TFL 1

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Table 1: Timber harvesting landbase determination

DESCRIPTION	Area Schedule A ha	Area Schedule B ha	Total Area ha
Total land base	635	517662	518297
Non-forest	92	273951	274042
Non-productive forest	12	14864	14876
Total productive forest	532	228847	229379
Less:			
Inoperable	64	118936	119001
Non commercial	0	87	87
Low site	0	2950	2950
Deciduous	28	1430	1459
Non-merchantable	8	1492	1500
ESAs	0	5519	5519
Alpine Tundra	0	112	112
Riparian zones	23	2530	2553
Specific geographically defined area	10	906	915
Goat winter range	0	1102	1102
Unclassified roads, trails and landings	5	2054	2059
NSR	11	2929	2940
Wildlife tree patch	25	2501	2526
Total Current Reduction	176	142547	142723
Initial Timber Harvesting Land Base	355	86301	86656
Additions:			
NSR	11	2929	2940
Total Additions	11	2929	2940
Current Timber Harvesting Land Base	366	89230	89596
Future Reductions:			
Future roads, tralls, landings	17	3418	3435
Future Timber Harvesting Land Base	349	85812	86161

^{*}numbers may not add up exactly due to rounding

As shown in Table 1, the current timber harvesting landbase (THLB) is 89,596 ha, including 2940 ha NSR. The current THLB is 39% of the TFL 1 productive forest area. As harvesting proceeds, 6.0 % of harvested areas are withdrawn from the THLB for future roads. This reduction is applied to stands currently \geq 35 years, resulting in approximately a further 3.8% reduction to the current THLB over time for future roads.

Figures 1 and 2 show area summaries of the current timber harvesting landbase by leading species and age class. Approximately 52% of the current THLB is greater than 120 years as shown in figure 2.

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Timber Supply Analysis information package describes calculations of the timber harvesting landbase, analysis methods and input for various long term harvest scenarios for Tree Farm Licence 1 (TFL 1) in support of Management Plan 10. This information represents current forest management within TFL 1.

The main sections in this report are:

- 1. Options and sensitivity analysis
- 2. Model features
- 3. Landbase assumptions
- 4. Forest management assumptions
- 5. Growth and Yield
- 6. Integrated Resource Management

Main sources of information include: 1998 TFL 1 timber supply analysis, the Kalum Land and Resource Management Plan 2002 (LRMP), and the Kalum Timber Supply Area Analysis Report, March 1999.

2.0 OPTIONS AND SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS

The net timber harvesting landbase (THLB) includes conventional and non-conventional operable areas. Basecase management models the silviculture and harvesting systems in current use, existing legislation, and the current strategic planning environment. The management assumptions are therefore structured to be consistent with the Forest Practices Code, the Kalum LRMP, and the defined LRMP management zones. Area reductions and constraints are applied as defined in the next sections.

Sensitivity analysis is done to assess uncertainty in data and assumptions. During the analysis, more issues that require sensitivity analysis may become apparent. Table 1 describes the analyses proposed for the timber supply analysis. Site index adjustment is described in the timber supply analysis report.

Table 1: Proposed sensitivity analysis

Option	Description
I	Unadjusted inventory-see section 4.1 1. no OGSI adjustment 2. base OGSI adjustment
-	VRI adjusted inventory- base OGSI adjustment 1. base
	2. 10% THLB increase
II	3. 10% THLB decrease
	4. 10% volume increase
	5. 10% volume decrease
	VRI adjusted inventory-SI adjustment options
	 no OGSI adjustment
III	2. 5m SI adjustment AUs 4 & 5
	3. 10m SI adjustment AUs 4 & 5
	4. veteran study SI adjustment
IV	Current landbase with MP9 management assumptions, yield curves, and operability

TREEFARM version 6.5, a forest estate model proprietary to Sterling Wood Group, will be used for this timber supply analysis. TREEFARM simulates the growth, harvesting, and silvicultural treatment of a forest estate on an annual basis, with results summarized by decade.

TREEFARM was first developed in 1979 and has undergone regular additions and upgrades. It has been used for a variety of industrial and government clients since 1984. Its use for tree farm licence allowable cut calculations was approved by the MOF in 1986. The model is written in the programming language 'C'.

The initial inventory data determines the net landbase. The landbase is stratified into analysis units which may be defined by forest type, site, silvicultural treatment, user allocation or resource protection category. TREEFARM can accommodate a large number of analysis units. Each analysis unit is further broken down into age classes.

A feature of TREEFARM is the subdivision of the forest estate according to silvicultural treatment. At all times the unmanaged and untreated, planted, spaced, fertilized, spaced and fertilized and partially cut areas are visible. Initial inventory summaries are also organized in this way.

