TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEM MAPPING OF INTERNATIONAL FOREST PRODUCT'S TREE FARM LICENSE 45

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1. INTRODUCTION

This ecosystem mapping project is a component of the main growth and yield project aimed at developing reliable estimates of average site index for the major tree species on the forested landbase of TFL 45 (B.A. Blackwell and Associates and J.S. Thrower and Associates, 1998). The primary goal of the ecosystem mapping component is to provide an ecological framework for computing polygon-specific average site index values for the TFL. These will be applied to spatial modeling of timber supply analysis for Management Plan No. 4.

The ecological framework includes all necessary data to develop site index estimates. This includes biogeoclimatic unit, site series, and relevant site modifiers for the forested portion of the landbase. All included information meets the *Standard for Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping in British Columbia* (TEM Standard) (RIC 1998). In addition to the growth and yield application, the ecosystem mapping data is intended to serve a range of land-use decision-making applications. These include biodiversity planning, silviculture planning, second-growth management, and forest protection.

2. PROJECT TEAM

The project was conducted for Gerry Sommers, International Forest Products Ltd., Forestry & Land Use Group, Vancouver. The ecosystem mapping team consisted of Bob Green, Bruce Blackwell, Jeff McWilliams, Kevin Haberl, Trevor Cox, Mike Coulthard, and Rob Madden (B.A. Blackwell and Associates Ltd.). Other project team members included Jim Thrower, Guillaume Therien, and Hamish Robertson (J.S. Thrower and Associates Ltd., Vancouver-Kamloops, B.C.: site index estimation), Jane Bowyer-Smyth (International Mapping Technologies Ltd., Vancouver, B.C.: digitizing), Allan Ladouceur (Interfor GIS Dept., Vancouver: GIS processing), and Karel Klinka (University of British Columbia: quality assurance). Funding for the project was provided by Forest Renewal B.C.

3. STUDY AREA

The study area is located in the northern portion of the south coastal mainland around Knight Inlet and Phillips and Frederick Arms. It encompasses the southern Klinaklini River, Sim River, and Franklin River drainages at the northern end of Knight Inlet; the Kwalate Creek, Sallie Creek, Millerd Creek, and Glacier Bay areas along Knight Inlet; and the Phillips Arm, Frederick Arm, and the east end of West Thurlow Island areas south of Knight Inlet. The study area focuses on the continuously forested portion of the TFL that represents 68,000 ha of the total TFL area of 243,000 ha. The majority of the excluded portion encompasses non-forested rock, ice, and subalpine and alpine sites.

The mountainous terrain featuring Pleistocene glaciated valleys is characteristic of the Pacific Ranges physiographic region (Holland 1964) that comprises all but the West Thurlow Island block of the TFL. Here, the low rolling topography is characteristic of the Georgia Lowland physiographic region. Extensive icefields remain in the northern portion

of the TFL, the most notable being the Klinaklini and Franklin glaciers that extend to the valley bottoms. Remnant lobes of the Silverthrone, Whitemantle, and Waddington icefields extend into the upper reaches of numerous drainages in the northern portion of the TFL. These glaciers have been receding over the past century, leaving large areas of recently declaciated moraines and outwash deposits.

Throughout the mapped portion of the TFL, the dominant surficial material on gentle and moderate slopes is glacial till, with glaciofluvial deposits occurring commonly on major valley bottoms. This includes extensive recent outwash plains below the Klinaklini and Franklin Glaciers. Post-glacial deposits consist mainly of colluvial materials on steep slopes and fluvial materials in the valley bottoms, the latter dominated by the extensive floodplain of the lower Klinaklini River.

Bedrock geology of the TFL comprises mainly quartzdiorite granitic rocks of the Coast Plutonic Complex and granitoid gneiss of the Central Gneiss Complex. (Roddick 1985). The latter complex encompasses the majority of the area on the east side of the Klinaklini River, and includes the west side in the vicinity of Hoodoo and Dorothy Creeks. Localized areas of basalt flows occur around Hoodoo Creek. The West Thurlow Island area is underlain by granitic rocks of the Island Intrusives (Muller 1977).

4. METHODS

4.1 General Approach

This is a site index adjustment project with an ecosystem mapping component aimed at producing a framework suitable for deriving site index estimates. As such, the approach taken for ecosystem mapping departs from the TEM Standard in several ways in order to meet the project objectives in a cost and time efficient manner. The most significant departure is that mapping was restricted to the continuously forest portion of the TFL. Major exclusions included the Alpine Tundra and Mountain Hemlock Parkland biogeoclimatic units, glaciers, extensive avalanche tracks in the upper reaches of valleys, sparsely vegetated outwash plains and deglaciated moraines, and extensive areas of sparsely forested rock bluffs. This yielded a net study area comprising 28% of the total 243,000 ha TFL In addition, terrain attributes were not included in the attribute database, although terrain features were reflected in the polygon delineations. Finally, structural stage and warm/cool aspect site modifiers were not included in the database as they weren't required for the site index adjustment project.

All other aspects of the mapping approach are consistent with the TEM Standard. Polygon delineation follows the bioterrain approach with a similar overall polygon density to other TEM projects. The included core attributes are to TEM standard. These include data source, ecosection, biogeoclimatic unit, site series, and relevant site modifiers. Sampling was undertaken to a level 3 survey intensity in order to produce a map with > 70% reliability. Finally, the GIS database is to TEM Standards for the included attributes.

This approach can be considered a "TEM alternative" to full standards that meets the business needs of the user in relation to data requirements, cost, timing, reliability, and flexibility (Biggs et. al. 1997). Its components meet the current standards, and can be augmented incrementally to full standards according to client priorities and available resources.

4.2 Photo Typing

Photo typing followed the general approach outlined in Standard for Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping in British Columbia (TEM Standard) (RIC 1998). Photo typing was done on alternate boxed air photos which had been renumbered with an internal reference system to facilitate handling. Stratification of 1:15,000 colour air photos (1996 flight) involved delineation of "bioterrain" features using recognizable terrain and landscape properties, ecological properties, and inferences related to changes in the landscape. Typing extended to areas where continuous forest cover gave way to discontinuous forest cover, as described in section 4.1. These areas generally coincided with non-productive and non-forested land as defined by the Ministry of Forest's non-productive descriptors in the Forest Inventory Planning (FIP) database. Non-forested areas occurring within the overall study area boundary defined above were mapped. The polygon boundaries for these areas were copied from the forest cover polygon boundaries that had been recently typed and digitized from copies of the same air photos. The intent was to minimize "intepreter discrepency" between obvious, shared polygons boundaries, and to increase digitizing efficiency. A total of 207 boxed photos were typed, with an average of 25 ecosystem polygons delineated per photo.

Preliminary attributes were noted on the photos, and included site units and their approximate polygon proportions, as well as site modifiers. The objective of recording these attributes during photo typing was to capture the initial thought process regarding polygon features, which would assist in subsequent final attributing. Table 1 shows the working legend used for assigning preliminary photo attributes.

TABLE 1. Working legend used in preliminary attribute database.

Site U	nits	-				····				
Label	Name	MH mm1/2	CWH vm1	CWH vm2	CWH xm	CWH dm	CWH ds	CWH mm1	CWH ms	CWH ws2
1	zonal	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01	01
2	zonal-salal	n.a.	01s	01s	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
3	very dry lichen/kinnikinnick	n.a.	02	02	02	02	02	02	02	02
4	dry salal/falsebox/feathermoss/ heather	02	03	03	03	03	03	03	03	03
5	forested bluffs	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	п.а.	n.a.	n.a.
6	dry/rich swordfern	n.a.	04	04	04	04	04	04	n.a.	n.a.
7	fresh/rich foamflower	03	05	05	05	05	05	05	04	04
8	moist/rich salmonberry/devil's club	05	07/08	07/08	07	07	07	07	06	06

Site U	nits									
Label	Name	MH mm1/2	CWH vm1	CWH vm2	CWH xm	CWH dm	CWH ds	CWH mm1	CWH ms	CWH ws2
9	moist deer fern/queens cup	n.a.	06	06	06	06	06	06	05	05
10	moist/poor salal	n.a.	06s	06s	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
11	very moist/poor goldthread	n.a.	12	09	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	п.а.	n.a.	n.a.
12	wet skunk cabbage	n.a.	14	11	12	12	12	12	11	11
13	wet Pl bog	n.a.	13	10	11	11	11	11	10	10
14	alluvial/high bench	n.a.	09	n.a.	08	08	08	08	07	07
15	alluvial/medium + low bench	n.a.	10,11	n.a.	09,10	09,10	09,10	09,10	08,09	08,09
16	fluctuating WT - salmon + twinberry	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	13,14	13,14	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
17	fluctuating WT - slough sedge	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	15	15	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
18	Cw-Swamp forest	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
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24	very moist	06, 07			1					
25	wet open forest	08.09								

