Obligations When Consulting First Nations
- 2. Provincial Preliminary Assessment Guideline
- 3. Accommodation Guidance Document
- 4. Operational Guidance on the Role of Proponents in First Nations Consultation
- 5. Consultation Record Guide
- 6. First Nations Consultation Letter Guide

This Appendix was developed to bring BCTS First Nations consultation procedures in line with provincial procedures; however, opportunities for efficiencies were incorporated reflecting the nature of BCTS operations. For example, the provincial documents describe steps for co-ordinated consultation between ministries. These steps typically don't apply to BCTS operations; and are not included in this document.

Table showing BCTS Consultation Process for Groups of TSL's (Operating Plan), Single TSL's, and Road Permits:

| Phase | Steps | Description and Resources |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1: Preparation (Planning | 1.1 Decide which First | GEOBC CAD mapping tool; |
| Forester) | Nations to consult with. | FNQ2; |
| This phase is based on the | | Local maps. |

| document titled 'Provincial Preliminary Assessment Guideline' and the 'Updated Procedures For Meeting Legal Obligations When Consulting First Nations'. | | |
|--|--|---|
| | 1.2 Identify any agreements with First Nations that would guide the consultation process. | Treaties, SEA's, FRO and FRA's for example. These agreements may contain detailed consultation process information such as the duration of consultation period and other details. |
| | 1.3 Review TUS and archaeology information. | GEOBC TUS tool (a source of traditional use studies) GEOBC RAAD tool (a source of archaeology information) |
| | 1.4 Consider a potential strength of the claim of Aboriginal interest (weak to strong) and decide the potential impact on Aboriginal | AECIS website for research reports. Note that access to research reports typically requires MARR approval. |
| | interests (negligible to serious). | Note: Considering a potential strength of claim may require consulting with professionals or experts in other fields (archaeologists for example) and with other government First Nations staff to make this decision. |
| | 1.5 Decide a preliminary depth of consultation (notification, | Base your decision on your estimation of potential |

| normal or deep) for each First | strength of claim of |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nation. | Aboriginal interest and level |
| | of potential impact on those |
| | interests. |

APPENDIX 5 – NON-REPLACABLE FOREST LICENSE (NRFL) RISK ASSESSMENT

Canfor and BCTS do not have exclusive rights to harvesting on the DFA. Other license holdersalso operate within the DFA. As a result, these license holders do have the ability to impact Canfor's and BCTS's ability to achieve their targets for some of the indicators in this plan. To provide confidence that the reporting is representative of what is happening in the DFA, the licensee volume summary table below provides the amount of volume that could potentially be harvested in the DFA by other operators. The risk ranking matrix below describes how each indicator is or is not impacted by other operators, and exactly what is being reported.

| | | | Ν | lorice T. | S.A. Licensee | Volume Sum | mary Table | | |
|---|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------|--|--|---|--|-----------------|
| Licensee | License | Expiry | Туре | AAC | Volume that could be harvested in DFA | Volume managed by SFMP signatories | total volume for non replaceable licenses | Remarks/Risk assesssment | Risk to SFMP |
| Babine Forest Products Ltd. | A16823 | 31-Dec-2016 | Transfer | 38,640 | 38,640 | | 154,560 | IFPA cut uplift transfered from Lakes TSA. Canfor has provided BFP with areas they could yarvest in to ensure conformance with SFMP. BFP communicates their plans to Canfor. BFP partcicpated in developing the IFPA forestry plan | Low |
| West Fraser (Houston Forest | | | | | | | | Have their own operating area in the Morice TSA. Were involvewd in developing the SFMP. Do not harvest within the DFA. HFP participates in the IFPA | |
| Products) | A16827 | 31-Oct-2021 | Replaceable | 589,836 | | | | forestry plan and developing the original SFMP. | Nil |
| Canadian Forest Products | A16828 | 31-Oct-2022 | Replaceable | 940,424 | 940,424 | 940,424 | | Signatory to the SFM plan. | Nil |
| BC timber Sales Babine | | | Timber sales | 339,410 | 339,410 | 339,410 | | Signatory to the SFM plan. | Nil |
| Wet'suwet'en Ventures Ltd. | A71014 | 31-May-2015 | Non-Replaceable | 100,000 | 100,000 | | 500,000 | No volume harvestd in the DFA to date. No record of performance on this license sincr it was issued. Still have 3 years to harvest. | Moderate |
| | | | | | | | | No harvest volume harvested in the DFA to date. BFP facitity was destroyed Jan 2012. BFP will not likley be able to commence harvest on this license unitl 2014 if the mill is rebuilt. BFP communicates their harvesting | |
| Babine Forest Products Ltd. | A83729 | 31-Dec-2015 | Non-Replaceable | 43,948 | 43,948 | | 219,740 | plans withother licensees. BFP partcicpated in developing the IFPA forestry plan. | Low |
| Lakes Timber Health and | | | | | | | | Bioenergy licenses targeting 75% pine 90% grey less than 214 m3 for the first fiveyears and 264m3 for the | |
| Salvage Ltd. Northern Engineered | A85565 | 14-Jul-2019 | Non-Replaceable | 50,000 | 50,000 | | 500,000 | seconbd five years. No harvest performance to date. Bioenergy licenses targeting 75% pine 90% grey less | Low |
| Wood Product | A85566 | 14-Jul-2019 | Non-Replaceable | 50,000 | 50,000 | | 500,000 | than 214 m3 for the first fiveyears and 264m3 for the secondd five years. No harvest performance to date. | Low |
| Lowell A Johnson Consultants Ltd. | A87918 | 4-Jan-2013 | Non-Replaceable | 41,126 | 41,126 | | | Managed by Canfor. Harvesting in the DFA on this license follows the SFMP | Nil |
| Lake Babine Nation | A88866 | 31-Dec-2016 | Non-Replaceable | 14,096 | 14,096 | | 70,480 | No harvest performance to date and a very small amount of volume | Low |
| | | | | | | | | Being cut in HFP's operating area and outside the DFA. Fraser Lake Sawmills participates in the IFPA Forestry | |
| West Fraser | A16826 | 31-Dec-2016 | Transfer | 29,640 | | | 118,560 | Plan and herlp develop the SFMP. No harvest performance ot date in the Morice TSA. | Nil |
| Skin Tyee Wet'suwet'en First Nation | A83847 | 31-Jan-2013 | Transfer | 53,500 | 53,500 | | 267,500 | Tranfer expires in a year. | Low |
| 0639881 B.C. LTD. | A72921 | 31-Aug-2012 | Transfer | 50,000 | 50,000 | | 250,000 | No harvest performance to date and transfer expires in less than 1 year. | Low |
| | Total volume | | | 2,340,620 | 1,721,144 | 1,279,834 | 2,580,840 | | |
| | Pct of volume | that could be har | vested in DFA mana | gede by SFMF | signatories | 74.4% | | | |
| | Volume that c | ould be harveste | d in DFA assessed as | low risk | | 300,184 | | | |
| | | that is low risk to | | | | 17.4% | | | |
| | | | d assessed as moder | ate risk | | 100,000 | | | |
| | Pct of volume | that is moderate | risk to the DFA | | | 5.8% | | | |