TREEFARM does not require that inventory age classes be the same width as the time period used in harvest projections. For example, 20-year inventory age classes and five-year time periods are possible. In addition, inventory age classes need not be uniform. For example, an age class sequence of 1-20 years, 21-35 years, 36-80 years, 80-110 years, 111-150 years and 150-200 years will work in TREEFARM. TREEFARM can use up to 30 age classes.

Harvesting rules determine which areas in the present and future forest inventories are candidates for harvest. The harvesting rules influence the harvest schedule but do not specify it. The harvest schedule is specified by the harvesting algorithm in the forest estate model.

The TREEFARM harvesting inputs are:

- the total annual harvest required during each time period;
- the present-day harvest profile by forest type and age class;
- the minimum harvest volume per hectare, stand average diameter (dbh), and age;
- the ranking of forest types in order of preference for harvest;
- · the ranking of silvicultural management types in order of preference for harvest;
- · forest cover constraints and green-up periods for groupings of analysis units which are specified by the user.

A selected subset of harvesting rules may be determined for any given run.

TREEFARM allows the user to model cover constraints and green-up periods in a variety of ways. At the most detailed level, a separate cover constraint and green-up period for each forest type/silvicultural treatment combination can be identified. For example, natural hemlock stands can have different constraints and green-up periods than planted and spaced hemlock stands. Similarly, constraints can be applied to a group of forest types or silvicultural treatment types, or to different visual quality objectives (VQOs) or other resource zones. In every case the ability is retained to have a range of rotations as long as the overall cover constraint and green-up period for each forest type or zone is satisfied. In other words, both silvicultural programs and cover constraints can be modelled concurrently, and the amount of future harvests can be identified by silvicultural treatment within each resource zone. In addition, future harvest schedules are identified by management zone.

Cover constraints can be applied to a minimum or a maximum age. Examples are: up to 15% of a particular zone or analysis unit can be less than 20 years old; and 20% must be greater than 150 years old. Minimum and maximum age constraints may be applied singly or in combination.

Partial cutting of various kinds may be applied. Examples are: commercial thinning, shelterwood systems, or true all-aged selection cutting. The intensity of removals for a given system may be varied at each cutting cycle. Areas currently not under partial cutting systems may be converted to partial cutting. Using partial cutting systems requires the user to supply the appropriate yield tables.

TREEFARM usually is set to begin with the current harvesting profile. Over time the model departs from the starting profile in a systematic manner as the standing timber inventory changes. Technically any starting harvest profile may be provided to the model. If required a specific harvesting profile can be in force over the entire planning horizon.

TREEFARM includes a powerful three-stage harvesting algorithm. This produces many rotations for different forest type/resource zone combinations. TREEFARM can cut to a fixed profile, cut oldest first or cut to a combination of oldest first and species requirements. In most simulations a mix of all three types of harvest takes place.

For each time period the timber production objective is supplied to the model. When harvesting, TREEFARM will try to reach the objective but if this cannot be done in any time period it will get as close as it can without breaking any of the harvesting rules. Constant, declining, increasing, and fluctuating series of timber production targets are all possible.

A specific desired harvest schedule is reached by running the model, inspecting the results and re-running. This cycle is repeated several times. Maximum even-flow harvests are achieved in the same way.

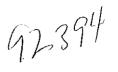
To qualify for harvest, a stand must reach the given minimum volume, average dbh and age. Even then it cannot be cut if resource zone cover constraints and green-up objectives are not satisfied.

TREEFARM can analyze many different silvicultural treatment regimes. Complete silvicultural programs involving planting, spacing, fertilization, thinning and rehabilitation of not sufficiently restocked (NSR) area can be constructed and included as part of the input file. Each part of the forest estate, treated and untreated, can be reported on separately. The future growing stock and future harvests from untreated areas, plantations, spaced, fertilized, spaced and fertilized areas are reported on specifically. Responses and harvest gains from incremental silviculture show up not only in the total harvest but in the harvest from the treated areas. TREEFARM can show harvest by silvicultural treatment type. The changing nature of the forest estate due to harvesting and silvicultural practices is very clearly shown.

Silvicultural programs can be targeted as analysis unit/site class combinations. For example, the proportion of Douglas-fir areas planted after logging can be different from the proportion of logged hemlock areas which are planted. The forest type regenerated after logging can be different from the forest type which was logged. NSR areas from past logging can be re-claimed during a model run.

Changes to the landbase are included in three ways. The first is by applying net down logic to the inventory file to produce a net landbase in a process completely independent of TREEFARM. Changing the net down logic will change the net landbase. The second is by applying factors such as for accessibility during a model run. The third way is to prepare detailed area summaries of the areas to be added or subtracted. TREEFARM looks for area summaries to be added to or subtracted from the landbase at the beginning of the first six time periods. Given the same input data as the MoF model FSSIM, TREEFARM will produce similar results.