Site m	odifiers	
Label	Name	Description
ta	blocky colluvium	sites on rubbly (blocky) colluvial deposits
gu	gullied	sites with frequent gullies
hu	hummocky	sites on hummocky terrain
lo	local climate	sites strongly influenced by local climate (e.g. MH bowls)
ls	limestone	sites with clear limestone influence
ро	poor productivity	sites with poorer than normal productivity for site unit
rv	ravine	sites with steep slopes bordering streams
sh	shallow	sites with predominantly shallow (<1m) soils
sl	slope	sites with slopes 35-70%
SS_	steep slope	sites with slopes 70-100%
hs	hypersteep slope	sites with slopes >100%

Symbols	for sparsely vegetated, non-vegetated, and anthropogenic units				
Symbol	Description				
AV	snow avalanche tracks				
BU	U buildings and parking, etc.				
ES exposed soil from recent disturbance including mudslides, debris torrents, etc.					
GL	glaciers				
GP gravel pit					
LA	lake				
LL	landings (logging related)				
MO	recent glacial moraines				
MU	mudflat sediments				
OW	shallow open water				
PK	MHp parkland sites				
PD	pond				
RI	river				
RO	bedrock				
RP	road				

Symbols for sparsely vegetated, non-vegetated, and anthropogenic units						
Symbol	Description					
RS	river sediments					
TA	talus					
TA UR WL	urban					
WL	wetlands					
BT	brushy talus					

4.3 Field Sampling

4.3.1 Sampling strategy

The goal of the field sampling phase was to check as much ground as possible within the budget and time available. The focus was on characterizing site series composition of mapped polygons, checking polygon boundaries, particularly between biogeoclimatic units, and on characterizing site series features. Sampling was aimed at a level 3 survey intensity, with a target inspection density of 50 hectares per inspection (approximately 1400 inspections for the forested portion of the TFL). The sampling program was carried out using a combination of helicopter and truck access with 3 person crews. Helicopter access dominated the sampling because of the limited road network.

A sampling plan was prepared prior to each session of field work. This involved viewing each typed air photo with a stereoscope and marking locations where checking should be aimed. This generally focussed on sites which were representative of the area, or which appeared difficult to interpret from the photos. These pre-marked photos served as a guide to direct sampling in the field. The intent was to sample as many of these sites as possible, while allowing flexibility in checking additional sites as the need was determined by the field crews. The sampling program was facilitated by a set of 1:50,000 orientation maps which were generated from the Interfor GIS database. These displayed features of broad age class, roads, water, and topography (100 m contours). Box lines from the typed air photos were also transferred to the maps to assist in photo handling and field orientation. These maps were also used to track sampling progress with all inspection locations marked on the maps on a daily basis as sampling advanced.

4.3.2 Field inspection types

Field inspections consisted of two types: ground inspections and visual checks. Ground inspections were used to gather key ecological properties at specific points on the ground, including information on site series composition in the polygon (smaller polygons) or area around the sample point (larger polygons). Figure 1 shows the data collected on the ground inspection form. This form was developed by B.A. Blackwell and Associates Ltd. for other ecosystem mapping projects and is similar in content to the Ground Inspection Form (GIF) described in the TEM Standard.

Visual air checks (air calls) were conducted from a low flying helicopter for areas that were inaccessible to ground crews. They were used for characterizing site series composition of polygons and for biogeoclimatic boundary confirmation. In most cases,

sufficient features of dominant understory vegetation, tree species, physiography, and tree vigour are visible from hovering just above the canopy that site series composition can be reliably estimated. Information recorded for air calls included biogeoclimatic unit, site series composition, relevant site modifiers, terrain, structural stage, tree species composition, and comments relating to features that will aid in photo interpretation. Sampling was conducted in one pass during July, August, and September, 1998.

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FIGURE 1. Data form used to collect ground inspection data.

4.3.3 Data processing

All data collected from ground inspections and air calls was entered into an Excel database (see Appendix 4). This was sorted by air photo number so that data could be easily referenced while attributing air photos.

4.3.4 Inspection locations

All field inspections were located on colour photocopies of the typed air photos, and labeled with their inspection numbers. These locations and labels were transferred to check plots of the ecosystem map, then digitized as a plot layer within the GIS database.

4.4 Digitizing

Integrated Mapping Technologies (IMT) undertook digitizing of polygon linework using mono-restitution techniques. A first draft of 1:20,000 check plots was produced for review. These were checked for errors in linework transfer then returned to IMT for revisions. A revised second draft of check plots used for the final attributing phase. Once the digitizing stage was complete, all subsequent GIS processing was conducted by Interfor's GIS department.

4.5 Final Attributes

4.5.1 Setup

The following items were assembled prior to commencing with the final ecosystem attributing phase:

- basic polygon map. This contained just the polygon linework and numbers and was used for tracking attributing progress and noting revisions.
- contour/inspection/old BGC map. This was plotted on translucent paper and contained polygon linework and numbers, inspection locations and numbers, 100 m contour intervals, and old (Regional) biogeoclimatic units. Inspection locations were colour coded manually according to the observed biogeoclimatic unit.
- key tree species theme. This was derived from the existing forest cover database and displayed ecosystem polygon linework and numbers, and key tree species using colour theming to display classes of percent stand composition.
- field inspection database sorted by air photo and inspection number

4.5.2 Building the attribute database

Attributing progressed on a photo-by-photo basis across each map sheet. The first step was to add the biogeoclimatic (BGC) unit boundaries to the polygon map. The following information was integrated to locate the BGC boundaries: observed BGC units from field inspections, 100 m contours, key tree species composition, and interpretation of air photo features. Based on this information, BGC lines were located on the map following existing polygon lines as much as possible. Where required, new lines were added, subdividing

existing polygons to ensure correct location of BGC boundaries. In these cases, new reference numbers were added for the new polygons.

The next step was to create final attributes for polygons on each photo. The following information was reviewed prior to deciding on the appropriate attributes: relevant field inspection and supplemental data around each polygon, polygon features from air photo interpretation, final attributes of adjacent polygons, and preliminary attributes for the polygon. Once decided, the attributes were recorded on an attribute data form, which was subsequently entered into an Excel database.

Once the attributing was completed, the polygon map containing all the new revisions was passed on to Interfor's GIS department so the spatial database could be updated accordingly.

4.5.3 Editing

Two main editing phases were conducted; a) editing the final attribute database prior to linking it with the spatial polygon data, and b) editing the linked spatial and attribute data. In the first phase, the Excel database of final attributes was thoroughly reviewed using a series of filters and sorts. The following issues were checked and corrected where required:

- duplicate polygon numbers
- inconsistencies and errors in the field codes
- polygon components not summing to 100%

Once the database was correct, all extra fields used for internal editing (e.g. air photo number) were stripped from the file, and the resulting data was exported as a dBase file for linking to the spatial data in ARC/INFO.

Editing of the linked GIS data was done using ArcView GIS. Shape files for the ecosystem data were obtained from Interfor's GIS department. A series of themes were created from the data which included BGC unit, Ecosection, and site series. These were used to conduct the first edit of the GIS data. The BGC and Ecosection themes were initially checked for obvious anomalies, then carefully compared against the original check plots containing the BGC unit boundaries. Any attribute errors were edited directly in ArcView. Errors which required additional lines were indicated on printed inset maps and passed on to Interfor's GIS department for correction. Polygons with missing attributes were also highlighted on the BGC unit theme and were corrected directly in ArcView. Several duplicate polygon numbers were also identified and corrected at this stage.

Several site unit themes were produced to check clearly visible (non-forested) polygons against the original typed air photos. These included themes for wetland polygons, water polygons, non-vegetated (gravel pits, etc.) polygons, avalanche polygons, and rock/talus polygons. Any discrepancies between the polygons and the air photo features were clearly visible and corrected as required. A theme of forested site series was

also produced to check consistency in expected distribution and against visible features on the air photos (e.g. rocky dry sites, parkland sites, etc.).

The results of the above editing were fully incorporated into the GIS database by Interfor's GIS department who then conducted a final quality check to identify any outstanding issues. These were corrected to produce the final clean GIS database.