| Risk Rank Ref | Expected Impact of Other Licensees on the Indicator |
|---------------|--|
| а | Other licensees (NRFL holders) DO have the ability to impact the target, however, the annual report will include these activities in the analysis to the extent the data that is publically available is current. |
| b | Other licensees (NRFL holders) DO have the ability to impact the target, however, legislation exists that regulates the activity and result. As all licensees are subject to this regulation, the risk of others impacting Canfor's and BCTS's ability to achieve the target is considered LOW |
| с | This indicator applies only to Canfor's and BCTS's activities on the DFA. |

| Indicator # | Indicator Statement | Target | Risk Rank Ref |
|-------------|---|--|---------------|
| 1.1.1 | Percent representation of ecosystem groups across the DFA | Rare ecosystems groups as identified in the previous table will not be harvested. | а |
| 1.1.2 | Percent distribution of forest type (treed conifer, treed broad leaf, treed mixed) >20 years old across the DFA | Target percentages for BCTS and Canfor for Percent distribution of forest type (coniferous, broadleaf, mixed) >20 years old across the DFA (as per the Table in the SFM Plan. | а |
| 1.1.3 | Percent late seral distribution by ecological unit across the DFA. | Percent late seral (old) distribution by ecological unit as shown in the table | b |
| 1.1.4(a) | Percent of stand structure retained across the DFA in harvested areas | Landscape level of target 7%. | b |
| 1.1.4(b) | Percent of blocks meeting dispersed retention levels as prescribed in the site plan/logging plan | 100% | b |
| 1.1.4(c) | Number of non-conformance where forest operations are not consistent with riparian management requirements as identified in operational plans | 0 | b |

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|-------------|--|--|---------------|
| 1.1.5 | Percent forest in each patch type by patch size class by BEC variant by licensee. | Trending toward early seral patch targets as shown in the table | а |
| 1.2.1 | Percent of forest management activities consistent with management strategies for Species of Management Concern. | 100% conformance with management strategies | b |
| 1.2.3 | Regeneration will be consistent with provincial regulations and standards for seed and vegetative material use | 100% conformance with Chief Forester's Standards for seed use. | b |
| 1.3.1 | (Duplicate) Regeneration will be consistent with provincial regulations and standards for seed and vegetative material use | 100% conformance with Chief Forester's Standards for seed use. | b |
| 1.4.1 | Percent of forest management activities consistent with management strategies for protected areas and sites of biological significance | 100% conformance with management strategies | b |
| 1.4.2 | Percent of identified Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and uses considered in forestry planning processes | 100% of blocks and roads have consultation records and there is a record of the Aboriginals involved, the comments received, the level of consultation carried out, and any adjustment to strategies or accomodation made as a result of this consultation. 100% of cutblocks and roads have a Cultural Heritage Resource (CHR) assessment completed and strategies implemented to protect the resource features. | b |
| 2.1.1(a) | Average Regeneration delay for stands established annually | Regeneration delay achieved in: CFP: <= 2.5 years BCTS: <= 4.0 years | b |
| 2.2.1 | Percent of gross forested land base in the DFA converted to non-forest land use through forest management activities | The targets by licensee will be as follows: • Canfor = 2.2% • BCTS = 3.0% | а |
| 2.2.2 | Percent of volume harvested compared to the allocated harvest level | 100% over the cut control period as defined by timber supply forecast harvest flow | С |
| 3.1.1 | Percent of harvested blocks meeting soil disturbance objectives identified in plans | 100% of blocks meet soil disturbance objectives | b |