All forest practice code requirements are accommodated either in the timber harvesting landbase determination or by TREEFARM, including: adjacency and green-up; riparian zones; stand and landscape level biodiversity. These items are further discussed in the following sections.



4.0 LANDBASE ASSUMPTIONS

4.1 Forest Cover Inventory

The re-inventory completed in 1992 has attributes projected to December 2001 and silviculture history and labels updated to December 31, 2001. The inventory meets MOF standard inventory specifications. The classification of second growth forest cover types has been updated based on the vegetation resources inventory (VRI) project which involved sample plot establishment in 2001, and final compilation in 2003 (see TFL 1 Vegetation Resources Inventory Adjustment report, available with final timber supply analysis report). This project resulted in age, height, and site index adjustment for forest stands currently aged 30 to 110, and age and height adjustment for stands 10 to 29 years, excluding stands with silviculture plot information. The updated attributes are used in the timber supply analysis for the current stand attributes. As noted, a sensitivity analysis will be run with unadjusted attributes. Site index adjustment is further discussed in the growth and yield section.

4.2 TIMBER HARVESTING LANDBASE DETERMINATION

The following table shows the area reductions applied to determine the net timber harvesting landbase for schedule A and schedule B lands. Landbase reductions are made in the order listed in this table.

Table 2: Timber harvesting landbase determination

Current Timber Harvesting Land Base	366	89230	89596	86641	28830919	28917560
Total Additions	11	2929	2940			
NSR	11	2929	2940			
Additions:						
Initial Timber Harvesting Land Base	355	86301	86656	86641	28830919	28917560
Total Current Reduction	176	142547	142723	39810	55554459	55594269
Wildlife tree patch	25	2501	2526	5758	1019253	1025011
NSR	11	2929	2940	0	0	0
Unclassified roads, trails and landings	5	2054	2059	55	26027	26082
Goat winter range	0	1102	1102	0	536226	536226
Specific geographically defined area	10	906	915	2448	545123	547571
Riparian zones	23	2530	2553	2934	630137	633071
Alpine Tundra	0	112	112	0	59613	59613
ESAs	0	5519	5519	0	2903618	2903618
Non-merchantable	8	1492	1500	1406	326277	327683
Deciduous	28	1430	1459	1741	81544	83285
Low site	0	2950	2950	0	1085624	1085624
Non commercial	0	87	87	0	0	0
Inoperable	64	118936	119001	25468	48050936	48076404
Less:						
Total productive forest	532	228847	229379	126451	84385378	84511829
Non-productive forest	12	14864	14876	0	656543	656543
Non-forest	92	273951	274042	929	1926847	1927776
Total land base	635	517662	518297	127380	86968768	87096148
DESCRIPTION	Area Schedule A ha	Area Schedule B ha	Total Area ha	Volume Schedule A m ³	Volume Schedule B m ³	Total Volume m ³

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Future Timber Harvesting Land Base	349	85812	86161			

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Definitions and excluded areas are as follows. Total netdown areas in the following tables may differ slightly due to rounding.

- 1. Total landbase: the entire area of TFL 1. The 1998 total landbase was 610,691 ha, a difference of 92,394 ha. This area is accounted for by removal of the Nisga'a area from the TFL and a new TFL boundary provided by the MOF since the 1998 analysis.
- 2. Non-forest: the following non-forest types are 100% excluded from the THLB.

Table 3: Non-forest areas

Description	Total area ha	Area removed ir netdown step ha	
NTA- no typing available	3904	3904	
Classified roads, trails, landings	3887	2005*	
Alpine	239581	239581	
Alpine forest	13600	13600	
Gravel bar	428	428	
Gravel pit	3	3	
Lakes	1201	1201	
Rock	1458	1458	
River	5389	5389	
Swamp	5248	5248	
Urban	1225	1225	
Total	275924	274042	

^{*1882} ha of classified road overlaps with other non-forest types

3. Non-productive forest: the following non-productive types are 100% excluded from the THLB.

Table 4: Non-productive forest areas

Description	Total area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
NP	6447	6426
NPBR	8312	8291
NPBU	160	160
Total	14919	14876

4. Inoperable: The productive forest area is classified into operability classes based on combinations of accessibility, harvesting systems, and merchantable volume. The landbase was reclassified for operability in 2002 with the following inoperable areas 100% excluded from the THLB.