4.5.4 Data conversion

The attribute database from the clean GIS data was exported as a dBase file for conversion to TEM Standard field codes. Two separate databases were required. The first was the Interfor version, which was designed for maximum utility by Interfor staff. This file utilized conventional numeric codes for site series, two-letter alphabetic codes for the site modifiers shown in Table 1, and a field for combined biogeoclimatic zone, subzone, and variant. The second database was the TEM version, which utilized fields and codes specified in the TEM Standard. The conversion process was done in Access, with the resulting two databases exported back as dBase files which were subsequently relinked to the spatial data.

4.6 Presentation Maps

Presentation plots of the site unit data were produced for displaying the principal ecological features of the TFL in hard copy format. The intent was to display information in a way which readily conveyed the general ecological features, while providing polygon-specific attributes for more detailed review. The approach taken was based on the system developed by Dr. K. Klinka for displaying ecosystems of the U.B.C. Research Forest (Klinka and Skoda 1976). The key feature is the use of a relatively simple colour scheme to clearly convey ecological properties.

Rather than assigning a unique colour to individual site units, we amalgamated site units into more generalized "site groups". Each group contained site units which shared similarities in their key properties. Table 2 shows the site groups used and their component site units.

TABLE 2. Site groups	used in	the presentation	maps.
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Name	BGC unit	Site unit code (see Table 9 for definitions)		
Zonal units	CWHxm	01		
	CWHmm1	01		
	CWHdm	01		
	CWHvm1	01		
	CWHvm2	01		
	CWHms2	01		
	CWHws2	01		
	MHmmi	01		
	MHmm2	01		
Zonal-salal units	CWHvm1	Ols		
	CWHvm2	Ols		

Name	BGC unit	Site unit code (see Table 9 for
		definitions)
Dry units	CWHxm	02, 03
	CWHmmi	03
	CWHdm	02, 03, 04, 20
	CWHvml	02, 03, 04, 20
	CWHvm2	02, 03, 20
	CWHms2	02, 03, 20
	CWHws2	02, 03, 20
	MHmm1	02, 21
	MHmm2	02, 21
Moisture and/or nutrient enhanced -	CWHxm	12
poorly productive units	CWHmmi	11, 12
	CWHdm	12
	CWHvm1	13, 14
	CWHvm2	09, 10, 11
	CWHms2	10, 11, 12
	CWHws2	10, 11
	MHmmi	06, 07, 08, 09
	MHmm2	06, 07, 08, 09
Moisture and/or nutrient enhanced -	CWHxm	05, 06, 07
productive units	CWHmm1	05, 06, 07
•	CWHdm	05, 06, 07
	CWHvml	05, 06, 07
	CWHvm2	05, 06, 07
	CWHms2	
	CWHms2	04, 05, 06
		04, 05, 06
	MHmmi	03, 04, 05
Wetland units	MHmm2	03, 04, 05
	All BGC units	31, 32
Floodplain units	CWHvm1	09, 10, 11
	CWHms2	07, 08, 09
6.1.1	CWHws2	07, 08, 09
Subalpine parkland,	MHmmp	22, 23, 24
transition parkland units	MHmmi	27
	MHmm2	27
Snow avalanche units	All BGC units	51, 51.1, BT
Rock and talus units	All BGC units	RO, TA
Exposed soil units	All BGC units	ES, LL, GP, BU, MO, MU, RS
Water features	All BGC units	LA, PD, RI

A colour scheme was applied to each of these groups that was designed to convey some properties of the group where possible. For example, blue shade for moist, productive sites; yellow for dry sites, dark green for zonal sites, etc.). These colours were applied to the ecosystem polygons on the map according to the dominant (component 1) site series. The colours are also shown in the site series legend so that a particular site series' membership in a site group is clearly displayed. Biogeoclimatic unit boundaries and labels are displayed on the map so that knowledge of an area's site group colour and BGC unit identifies the specific site series.

In addition to the site group information, specific ecosystem attributes for each polygon on the map sheet are displayed in a polygon list in the map surround. These attributes were taken from the Interfor database and use the conventional numeric site series codes and enhanced site modifiers. Additional information displayed in the map surround includes the site series, site group, and BGC unit legends, the mapping approach, and the mapping credits and data sources.

5. RESULTS

5.1 Polygon Density

A total of 5,041 polygons were mapped in the TFL, with an average and median area of 13.6 ha and 8.3 ha, respectively. Figure 2 shows the frequency distribution of polygon size.

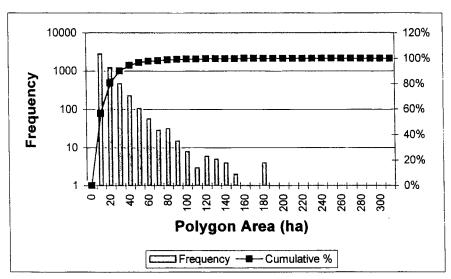


FIGURE 2. Frequency distribution of polygon size (note logarithmic scale of the Y axis; the number displayed for polygon area is the upper class boundary).

The majority of polygons (>90%) are less than 30 ha in size. Figure 3 shows the frequency distribution focussing on the less than 30 ha polygons. More than half the polygons are below 10 ha in size. These results are comparable to ecosystem mapping of TFL 47 completed by B.A. Blackwell & Associates (Table 3). They represent a lower polygon density compared to ecosystem mapping of TFL 37 which featured detailed polygon delineation associated with terrain stability mapping.

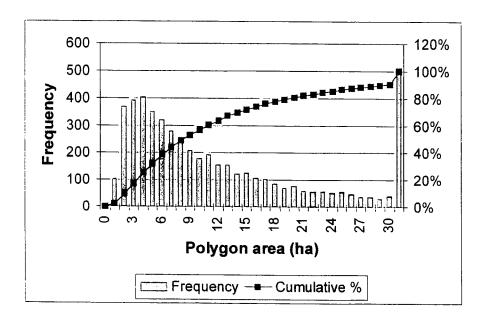


FIGURE 3. Frequency distribution of polygon size focussing on less than 20 ha polygons (the number displayed for polygon area is the upper class boundary)

TABLE 3. Comparison of polygon area statistics between TFL 45, and other coastal mapping projects (TFL 47, Beaver Cove and Johnstone Straits; TFL 37, Nimpkish).

Statistic	TFL 45	TFL 37	TFL 47	
	Knight Inlet	Nimpkish	Beaver Cove/John. St.	
Mean polygon area	13.6 ha	8.6 ha	11.9 ha	
Median polygon area	8.3 ha	4.7 ha	6.5 ha	
Standard deviation	17.3 ha	27.5 ha	20.4 ha	
Mapped area	68,028 ha	190,730 ha	142,046 ha	
Polygon density	73 polys/1000 ha	117 polys/1000 ha	84 polys/1000 ha	

5.2 Sampling

A total of 1389 inspections were completed for this project, comprised of 44% ground inspections and 56% air calls. Table 4 summarizes the distribution of inspections by type.

TABLE 4. Distribution of inspections by type.

Inspection Type	Number Completed	Proportion of total (%)
Ground inspections	606	43.6
Air calls	783	56.4
Total inspections	1389	100.0
Mapped area	68,028 ha	
Inspection density	49 ha per	
·····	inspection	

The achieved inspection density of 49 inspections/ha met the target density for a level 3 survey intensity. The inspection distribution was relatively consistent throughout the CWH zone. The slightly higher inspection densities in the CWHxm, CWHdm, and CWHmm1 reflected their small areas (Table 5). The forested MH zone was sampled at a substantially lower intensity as this zone features limited management activity, and a low and narrow range in productivity. The small amount of MHmmp that was mapped was not sampled as it was considered outside the focus of the study.

TABLE 5. Distribution of inspections by BGC unit.

BGC Unit	Area (ha)	Total Inspections	Proportion of Total (%)	Inspection Density (ha/inspection)
CWHdm	1,481	57	4.1	26
CWHxm	657	22	1.6	30
CWHmm1	1,364	39	2.8	35
CWHvml	14,722	369	26.6	40
CWHvm2	6,691	137	9.9	49
CWHms2	16,198	359	25.8	45
CWHws2	13,432	323	23.3	42
MHmml	2,492	20	1.4	125
MHmm2	10,806	63	4.5	172
MHmmp	185	0	0	0
Total	68,028	1389	100	

Another measure of survey intensity is the proportion of polygons inspected. Table 6 summarizes polygon inspection frequency by information source.

TABLE 6. Frequency of inspected polygons by information source.