| Indicator # | Indicator Statement | Target | Risk Rank Ref |
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| 3.1.2 | Percent of cutblocks reviewed where post harvest CWD levels are within the targets contained in Plans | 100% of blocks reviewed annually will meet target. | b |
| 3.2.1(a) | Sensitive watersheds that are above Peak Flow targets will have further assessment | 100% of sensitive watershed will have further assessments if they are above the peak flow target. The initial peak flow target is 30%. | а |
| 3.2.1(b) | % of high hazard drainage structures in sensitive watersheds with identified water quality concerns that have mitigation strategies implemented | 100% of high hazard drainage structures in sensitive watersheds will have mitigations strategies implemented. | С |
| 4.1.1 | (Duplicate) Maintain the retention of existing (or replacement of) old forest retention area. | Percent late seral (old) distribution by ecological unit as shown in the table | b |
| 4.2.1 | (Duplicate) Percent of gross forested landbase in the DFA converted to non-forest land use through forest management activities | The targets by licensee will be as follows: • Canfor = 2.2% • BCTS = 3.0% | а |
| 5.1.1(a) | (Duplicate) Percent of volume harvested compared to the allocated harvest level | 100% over the cut control period as defined by timber supply forecast harvest flow | С |
| 5.1.1(b) | Conformance with strategies for non-timber benefits identified in Plans. | 100% | b |
| 5.2.1(a) | Investment in local communities | Percent of dollars spent in local communities; 5-year rolling average. Target will be 45.0% for Canfor and 21.0% for BCTS. | С |
| 5.2.1(b) | Benefits directed into local communities by licensee | Amount of benefits directed into local communities; 5-year rolling average. Target will be \$38,000 for Canfor. | С |
| 5.2.2 | Training in environmental and safety procedures in compliance with company training plans | 100% of company employees and contractors will have both environmental and safety training as identified on licensee training plans. | С |
| 5.2.3 | Maintain average level of direct and indirect employment | Canfor: = $940,424m^3 * 2.65jobs/1000m^3$ = 2492 direct and indirect jobs BCTS: = $339,410m^3 * 2.65$ jobs/1000m ³ = 899 direct and indirect jobs | с |
| 5.2.4 | # of opportunities for Aboriginals to participate in the forest economy | Number of opportunities; three-year rolling average. Canfor: ≥ 5 BCTS: ≥ 2 | С |

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| 6.1.1 | Employees will receive Aboriginal awareness training | 100% of employees trained in Aboriginal awareness as outlined in the companies training matrix. | С |
| 6.1.2 | Evidence of best efforts to obtain acceptance of management plans based on Aboriginal communities having a clear understanding of the plans | 100% of management plans | С |
| 6.1.3(a) | Percent of forest operations in conformance with operational/site plans developed to address Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and uses | 100% compliance with operational plans and corresponding results and strategies. 100% of blocks and roads that have had a CHR assessment completed. 100% of blocks and roads have a completed consultation record | С |
| 6.2.1 | (Duplicate) Percent of identified Aboriginal forest values, knowledge and uses considered in forestry planning processes | 100% of blocks and roads have consultation records and there is a record of the Aboriginals involved, the comments received, the level of consultation carried out, and any adjustment to strategies or accomodation made as a result of this consultation. 100% of cutblocks and roads have a Cultural Heritage | с |
| | | Resource (CHR) assessment completed and strategies implemented to protect the resource features. | |
| 6.3.1 | Primary products, by-products, and services that are bought, sold, traded, or utilized with other forest dependent businesses forest users, and the community in the local area. | >= | С |
| | For BCTS the indicator is the number of TSL bidders in the defined forest area. | | |
| 6.3.2 | Implementation and maintenance of certified safety program | 100% | С |
| 6.4.1 | PAG established and maintained and satisfaction survey implemented according to Terms of Reference | Complete Public Advisory Group evaluation form at end of each meeting, assess results and develop action plans at subsequent meeting when the overall average PAG meeting satisfaction is less than 4. | С |
| 6.4.2 | Numbers of educational opportunities for information and/or training that are delivered to the Public Advisory Group | Licensee All: >= 1 | С |
| 6.4.3 | (Duplicate) Evidence of best efforts to obtain acceptance of management plans based on Aboriginal communities having a clear understanding of the plans | 100% of management plans | С |
| 6.5.1 | Number of people to whom educational opportunities are provided. | 50 | С |
| 6.5.2 | SFM monitoring report made available to the public | SFM monitoring report available to public annually via an external website | С |