Table 5: Inoperable classes

Class	Total area ha	Total productive area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
Conventional low volume	11506	11233	11233
Inoperable	393403	107767	107767
Total	404909	119000	119000

Conventional low volume areas were determined in the 2002 total chance planning to be unavailable for harvesting due to insufficient volume at maturity, defined as volume less than 250 m³/ha. Inoperable areas are defined as not suitable for harvesting due to a combination of low volume, very poor quality, or inaccessibility. Inoperable areas do not include alpine forest. Volume per hectare was used only as a general guideline for viability when operability was being determined. Operability designations are also based on local knowledge of site conditions and wood quality.

5. Non-commercial: the following non-commercial types are 100% excluded from the THLB.

Table 6: Non-commercial areas

Description	Total area ha	Total productive area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
NC	17	17	17
NCBR	458	456	70
Total	475	473	87

6. Low site: the following leading species-fiz-site index combinations are considered not suitable for harvest due to low timber growing potential, and are 100% excluded from the THLB.

Table 7: Low site areas

Leading species	FIZ	Site Index m, age 50	% reduction	Total area ha	Total productive area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
Balsam	A	<6.5	100	157	36	0
Balsam	J	<6.5	100	5350	1369	21
Cedar	Α	<8,5	100	0	0	0
Cedar	J	<9.0	100	47	26	2
Hemlock	Α	<7.0	100	2025	653	47
Hemlock	J	<7.5	100	32872	25703	2868
Spruce	Α	<3.0	100	0	0	0
Spruce	J	<5.0	100	23	9	5
Pine	Α	<8.5	100	0	0	0
Pine	J	<9.5	100	175	115	0
Cottonwood	Α	<8.0	100	1	1	0
Cottonwood	J	<7.0	100	8	8	7
Total	•			40659	27921	2950

Source: Kalum Timber Supply Area Analysis Report, March 1999

7. Deciduous; all deciduous except cottonwood is 100% excluded from the THLB as follows.

Table 8: Excluded deciduous areas

Inventory Type Group	Total area ha	Total productive area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
37 - 42	2063	2026	1459
Total	2063	2026	1459

8. Non-merchantable: the following problem forest types are 100% excluded from the THLB.

Table 9: Problem forest types

Species	Description	Total area ha	Total productive area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
All	Age>100 and height <22m or age >60 and crown closure \leq 25 or age>100 and volume <250m 3 /ha	. 6510	6478	1500
Total		6510	6478	1500

Source: Kalum Timber Supply Area Analysis Report, March 1999

9. Environmentally sensitive areas: ESAs have been evaluated for TFL 1 and are included in the inventory landbase. The ESAs identified for exclusion from the THLB are listed in the following table: Ea-avalanche areas; Es-areas with unstable soils that may deteriorate unacceptably after harvesting; Ep-areas where regeneration will likely be difficult; and Er-areas with high recreation features. ESA categories are either 1-high sensitivity or 2-moderate sensitivity. Percent reductions are based on the March 1999 Kalum Timber Supply Area Analysis Report. Wildlife management areas identified in the LRMP replace the previous Ew designations.

Table 10: Environmentally sensitive areas

ESA Category	% reduction	Total area ha	Total productive area ha	Operable area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
Ea1	100	158	144	21	21
Ep1	100	42028	31768	2440	1608
Erl	100	0	0	0	0
Es1	50	10809	10097	1961	882
Esa1	100	15	0	0	0
Esp1	100	19616	12666	504	365
Ep2	50	5426	4986	838	257
Es2	30	48631	43826	9070	2323
Esp2	50	1978	1961	138	63
Esr2	30	1	1	0	0
Total		106366*	88115*	14105*	5519

^{*} individual areas do not add up to total area because some areas have both high and moderate ESA classifications.

10. Alpine Tundra: areas in the alpine tundra biogeoclimatic zone are 100% excluded from the THLB.

Table 11: Alpine Tundra areas

Description	Total area ha	Total productive area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
Alpine Tundra	123923	3870	112
Total	123923	3870	112

11. Riparian zones: riparian reserve and management zones are spatially defined in the TFL 1 inventory. The following reductions are made to the THLB for these zones.

Table 12: Reductions for riparian reserves and management zones

Description	% reduction	Total area	Total productive area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
Reserve Zone	100	20158	9041	1952
Management Zone	10	56644	23596	600
Total		76802	32637	2553

12. Specific geographically defined areas: the Upper Kitsumkalum and the Lakelse River Subzone 1 are identified as no logging zones in the Kalum Land and Resource Management Plan, 2002. These areas are excluded from the THLB as follows.