Source	Number of polygons	
Air call	659	
Ground observations	449	
Total	1108	

The total number of inspected polygons is less than the total number of inspections because of multiple observations within some larger polygons. The inspected polygons represent 27% of the total eligible polygons in the mapped area. This figure excludes polygons which are clearly interpreted because of their distinct features (e.g. lakes, rivers, gravel pits, rock, avalanche tracks, etc.). This inspection frequency meets a level 3 survey intensity according to the TEM Standard, which is consistent with the survey intensity met based on sampling density.

5.3 Biogeoclimatic Units

A number of changes from the distribution of biogeoclimatic units as shown on the 1:250,000 Vancouver Region map resulted from mapping ecosystems in the TFL. Table 7 summarizes the BGC unit area and proportion of the TFL study area for the old and new mapping. The most significant changes took place in the northern portion of the TFL where areas originally mapped as CWHvm1 and CWHdm in the Klinaklini and Franklin/Stanton drainages were changed to CWHms2. A strong submaritime influence was recognized down to the head of the inlet, reflecting cold winter temperatures from outflow winds off the glaciers and the Interior plateau. In addition, the CWHds2 originally mapped in the north end of the TFL by Dorothy Creek was better represented by the CWHms2 based on the scattered but consistent presence of Abies amabilis that was observed. The high proportion of dry rocky sites gives this area a drier appearance.

The back end of the Sim River was mapped as submaritime rather than maritime, given the common Abies lasiocarpa on the steep, rocky slopes. This reflects cold air influence off the glaciers to the north. Although the rest of the Sim drainage was mapped with maritime units, there was clearly a submaritime influence as indicated by occasional occurance of submaritime plant species. The Glacier Bay, Kwalate Ck., Sallie Ck., and Millerd Ck. areas were very similar to the original mapping.

Old BG	Old BGC Units ¹		New BGC Units	
Area (ha)	% of mapped	Area (ha)	% of mapped	
	area		area	
3867	5.7%	1481	2.2%	
1781	2.6%	0	0.0%	
664	1.0%	1364	2.0%	
0	0.0%	16198	23.8%	
25031	36.8%	14722	21.6%	
8541	12.6%	6691	9.8%	
17442	25.6%	13432	19.7%	
1402	2.1%	657	1.0%	
2621	3.9%	2492	3.7%	
6679	9.8%	10806	15.9%	
0	0.0%	185	0.3%	
68028	100.0%	68028	100.0%	
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old units from Ministry of Forests Vancouver Region map; new units as mapped in this project

In the southern portion, the original area of the CWHdm was reduced in the area northwest of Phillips Arm, and along the north side of Frederick Arm. The CWHvm2 was also enlarged in an extensive cool bowl in the upper Gray Ck. area. Finally, the CWHxm was replaced with the CWHmm1 over the higher elevation portion of West Thurlow Island.

These types of discrepancies between 1:250,000 subzone maps and 1:15,000 ecosystem maps are not uncommon. It reflects differences in precision and intensity of field verification between the two levels of ecological "inventories". Figures 4 to 7 show sections of the northern and southern portions, respectively, that characterize the main differences between the old and new mapping. The more irregular boundaries of the new mapping reflect the ecosystem polygon boundaries that the BGC units have to follow.

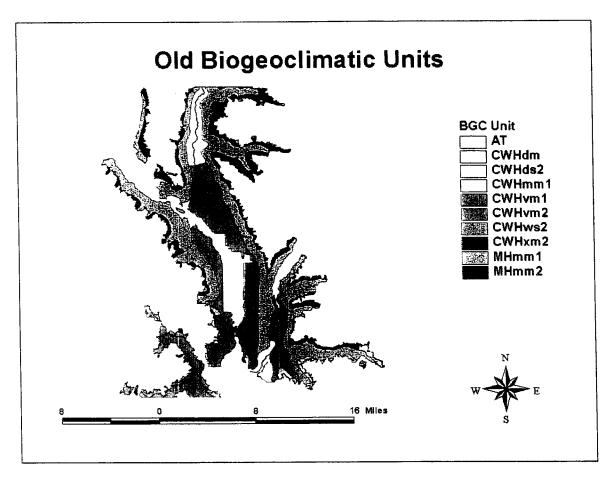


FIGURE 4. Old biogeoclimatic units in the northern portion of the TFL.

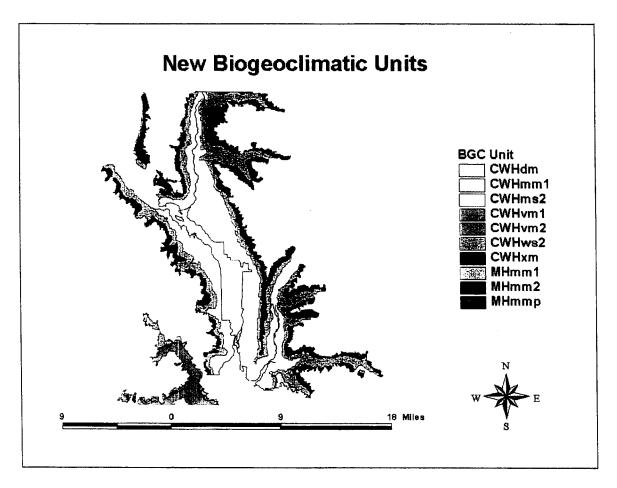


FIGURE 5. New biogeoclimatic units in the northern portion of the TFL.

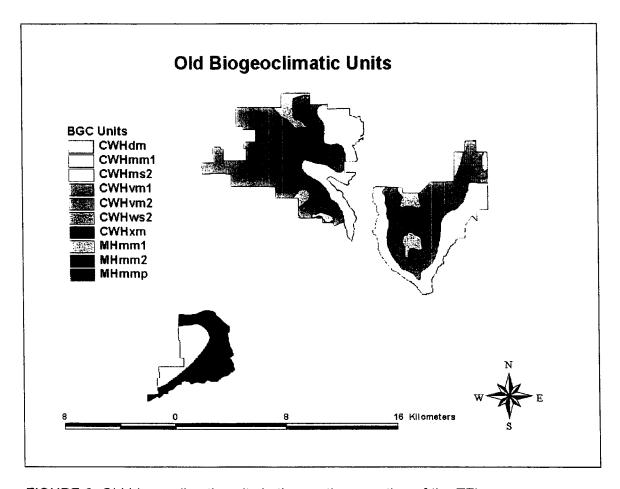


FIGURE 6. Old biogeoclimatic units in the southern portion of the TFL.

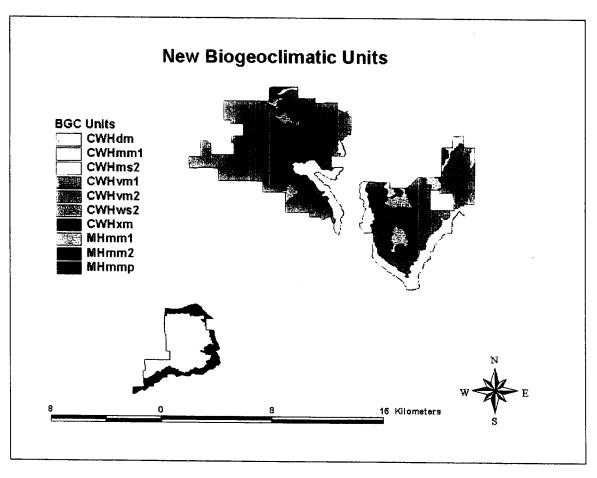


FIGURE 7. New biogeoclimatic units in the southern portion of the TFL.

5.4 Site Units

5.4.1 New and atypical site units

In the TFL 45 project, a number of site units not recognized in the provincial site series classification were encountered. This reflects the focus of the original BEC program which was predominantly forested ecosystems. The new units recognized in the TFL were reviewed and approved by the project quality assurance specialist, and are summarized in Table 8. The descriptions of these units is based on data and observations collected during field sampling in other coastal mapping projects conducted by B.A. Blackwell and Associates, as well as information contained in Klinka et al. (1997).

TABLE 8. New site units currently not recognized in the provincial site series classification.