Table 13: Reductions for specific geographically defined areas

Description	% reduction	Total area ha	Total productive area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
Upper Kitsumkalum	100	22399	6854	843
Lakelse River Subzone 1	100	172	152	73
Total		22571	7006	915

13. Ungulate Winter Range- Mountain Goat: a no timber harvesting zone has been established by the Kalum LRMP 2002 for goat winter range. Per personal conversation with the biologist that prepared the Mountain Goat Winter Range inventory (Brad Pollard, R.P.Bio), 82% of the identified goat winter range is unavailable for timber harvesting and has been excluded from the THLB as follows.

Table 14: Reduction for mountain goat winter range

Description	% reduction	Total area ha	Total productive area Ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
Goat winter range	82%	17513	10998	1102
Total		17513	10998	1102

14. Unclassified roads, trails, and landings: existing unclassified roads, trails and landings are defined for TFL 1 as 6% of the current productive stands available for harvesting, ≤35 years old. This reduction is made in addition to the spatially defined classified roads, trails and landings accounted for in the non-forest reductions. The total reduction is 2059ha.

15. NSR: not satisfactorily restocked areas do not currently contain sufficient stocking of acceptable trees, and are identified in the TFL inventory. These areas are excluded from the initial THLB, and are added back to the current THLB after a specified delay (see section 6.8).

Table 15: Reduction for NSR

Description	% reduction	Total area ha	Total productive area ha	Area removed in netdown step ha
Current NSR	100%	3948	3881	2940
Total		3948	3881	2940

- 16. WTPs: Wildlife tree patches were calculated using Table A3.1 of the Landscape Unit Planning Guide, March 1999. Draft landscape units and landscape unit objectives are incorporated into the timber supply analysis. Biogeoclimatic subzones with area available for harvest include the CWHws, ICHmc, and MHmm. From Table A3.1, 15 combinations of subzones and landscape units require wildlife tree retention between 1% and 10% of cutblocks. A total area of 7894ha is calculated for WTP requirements, with 32% of the area, 2526 ha, excluded from the THLB.
- 17. Future roads, trails and landings: reductions are made for future roads, trails and landings after the stands are harvested for the first time by the simulation model. A total area of 3435ha will be deducted from the current THLB as harvesting proceeds. This reduction is applied to stands currently greater than 35 years old, and is 6% of the harvest area.

5.0 FOREST MANAGEMENT ASSUMPTIONS

5.1 MANAGEMENT ZONES

The timber harvesting landbase is divided into management zones based on forest management objectives, consistent with the Kalum Land and Resource Management Plan, 2002. GIS coverages were used to define the following management zones for TFL 1.

Table 16: TFL 1 Management Zones

Management Zone	Characteristics	Productive forest area ha	Timber harvesting landbase ha
General	All areas not assigned to one of the other management zones.	149275	61,664
Lakelse River	LRMP, subzone 1 excluded from the timber harvesting landbase. No subzone 2 within landbase.	152	0
Upper Kitsumkalum	LRMP, excluded from the timber harvesting landbase.	6854	0
Mountain Goat winter range	LRMP, 82% excluded from the timber harvesting landbase.	10998	241
Copper watershed/ Grizzly Bear	LRMP, additional seral stage requirements. Critical grizzly patch habitats accounted for in the timber harvesting landbase determination.	22776	9237
Moose winter range	LRMP, includes Beaver, Nass, Skeena, and isolated primary and secondary zones. No green-up or biodiversity requirements in addition to General Management Zone.	19201	9253
Backcountry recreation	LRMP, no green-up or biodiversity requirements in addition to General Management Zone.	841	133
Miligit Valley	LRMP, within the Upper Copper special management zone. Portion included in the partial retention VQO zone, otherwise no green-up or biodiversity requirements in addition to General Management Zone. Sensitive area accounted for in the timber harvesting landbase determination.	421	175
Retention VQO zone	LRMP, includes 29ha of VQO preservation, and retention area in the Kiteen-Cedar low level pass retention area. Additional green-up constraints.	6200	1610
Partial retention VQO zone	LRMP, additional green-up constraints. Includes partial retention areas identified in the Miligit special management zone and the Kiteen-Cedar low level pass area.	18611	9043

^{*} management zones overlap, therefore total productive forest and THLB areas do not add up to landbase determination totals

5.2 Analysis Units

Individual forest stands are grouped into analysis units as defined below. Each analysis unit is associated with existing stands and regenerated stands yield tables. Analysis units are independent of management zones. Site classes are described in section 6.

Table 17: Analysis unit definitions

Analysis Unit	BEC zone	FIZ (for MH stands)	Leading species	Inventory Type Group	Site class	Age class	Current timber harvesting landbase (ha)
1	CWH	n/a	hemlock, cedar	9 – 17	1, 2	All	3331
2	CWH, MH	Α	hemlock, cedar	9 – 17	3	1 – 7	14997
3	CWH, MH	Α	hemlock, cedar	9 – 17	4	1 – 7	2796
4	CWH, MH	Α	hemlock, cedar	9 – 17	3	8, 9	4046
5	CWH, MH	Α	hemlock, cedar	9 – 17	4	8,9	29667
6	CWH, MH	Α	balsam	18 - 20	1,2	All	1602
7	CWH, MH	Α	balsam	18 - 20	3	All	6958
8	CWH, MH	Α	balsam	18 - 20	4	All	3644
9	CWH	n/a	spruce	21 - 26	1 – 4	All	1246
10	CWH	n/a	pine	28 – 31	2 – 4	All	2577
11	CWH	n/a	cottonwood	35 - 36	2 – 4	All	626
12	ICH, MH	J	hemlock, cedar	9 – 17	2, 3	1 – 7	4511
13	ICH, MH	J	hemlock, cedar	9 – 17	4	1 – 7	775
14	ICH, MH	J	hemlock, cedar	9 – 17	3	8,9	704
15	ICH, MH, ESSF	J	hemlock, cedar	9 – 17	4	8,9	6420
16	ICH, MH	J	balsam	18 - 20	2, 3	All	1003
17	ICH, MH, ESSF	J	balsam	18 - 20	4	All	2544
18	ІСН, МН	j	spruce	21 – 26	1 – 4	All	375
19	ICH, MH	J	pine	28 – 31	2 – 4	All	1492
20	ICH, MH	J	cottonwood	35 - 36	1 – 4	All	283
Total							89596

5.3 DETAILED TIMBER HARVESTING LANDBASE

The following tables show the THLB area and volume summaries by analysis unit and 10 year age classes.

Table 18: THLB area by analysis unit and 10 year age class

total ha	3332	14988	2795	4045	29666	1602	8569	3643	1247	2578	5239	4510	9/1	707	6419	1004	2540	374	1493	283	96568
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141- 150	0	0	0	122	84	0	0	14	0	0	4	0	0	٥	114	4	4	0	0	0	358
131- 140	0	12	39	0	•	٥	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	0	۰	0	4	0	0	3	82
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Table 19: THLB volume by analysis unit and 10 year age class

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6.0 GROWTH AND YIELD

6.1 YIELD TABLE DEVELOPMENT

Existing stand yield tables and managed stand yield tables are developed for each analysis unit. Separate managed stand yield tables are also developed for analysis units that have spaced areas; these will be developed for the analysis in consultation with licencee and MOF staff. Existing and managed stand yield tables are in Appendix 1.

Existing natural stands:

Volumes for existing natural stands are generated by VDYP (Variable Density Yield Projection) windows version 1.1, core version 6.6d using weighted average species composition and site index, and VDYP default crown closure. Existing natural stands are defined as stands currently \geq 30 years old, excluding spaced stands. VDYP generated yields are net decay, waste and breakage, using TFL 1 waste and breakage factors. Deciduous volumes except cottonwood are netted out of the stand volumes based on the species composition assigned to each analysis unit.

Upon examination of these yields, concern was raised that the average volume per hectare of old growth stands was higher than expected for the TFL. Based on the extensive consideration given to old growth yields in the previous analysis, old growth existing stand yields were adjusted as follows.

- 1. 1998 analysis average volume per hectare for stands > 250 years calculated at 464 m³/ha. This average applies to the THLB only. This average was considered reasonable, with yields in 1998 adjusted based on audit plot information.
- 2. 2003 analysis average volume per hectare for THLB >250 years, using yields from step 1 calculated at 493 m³/ha.
- 3. Factor of 0.94 applied to all old growth volumes (>140 years) for all analysis units to create final existing stand yield curves.

Managed stands:

Volumes for existing and future managed stands are generated by WinTIPSY (windows version of the Table Interpolation Program for Stand Yields), version 3.0e using weighted average species composition and site index. For TIPSY yields, all stands are assumed to be natural regeneration with a 6 year regeneration delay incorporated in TIPSY. The operational adjustment factors (OAFs) used to generate yields are OAF1 of 15% to account for incomplete site occupancy, and OAF2 of 5% to represent losses that increase with stand age. Existing managed stands are defined as stands currently < 30 years old and all currently spaced stands. All existing natural stands become managed stands once harvested, except for cottonwood leading stands, for which the existing stand yield curves continue after harvest.

6.2 WEIGHTED AVERAGE SPECIES COMPOSITION AND SITE INDEX

The following table outlines the area weighted species composition and site index used to generate the yield tables. Weights are based on the THLB area for each analysis unit. Adjusted attributes refers to the inventory age, height, and site index resulting from the recent VRI adjustment. Unadjusted attributes refers to the inventory attributes prior to VRI adjustment, and are used in a sensitivity analysis.