BGC	Name	Description
unit		
All	Beaked sedge – Sphagnum bog (T)	Bogs and transition bogs featuring Sphagnum spp., Carex spp., Ledum groenlandicum and other ericaceous shrubs; in MH it includes Fauria crista-galli, Phyllodoce empetriformis and other subalpine spp.; typically a complex pattern of plant communities of the Carex - Sphagnum order (Klinka et al. 1997).
All	Carex fen (T)	Non-forested fen/march dominated by Carex species; typically a complex pattern of plant communities of the Carex - Sphagnum order (Klinka et al. 1997)
СWН	Cw –Fern bluffs (N)	Precipitous bluffs and cliffs; extreme microsite variation due to crevices, ledges and other irregularities, combined with intermittent surface seepage; irregularly stocked stands rooted in crevices, and very thin organic and colluvial parent material; typically includes Adiantum aleuticum, Polystichum munitum, and/or Polypodium glycyrrhiza.
MH	Yc - Rhacomitrium bluffs (N)	Precipitous bluffs, cliffs, and extremely steep (>100%) rocky slopes featuring scrubby conifers rooted in crevices and very thin organic and colluvial parent material.
MH	HmYc - Blueberry - Mountain-heather (N)	Fresh/poor late snow-lie sites with open canopies; on subdued topography with slopes <20%; late snow melt associated with this topography results in open canopy stands; generally hummocky microtopography with common moist to wet depressions; often complexed with 07 and 09
All	Sitka alder – Salmonberry avalanche tracks (T)	Frequently disturbed avalanche tracks dominated by Alnus sinuata; may include patches of Hm and Yc; typically a complex pattern of plant communities of the Alnus sinuata order. (Klinka et al. 1997).
All	Ba - Copperbush avalanche tracks (N)	Infrequently disturbed avalanche tracks dominated by young conifer regeneration; typically a complex pattern of plant communities.
MHmmp	Hm – Mountain heather parkland (T)	A mosaic of islands of conifers separated by heath communities; tree islands include Yc, Hm, <i>Phyllodoce empetriformis, Empetrum nigrum, Vaccinium deliciosum</i> ; heath communities dominated by <i>Cassiope mertensiana</i> and <i>Phyllodoce empetriformis</i> ; includes wet

BGC unit	Name	Description
		depressions of Carex - Sphagnum communities in subdued topography; highly complex due to impacts of varying snow patterns; consists of communities of the Cassiope - Phyllodoce order, and Phyllodoce - Abies association, with inclusions of the Carex - Sphagnum and Carex nigricans orders (Klinka et al. 1997).
MHmmp	Sedge – Swamp moss parkiand meadow (N)	A mosaic of meadow, stream-edge, spring-line, wetland communities, and snow basins; conifers, where present, in isolated clumps; highly complex due to impacts of varying snow patterns and seepage; consists of communities of the <i>Philonotis fontana</i> , Carex nigricans, and Marsupella brevissima orders, and inclusions of the Cassiope - Phyllodoce and Carex - Sphagnum orders (Klinka et al. 1997).
MHmmp	Lichen – Hm parkland (N)	A mosaic of exposed bedrock outcrops, rocky ridges, fragmental talus, and cliffs, with moist depressions interspersed among the rock; irregular clumps of conifers generally on elevated sites where snow melts earliest; highly complex due to impacts of varying snow patterns and irregular terrain; may include patches of Hm – Mountain heather parkland; consists of communities of the Rhizocarpon geographicum order, with inclusions of the Cassiope – Phyllodoce and Carex - Sphagnum orders (Klinka et al. 1997).

T = recognized in Provincial Site Series Mapping Codes and Typical Environmental Conditions (1999); N = new units.

5.4.2 Synopsis of mapped site units

Table 9 provides a synopsis of all site units mapped in TFL 45, including the codes used for the Interfor and TEM databases. Two-letter codes for the TEM database were derived from the *Provincial Site Series Mapping Codes and Typical Environmental Conditions* (1999) database except for unrecognized units. In these cases unique codes were assigned following conventions used in the provincial mapping codes list. Non-vegetated sites use the two-letter codes from the TEM Standard. Numeric codes for recognized site series following the existing BEC coding format (Green and Klinka 1994). Newly recognized site units are not formally classified site series, and are noted with numeric codes of 20 or higher. These codes were based on recognized numeric codes from the provincial mapping code list, as well as codes developed for ecosystem mapping projects completed for TimberWest Forest Ltd¹ and Canadian Forest Products Ltd. Non-vegetated sites use the two-letter codes from the TEM standard.

¹ numeric coding convention developed with input from D. Meidinger, Ministry of Forests, Research Branch.

TABLE 9. Synopsis of all site units mapped in TFL 45

Interfor	TEM site	Name	Comments
Site series	series code		
code	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	
CWHxm			
01	HK	HwFd - Kindbergia	slightly dry/poor to medium sites (zonal)
02	DC	FdPl - Cladina	very dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	DS	FdHw - Salal	moderately dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
05	RS	Cw - Sword fern	slightly dry to fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwCw - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	RF	Cw - Foamflower	moist to very moist/rich sites
12	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
CWHdm	'		
01	HM	Hw - Flat moss	slightly dry/poor to medium sites (zonal)
02	DC	FdPl - Cladina	very dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	DS	FdHw - Salal	moderately dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
04	DF	Fd - Sword fern	moderately dry/rich sites on colluvial soils
05	RS	Cw- Sword fern	slightly dry to fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwCw - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	RF	Cw - Foamflower	moist to very moist/rich sites
12	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
20	RM	Cw – Fern bluffs	dry to moist/poor to medium sites on forested bluffs and cliffs (extreme microsite variation)
CWHmm	1	<u> </u>	, variation,
01	AP	HwBa - Pipecleaner moss	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
03	HS	HwCw - Salal	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on shallow
03	115	Tiwew - Salai	and/or very coarse soils
05	AF	BaCw - Foamflower	fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwBa - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	AS	BaCw - Salmonberry	moist to very moist/rich sites
11	LS	PI - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
12	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
CWHms2			1
01	AM	HwBa - Step moss	slightly dry to fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
02	DK	FdPl - Kinnikinnick	very dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	DF	FdHw - Falsebox	moderately dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
04	AO	BaCw - Oak fern	slightly dry to fresh/rich sites
05	HQ	HwBa – Queen's cup	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites

Interfor	TEM site	Name	Comments
Site series code	series code		
06	AD	BaCw – Devil's club	moist to very moist/rich sites
07	SS	Ss - Salmonberry	high bench floodplain sites
08	CD	Act - Red-osier dogwood	medium bench floodplain sites
09	CW	Act - Willow	low bench floodplain sites
10	LS	Pl - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
11	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
12	SC	Ss - Pacific crabapple	wet/rich sparsely forested brackish site adjacent to estuary
20	RM	Cw – Fern bluffs	dry to moist/poor to medium sites on forested bluffs and cliffs (extreme microsite variation)
CWHws2			
01	AB	HwBa - Bramble	slightly dry to fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
02	LK	Pl - Kinnikinnick	very dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	HM	HwPI - Feathermoss	moderately dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
04	AO	BaCw - Oak fern	slightly dry to fresh/rich sites
05	HQ	HwBa - Queen's cup	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
06	AD	BaCw - Devil's club	moist to very moist/rich sites
07	SS	Ss - Salmonberry	high bench floodplain sites
08	CD	Act - Red-osier dogwood	medium bench floodplain sites
09	CW	Act - Willow	low bench floodplain sites
10	LS	Pl - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
11	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
20	RF	Cw – Fern bluffs	dry to moist/poor to medium sites on forested bluffs and cliffs (extreme microsite variation)
CWHvm1			
01	AB	HwBa - Blueberry	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
Ols	ABs	HwBa - Blueberry/salal phase	fresh/very poor to poor salal dominated sites
02	LC	HwPl - Cladina	moderately dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	HS	HwCw - Salal	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
04	RS	CwHw - Sword fern	slightly dry/rich sites on colluvial soils
05	AF	BaCw - Foamflower	fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwBa - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	AS	BaCw - Salmonberry	moist to very moist/rich sites
09	SS	Ss - Salmonberry	high bench floodplain sites
10	CD	Act - Red-osier dogwood	medium bench floodplain sites
11	CW	Act - Willow	low bench floodplain sites
13	LS	Pl - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
14	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained

Interfor	TEM site	Name	Comments
Site series	series code		[
code			soils
20	RM	Cw - Fern bluffs	dry to moist/poor to medium sites on forested
20	RW	Cw - Fern bluns	bluffs and cliffs (extreme microsite
			variation)
CWHvm2	·		
01	AB	HwBa - Blueberry	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
01s	ABs	HwBa - Blueberry/salal	fresh/very poor to poor salal dominated sites
		phase	
02	LC	HwPl - Cladina	moderately dry/poor sites on bedrock or very
	_		thin soils
03	HS	HwCw - Salal	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on shallow
			and/or very coarse soils
05	AF	BaCw - Foamflower	fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwBa - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	AS	BaCw - Salmonberry	moist to very moist/rich sites
09	YG	CwYc - Goldthread	very moist/poor sites on poorly drained soils
10	LS	PI - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
11	RC	CwYc - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained
	-		soils
20	RM	Cw - Fern bluffs	forested bluff sites
MHmm1	· ·		
01	MB	HmBa - Blueberry	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
27	YB	HmYc - Blueberry -	fresh/poor to medium, late snow-lie sites
02	100	Mountain heather	with open canopy forests
02	MM	HmBa - Mountain-heather	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on bedrock or very shallow soils
03	MO	BaHm – Oak fern	fresh/rich sites
04	AB	HmBa - Bramble	moist/poor to medium sites
05	MT	BaHm - Twisted stalk	moist/rich sites
06	MD	HmYc – Deer cabbage	very moist/poor to medium sites with open
	112	Timire Beer cabbage	canopy forests
07	YH	YcHm - Hellebore	very moist/medium to rich sites with open
			canopy forests
08	YS	HmYc - Sphagnum	wet/poor bog forest
09	YC	YcHm - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained
			soils with open canopy forests
21	YR	Yc - Rhacomitrium bluffs	precipitous bluffs and cliffs featuring scrubby
			forests
MHmm2			
01	MB	HmBa - Blueberry	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
27	YB	HmYc - Blueberry -	fresh/poor to medium, late snow-lie sites
00	100	Mountain heather	with open canopy forests
02	MM	HmBa - Mountain-heather	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on bedrock
02	140	Paller Calafee	or very shallow soils
03	MO	BaHm – Oak fern	fresh/rich sites
05	MT	BaHm - Twisted stalk	moist/rich sites
06	MD	HmYc - Deer cabbage	Very moist/poor rich sites with open canopy
L	1		forests

Interfor Site series code	TEM site series code	Name	Comments
07	YH	YcHm - Hellebore	very moist/medium to rich sites with open canopy forests
08	YS	HmYc - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
09	YC	YcHm - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils with open canopy forests
21	YR	Yc - Rhacomitrium bluffs	scrubby bluff sites
MHmmp			
22	MH	Hm – Mountain heather parkland	mosaic of heather and tree islands
23	LM	Lichen - Hm parkland	mosaic of rocky sites with tree islands
24	SS	Sedge – Swamp moss parkland meadows	mosaic of meadow sites with tree islands

Non-Fo	rested Units	in all BGC Units	
31	BS	Beaked sedge – Sphagnum bog	non-forested Sphagnum-dominated bog
32	CF	Carex fen	non-forested Carex-dominated fen
51	SA	Sitka alder – Salmonberry	shrub dominated avalanche tracks
51.1	AC	Ba - Copperbush	young conifer dominated avalanche tracks
BT	BT	Brushy talus	talus slopes dominated by shrub species
BU	BU	Buildings, parking, etc.	
ES	ES	Exposed soil	from recent disturbance; usually slope failures
GP	GP	Gravel pit	
LA	LA	Lake	
LL	LL	Landings	
MO	MO	Recent glacial moraines	may have pioneer shrub communities
MU	MU	Mudflat sediments	
PD	PD	Pond	
RI	RI	River	
RO	RO	Bedrock	
RS	RS	River sediments	
TA	TA	Talus	

An area summary of all site units mapped in the TFL is provided in Table 10. These areas represent totals for all polygon components. The area comprising 01 site series represents 38 % of the total TFL area. This is consistent with other ecosystem mapping projects completed by B.A. Blackwell and Associates in coastal landbases (38% in TFL 47 Beaver Cove/Johnstone Straits; 41% in TFL 37 Nimpkish, 44% in the Capilano watershed).

TABLE 10. Area summary for all site units mapped in TFL 37.

Site Unit					Biog	eoclimatic	Unit				
one omi	CWHdm	CWHmm 1	CWHms 2	CWHvm 1				MHmmi	MHmm2	MHmmp	Grand Total
	<u> </u>	1	2		14	Area (ha)	1			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
01	712.2	718.6	4028.4	4900.0	2656.9		290.9	1270.3	6189.1		25958.8
01s	/12.2	710.0	1020.1	112.9							127.1
02	9.5		887.1	58.9			57. 5	527.1	2002.9		3713.6
03	151.0		3972.7	2367.1	1951.2		140.5		23.2		11416.4
04	9.8		1545.7			478.5		13.4			2076.8
05	394.2							20.4	249.1		2348.4
06	26.2			478.2		1785.5	17.4		0.8		5136.7
07	161.2			3028.9			26.2	61.0	257.7		4488.3
08			531.1			4.2		9.2	27.1		571.6
09			314.8	170.1	113.1	6.7		30.7	68.3		703.7
10	<u> </u>		61.5	71.9			+				168.3
11		7.2		7.5		 					443.9
12	1.7						2.6				141.2
13				21.8							21.8
14				102.3							102.3
20	10.9		441.9			609.5					1916.4
21								43.8	124.0		167.8
22		 								101.9	101.9
23										60.1	60.1
24										22.6	22.6
27	<u> </u>			-				203.4	418.6		622.0
31			6.5	16.3	4.1	12.2			13.9		53.1
32		0.7	208.6	44.3		2.1					255.6
51	-		221.3	714.6	280.1	1726.8		89.4	730.6		3762.8
51.1		1		16.5		18.9		113.6	207.3		409.9
BT			16.9	9.3		150.6			30.0)	206.8
BU			6.2	1.4							7.5
ES	<u> </u>		30.1		14.7	108.5		1.0	108.4	l I	289.0
GP	3.3	3									3.3
LA		1.7	286.0		29.7						317.4
LL		<u> </u>	2.7								2.7
МО						15.3	3		1.2	2	16.5
MU				4.9)						4.9
PD		1.4	62.2	23.0	7.9	4.4	l I				98.9
RI			19.8	109.2	2	32.7					161.6
RO	0.7	7	188.6	355.2	2 200.3			61.	229.5	5	1326.5
RS			49.9	27.0)	50.1					127.0
TA			306.2	9.8	3 0.4			2.6			675.3
Grand	1480.7	7 1364.2	16198.4	14722.2	6690.8	3 13432.0	656.9	2492.3	10806.	1 184.	7 68028.4
Total				1		1				<u> </u>	

The proportions of site series area by selected site modifiers (Interfor version of site modifiers) are shown in Table 11. Note that the proportions relate to the occurrence of each site modifier, however site modifiers can overlap (e.g. shallow and steep slope). Approximately 30-40% of 01 sites in the CWH occur on shallow soils, except for the

CWHvm2 which was associated with a higher proportion of shallow morainal and colluvial veneers. The higher proportion of shallow 01 sites in the MHmm are characteristic of the upper slopes and ridges where the MH is distributed. Poor site modifiers are relatively minor, occurring mainly in the CWHvm and CWHws2 where they tend to be associated with nutrient poor and slightly drier, grantic-derived morianal deposits. Talus ("blocky talus" or "forested talus") modifiers occurr in less than 5% of 01 sites in the CWHvm. They are more common in the CWHms2 as talus deposits are relatively common in the Klinaklini where forested talus tends to occur lower on slopes in the CWHms2. These proportions slightly underestimate the actual distribution of forested talus sites as they are difficult to interpret on air photos without field verification. Finally, a high proportion of steep slope modifiers are associated with dry sites as they tend to occur on steep, shallow, upper slopes.

TABLE 11. Proportion of total site series area by key site modifiers.

Site Unit	Total area	Sitemodifiers				
	of site unit	po	sh	SS	ta	
	(ha)	Prop	ortion of tot	al site unit	area	
CWHxm						
01	290.9	0.0%	36.2%	8.0%	1.2%	
02	57.5	0.0%	0.0%	89.4%	0.0%	
03	140.5	0.0%	0.0%	52.7%	0.0%	
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06	478.2	11.4%	21.7%	3.8%	2.6%	
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04	478.5	0.0%	14.8%	22.6%	0.0%	
05	11.7	0.0%	48.3%	0.0%	0.0%	
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06	0.8	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	
07	257.7	0.0%	3.1%	1.9%	0.0%	
09	68.3	0.0%	2.7%	0.0%	0.0%	
27	418.6	0.0%	51.8%	0.0%	0.0%	

6. Conclusion

The data generated from this study provide an inventory of biogeoclimatic site units for the forested portion of TFL 45 which will serve as a suitable framework for estimating site index for use in timber supply analysis. The included information meets the current TEM Standard, and can be readily augmented to full standards according to future priorities and available resources.