Table 20: Analysis unit attributes

Analysis unit	Species composition	Site index BH age 50 adjusted attributes	Site Index BH age 50 unadjusted attributes
1	$H_{62} B_{30} S_4 C_3 Ac_1$	27.6	25.0
2	$H_{63} B_{27} C_4 S_4 Pl_2$	20.5	20.0
3	$H_{66}B_{23}S_5C_3Pl_3$	12.4	11.9
4	$H_{64}B_{26}S_6C_4$	16.7	16.7
5	$H_{76}B_{22}S_1C_1$	11.9	11.9
6	$B_{61} H_{37} C_1 S_1$	28.1	25.6
7	$B_{61} H_{34} S_3 C_2$	20.7	20.5
8	$B_{64}H_{34}S_2$	12.1	12.1
9	$S_{57} H_{20} Ac_8 B_5 Pl_4 C_4 At_2$	16.0	15.5
10	$PI_{73}H_{18}At_4C_3S_2$	19.7	18.2
11	$Ac_{66}D_{15}H_7S_6C_4Pl_2$	25.9	25.9
12	$H_{60} B_{18} S_9 Pl_5 C_4 Ac_4$	19.8	19.5
13	$H_{60} B_{14} S_{14} PI_8 C_4$	13.9	13.3
14	$H_{62}B_{23}C_{11}S_4$	17.1	17.1
15	$H_{75} B_{19} S_2 C_2 Pl_2$	10,8	10.8
16	$B_{64} H_{34} S_2$	21.4	21.4
17	$B_{69} H_{28} S_3$	11.8	11.8
18	$S_{54}H_{20}Ac_8E_6C_5Pl_5B_2$	20,3	20.3
19	$Pl_{64}H_{18}At_{8}B_{5}S_{5}$	19.3	18.9
20	$Ac_{50} S_{17} H_{15} D_{11} Pl_4 C_3$	19.6	19.6

6.3 SITE INDEX ASSIGNMENT

Site index and site class have been assigned to each polygon in the inventory database as follows:

- Stands ≥ 30 years: VDYP Batch version 6.6d breast height age 50 site index
- Stands < 30 years: inventory site index

Four productive site classes are based on site index breast height age 50:

 Site class 1:
 BH50 SI > 35

 Site class 2:
 25 < BH50 SI \leq 35

 Site class 3:
 15 < BH50 SI \leq 25

 Site class 4:
 3 < BH50 SI \leq 15

6.4 UTILIZATION LEVEL

The following table shows the utilization levels used to calculate merchantable timber volumes.

Table 21: Utilization levels

Species	Minimum dbh cm	Maximum stump height cm	Minimum top dib cm
cottonwood	22.5	30	10
all conifer species	17.5	30	10

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6.5 SILVICULTURE MANAGEMENT REGIMES

The following table shows TFL 1 silviculture regime assumptions used for this analysis. Current management practices are natural regeneration and no spacing.

Table 22: Silviculture management regimes

Analysis unit	Existing Stand	Regen delay	Regen method	Initial density
	Leading species hemlock, cedar	delay 6	natural	4000
1		-		
2	hemlock, cedar	6	natural	4000
3	hemlock, cedar	6	natural	4000
4	hemlock, cedar	6	natural	4000
5	hemlock, cedar	6	natural	4000
6	balsam	6	natural	4000
7	balsam	6	natural	4000
8	balsam	6	natural	4000
9	spruce	6	natural	4000
10	pine	6	natural	4000
11	cottonwood	6	natural	n/a
12	hemlock, cedar	6	natural	4000
13	hemlock, cedar	6	natural	4000
14	hemlock, cedar	6	natural	4000
15	hemlock, cedar	6	natural	4000
16	balsam	6	natural	4000
17	balsam	6	natural	4000
18	spruce	6	natural	4000
19	pine	6	natural	4000
20	cottonwood	6	natural	n/a

6.6 REGENERATION ASSUMPTIONS

Existing stands regenerate to the following analysis units following harvest. Interior spruce leading stands regenerate to interior balsam stands in proportion to their site productivity. Regeneration is assumed to the same species composition as the existing stands except for AU 18 which regenerates to AUs 16 and 17 as shown.

Table 23: Regeneration assumptions

Existing analysis unit	Regenerated analysis unit	weighting %
1	1	100
2	2	100
3	3	100
4	2	100
5	3	100
6	6	100
7	7	100
8	8	100
9	9	100
10	10	100
11	11	100
12	12	100
13	13	100
14	12	100
15	13	100
16	16	100
17	17	100
18	16	75
18	17	25
19	19	100
20	20	100

6.7 Existing Managed Immature

The following table identifies the immature management history for each analysis unit, and areas of existing managed second growth stands. NSR is excluded from this table.