In addition to the growth and yield application, the ecological database from this project can also be applied to other planning needs. Because the data relates to the stable ecological components of the landbase, it should serve Interfor's planning requirements for some time into the future. Some examples include:

• biodiversity planning within the forested portion of the TFL. Key information includes site series, slope/aspect and structural stage (can be derived subsequently through GIS processing of forest cover and TRIM data), and accurate

biogeoclimatic unit boundaries. The revisions to biogeoclimatic units from this project have significant impacts on biodiversity planning. Information for the excluded portion (AT, MHmmp) can be derived from forest cover and TRIM data (using a "Predictive Ecosystem Mapping" approach), or can be added at a later date using a reconnaissance-level survey.

- analysis and identification of potential treatment opportunities for silvicultural practices such as fertilization, spacing, and pruning
- identification of hazard ratings for significant forest health agents which can be supplemented with observed incidence to produce hazard and risk assessments for the TFL.
- identification of stocking hazard ratings showing areas were site-related problems in meeting minimum stocking standards can be anticipated.
- identification of free-to-grow classes where regeneration growth rates can be estimated based on site series and tree species. This can be used to identify adjacency issues for development planning.

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APPENDIX 1: Database Dictionary

DATA FIELDS

INTERFOR DATABASE

INTERFOR DATABASE					
Code	Description				
Sheet Map sheet number					
Polygon	Polygon number				
Source	Data source				
Ecosec	Ecosection				
Zone	Biogeoclimatic zone				
Subz/Var.	Biogeoclimatic subzone/variant				
BGC unit	Combined BGC zone/subzone/variant				
Ecol_%dec	1 st ecosystem component - % decile				
Ecol_SS	1 st ecosystem component - site series				
Ecol_SM1	1 st ecosystem component - 1 st site modifier				
Ecol_SM2	1 st ecosystem component - 2 nd site modifier				
Ecol_SM3	1 st ecosystem component - 3 rd site modifier				
Eco2_%dec	2 nd ecosystem component - % decile				
Eco2_SS	2 nd ecosystem component - site series				
Eco2_SM1	2 nd ecosystem component - 1 st site modifier				
Eco2 SM2	2 nd ecosystem component - 2 nd site modifier				
Eco2 SM3	2 nd ecosystem component - 3 rd site modifier				
Eco3_%dec	3 rd ecosystem component - % decile				
Eco3_SS	3 rd ecosystem component - site series				
Eco3_SM1	3 rd ecosystem component - 1 st site modifier				
Eco3_SM2	3 rd ecosystem component - 2 nd site modifier				
Eco3_SM3	3 rd ecosystem component - 3 rd site modifier				
PROD	Productivity class (for consistency check of derived SI data)				

TEM DATABASE

TEM field	Description
Source	Data source
Eco_Sec	Ecosection
Bgc_Zone	Biogeoclimatic zone
Bgc_Subzon	Biogeoclimatic subzone
Bgc_Vrt	Biogeoclimatic variant
Sdec_1	1 st ecosystem component - % decile
Site_S1	1 st ecosystem component – site series
Site_M1a	1 st ecosystem component – 1 st site modifier
Site_M1b	1 st ecosystem component – 2 nd site modifier
Sdec_2	2 nd ecosystem component - % decile
Site_S2	2 nd ecosystem component – site series
Site_M2a	2 nd ecosystem component – 1 st site modifier
Site_M2b	2 nd ecosystem component – 2 nd site modifier
Sdec_3	3 rd ecosystem component - %
Site_S3	3 rd ecosystem component – site series
Site_M3a	3 rd ecosystem component – 1 st site modifier
Site_M3b	3 rd ecosystem component – 2 nd site modifier

Source

Code	Description
Α	air call
G	Ground inspection plot
P	Photo interpretation

Ecosection

Code	Description
NPR	Northern Pacific Ranges
OUF	Outer Fiordland

Biogeoclimatic Unit (Zone/Subzone/Variant)

Code	Description		
CWHxm	Very Dry Maritime CWH Subzone		
CWHmml	Submontane Moist Maritime CWH Variant		
CWHdm	Dry Maritime CWH Subzone		
CWHvmi	Submontane Very Wet Maritime CWH Variant		
CWHvm2	Montane Very Wet Maritime CWH Variant		
CWHms2	Central Moist Submaritime CWH Variant		
CWHws2	Montane Wet Submaritime CWH Variant		
MHmml	Windward Moist Maritime MH Variant		
MHmm2	Leeward Moist Maritime MH Variant		
MHmmp	Parkland Moist Maritime MH Subzone		

Site Series

Interfor Site series code	TEM site series code	Name	Comments
CWHxm			
01	HK	HwFd - Kindbergia	slightly dry/poor to medium sites (zonal)
02	DC	FdPl - Cladina	very dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	DS	FdHw - Salal	moderately dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
05	RS	Cw - Sword fern	slightly dry to fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwCw - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	RF	Cw - Foamflower	moist to very moist/rich sites
12	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
CWHdm			
01	HM	Hw - Flat moss	slightly dry/poor to medium sites (zonal)
02	DC	FdPl - Cladina	very dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	DS	FdHw - Salal	moderately dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils

Interfor Site series code	TEM site series code	Name	Comments
04	DF	Fd - Sword fern	moderately dry/rich sites on colluvial soils
05	RS	Cw- Sword fern	slightly dry to fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwCw - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	RF	Cw - Foamflower	moist to very moist/rich sites
12	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
20	RM	Cw - Fern bluffs	dry to moist/poor to medium sites on forested bluffs and cliffs (extreme microsite variation)
CWHmm	1		
01	AP	HwBa - Pipecleaner moss	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
03	HS	HwCw - Salal	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
05	AF	BaCw - Foamflower	fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwBa - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	AS	BaCw - Salmonberry	moist to very moist/rich sites
11	LS	PI - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
12	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
CWHms2			
01	AM	HwBa - Step moss	slightly dry to fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
02	DK	FdPl - Kinnikinnick	very dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	DF	FdHw – Falsebox	moderately dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
04	AO	BaCw - Oak fern	slightly dry to fresh/rich sites
05	HQ	HwBa - Queen's cup	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
06	AD	BaCw – Devil's club	moist to very moist/rich sites
07	SS	Ss - Salmonberry	high bench floodplain sites
08	CD	Act - Red-osier dogwood	medium bench floodplain sites
09	CW	Act - Willow	low bench floodplain sites
10	LS	Pl - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
11	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
12	SC	Ss - Pacific crabapple	wet/rich sparsely forested brackish site adjacent to estuary
20	RM	Cw - Fern bluffs	dry to moist/poor to medium sites on forested bluffs and cliffs (extreme microsite variation)
CWHws2			
01	AB	HwBa - Bramble	slightly dry to fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
02	LK	Pl - Kinnikinnick	very dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	HM	HwPl - Feathermoss	moderately dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
04	AO	BaCw - Oak fern	slightly dry to fresh/rich sites
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Interfor Site series code	TEM site series code	Name	Comments
05	HQ	HwBa - Queen's cup	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
06	AD	BaCw - Devil's club	moist to very moist/rich sites
07	SS	Ss - Salmonberry	high bench floodplain sites
08	CD	Act - Red-osier dogwood	medium bench floodplain sites
09	CW	Act - Willow	low bench floodplain sites
10	LS	PI - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
11	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
20	RF	Cw – Fern bluffs	dry to moist/poor to medium sites on forested bluffs and cliffs (extreme microsite variation)
CWHvm1	<u> </u>		
01	AB	HwBa - Blueberry	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
01s	ABs	HwBa - Blueberry/salal	fresh/very poor to poor salal dominated sites
02	LC	HwPl - Cladina	moderately dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	HS	HwCw - Salal	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
04	RS	CwHw - Sword fern	slightly dry/rich sites on colluvial soils
05	AF	BaCw - Foamflower	fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwBa - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	AS	BaCw - Salmonberry	moist to very moist/rich sites
09	SS	Ss - Salmonberry	high bench floodplain sites
10	CD	Act - Red-osier dogwood	medium bench floodplain sites
11	CW	Act - Willow	low bench floodplain sites
13	LS	Pl - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
14	RC	CwSs - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
20	RM	Cw – Fern bluffs	dry to moist/poor to medium sites on forested bluffs and cliffs (extreme microsite variation)
CWHvm2	2		
01	AB	HwBa - Blueberry	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
01s	ABs	HwBa - Blueberry/salal phase	fresh/very poor to poor salal dominated sites
02	LC	HwPl - Cladina	moderately dry/poor sites on bedrock or very thin soils
03	HS	HwCw - Salal	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on shallow and/or very coarse soils
05	AF	BaCw - Foamflower	fresh/rich sites
06	HD	HwBa - Deer fern	moist to very moist/poor to medium sites
07	AS	BaCw - Salmonberry	moist to very moist/rich sites
09	YG	CwYc - Goldthread	very moist/poor sites on poorly drained soils
10	LS	PI - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
11	RC	CwYc - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils
20	RM	Cw – Fern bluffs	forested bluff sites

Interfor	TEM site	Name	Comments
Site series	series code		
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MHmm1			
01	MB	HmBa - Blueberry	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
27	YB	HmYc - Blueberry -	fresh/poor to medium, late snow-lie sites
		Mountain heather	with open canopy forests
02	MM	HmBa - Mountain-heather	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on bedrock or very shallow soils
03	MO	BaHm - Oak fern	fresh/rich sites
04	AB	HmBa - Bramble	moist/poor to medium sites
05	MT	BaHm - Twisted stalk	moist/rich sites
06	MD	HmYc - Deer cabbage	very moist/poor to medium sites with open canopy forests
07	YH	YcHm - Hellebore	very moist/medium to rich sites with open canopy forests
08	YS	HmYc - Sphagnum	wet/poor bog forest
09	YC	YcHm - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils with open canopy forests
21	YR	Yc - Rhacomitrium bluffs	precipitous bluffs and cliffs featuring scrubby forests
MHmm2			
01	MB	HmBa - Blueberry	fresh/poor to medium sites (zonal)
27	YB	HmYc - Blueberry -	fresh/poor to medium, late snow-lie sites
		Mountain heather	with open canopy forests
02	MM	HmBa - Mountain-heather	slightly dry/poor to medium sites on bedrock or very shallow soils
03	MO	BaHm – Oak fern	fresh/rich sites
05	MT	BaHm - Twisted stalk	moist/rich sites
06	MD	HmYc - Deer cabbage	Very moist/poor rich sites with open canopy forests
07	YH	YcHm - Hellebore	very moist/medium to rich sites with open canopy forests
08	YS	HmYc - Sphagnum	wet/poor sparsely forested bog
09	YC	YcHm - Skunk cabbage	wet/medium to rich sites on poorly drained soils with open canopy forests
21	YR	Yc – Rhacomitrium bluffs	scrubby bluff sites
MHmmp			
22	МН	Hm - Mountain heather parkland	mosaic of heather and tree islands
23	LM	Lichen - Hm parkland	mosaic of rocky sites with tree islands
24	SS	Sedge – Swamp moss parkland meadows	mosaic of meadow sites with tree islands

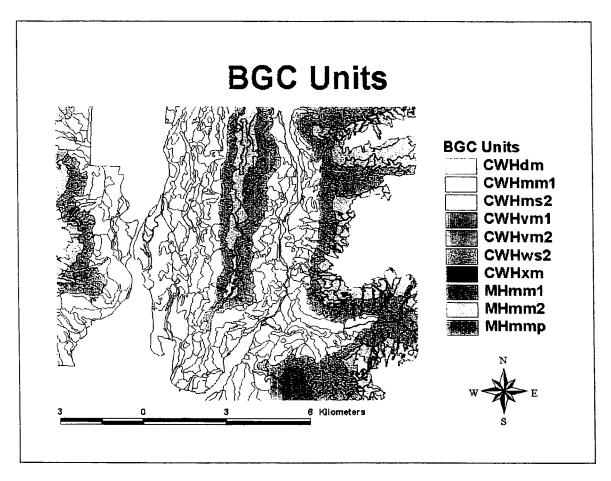
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31	BS	Beaked sedge - Sphagnum bog	non-forested Sphagnum-dominated bog
32	CF	Carex fen	non-forested Carex-dominated fen
51	SA	Sitka alder - Salmonberry	shrub dominated avalanche tracks

51.1	AC	Ba - Copperbush	young conifer dominated avalanche tracks
BT	BT	Brushy talus	talus slopes dominated by shrub species
BU	BU	Buildings, parking, etc.	
ES	ES	Exposed soil	from recent disturbance; usually slope failures
GP	GP	Gravel pit	
LA	LA	Lake	
LL	LL	Landings	
МО	MO	Recent glacial moraines	may have pioneer shrub communities
MU	MU	Mudflat sediments	
PD	PD	Pond	
RI	RI	River	
RO	RO	Bedrock	
RS	RS	River sediments	
TA	TA	Talus	

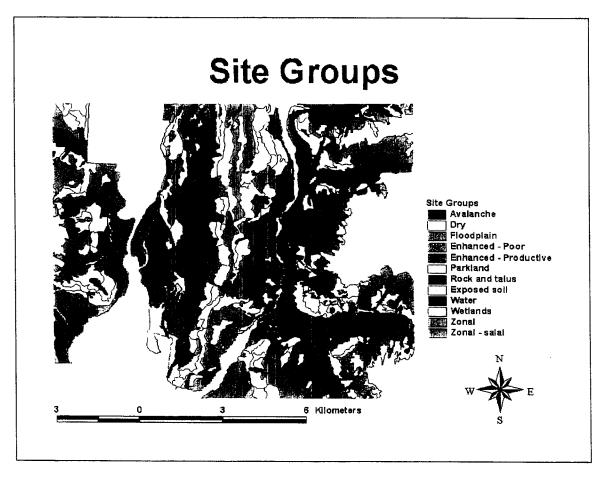
Site Modifiers

Interfor Code	TEM Code	Name	Comments
ta		blocky talus	sites on rubbly (blocky) colluvial deposits
gu	g	gullied	sites with frequent gullies
hu	h	hummocky	sites on hummocky terrain
lo		local climate	sites strongly influenced by local climate (e.g. MH bowls)
ро		poor productivity	sites with poorer than normal productivity for site unit
rv		ravine	sites with steep slopes bordering streams
sh	S	shallow	sites with predominantly shallow (<1m) soils
sl		slope	sites with slopes 30-70%
SS	••	steep slope	sites with slopes 70-100%
hs		hypersteep slope	sites with slopes >100%
cf		cottonwood flats	major Act dominated floodplains of Klinaklini/Franklin Rivers

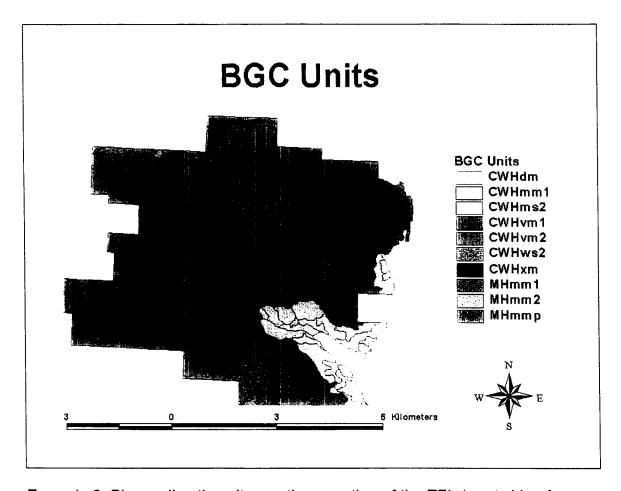
APPENDIX 2: Sample Map Themes



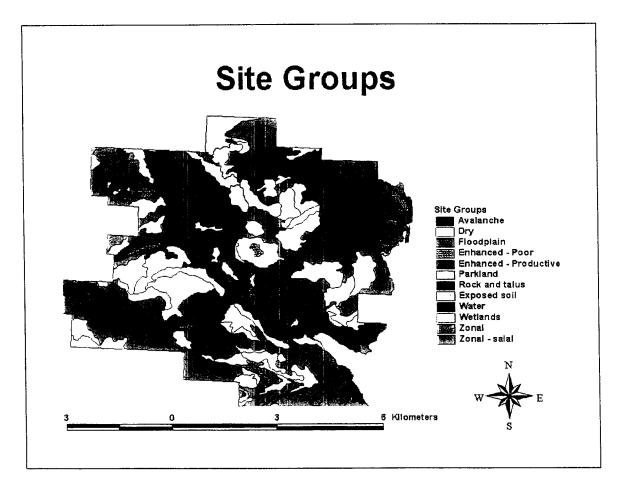
Example 1: Biogeoclimatic units; northern portion of the TFL (mouth of Klinaklini and Franklin Rivers).



Example 2: Site groups; northern portion of the TFL (mouth of Klinaklini and Franklin Rivers).



Example 3: Biogeoclimatic units; southern portion of the TFL (west side of Phillips Arm).



Example 4: Site groups; southern portion of the TFL (west side of Phillips Arm).

APPENDIX 3: Sample Attribute Database

Interfor Version of Ecosystem Database

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