Table 24: Immature management history

Analysis unit	Area < 30 years ha	Area spaced ha
1	917	332
2	9320	3243
3	189	175
4	0	0
5	0	0
6	331	292
7	41561	1358
8	1042	81
9	270	26
10	728	458
11	71	0
12	2726	868
13	108	0
14	0	0
15	0	0
16	928	41
17	526	92
18	2	3
19	426	67
20	164	0
total	21908	7035

6.8 NOT SATISFACTORILY RESTOCKED AREAS (NSR)

Currently 2940 ha of NSR is in the THLB. This area is distributed by analysis unit as shown in the following table, based on BEC subzone, FIZ, inventory type group and estimated site index data. NSR is assumed to regenerate over the first 10 year time period in TREEFARM.

Table 25: NSR distribution

Existing Analysis unit regenerated to		NSR area ha
1	1	43
2	2	637
3	3	344
4	2	0
5	3	0
6	6	0
7	7	814
8	8	144
9	9	112
10	10	204
11	11	99
12	12	184
13	13	124
14	12	0
15	13	0
16	16	24
17	17	82
18	75% AU16 and 25% AU 17	26
19	19	88
20	20	17
Total		2940

6.9 UNSALVAGED LOSSES

Unsalvaged losses are volume losses in addition to those accounted for by VDYP decay, waste and breakage, and TIPSY operational adjustment factors, resulting from natural causes such as insects, disease, fire, and blowdown. The annual net unsalvaged loss is deducted from the TREEFARM harvest flow results to determine net harvest volumes. Unsalvaged loss is estimated at 2900 m³/year, which is proportionately consistent by THLB area with the 1999 analysis. Assumptions as stated in 1999 and consistent in 2003 are that there have been no fires in TFL 1 and nearly all losses from blowdown are salvaged. There have been no major losses from insect attacks.

7.0 INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

7.1 FOREST RESOURCE INVENTORIES

Complete details regarding resource inventories are provided in the Management Plan section 3.0 and appendix 4. The following table summarizes the source and dates of the resource inventories.

Date Inventory Type Standard Source SCI Operability Woodima 2002 **Ecological-BEC** MSRM MSRM 1996 Madrone, Terrain **MSRM** 1996-2000 Timberline Visual quality objectives MSRM LRMP 2002 Streams MSRM 1997-2000 various 2002 Wildlife-goat, moose, grizzly MSRM LRMP Biodiversity-LUs MSRM MSRM 2001

Table 26: Resource inventory status

7.2 FOREST COVER REQUIREMENTS

The green-up period after logging is defined during which time the replacement stands are expected to reach a specified height. The following constraints are applied in TREEFARM.

Table 27: Green-up cover constraints by management zone

Management Zone	Green-up height m	Green-up maximum allowable disturbance % area	Application
General			
Moose winter range Mountain Goat winter range	3	35	THLB
Backcountry recreation	3	33	111171
Miligit Valley, excluding VQO areas			
Copper Watershed/ Grizzly Bear	5	25	productive landbase
Visual - retention	5	5	productive landbase
Visual - partial retention	5	15	productive landbase
Upper Kitsumkalum Lakelse	n/a	n/a	

Landscape biodiversity constraints are applied by landscape unit, biogeoclimatic variant, natural disturbance type, and biodiversity emphasis. Biodiversity emphasis is identified in the inventory database. The following old seral constraints are applied to the productive forest area, consistent with the Landscape Unit Planning Guide. Old seral age is >250 years throughout TFL 1. Constraints are identified only for the landscape unit - BEC combinations which contain area in the timber harvesting landbase.

Table 28: Old seral stage constraints

	Landscape Unit	Zone	Subzone	Variant	NDT	ВЕО	min retention area %	
	Beaver	CWH	ws	1	2	1	9	
E-over -	Beaver	CWH	ws	2	2	I	9	
M+01	Beaver	MH	mm	2	1	I	19	
	Clore	CWH	ws	1	2	1	9	
	Clore	CWH	ws	2	2	I	9	
	Clore	CWH	ws	Í	2	L	9	
E-N/A M+0 E-boderline E-blA M+0 E-blA	Clore	CWH	ws	2	2	L	9	
1	Clore	MH	mm	2	1	1	19	
W_{40A}	Clore	MH	mm	2	1	L	19	
JA	Dasque	CWH	ws	1	2	L	9	
E-Na	Dasque	CWH	ws	2	2	L	9	
1 A V	Dasque	MH	mm	2	1	L	19	
W.	Ishkheenickh	CWH	ws	1	2	I	9	
_ /	Ishkheenickh	CWH	ws	2	2	1	9	
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MAN	Kalum	CWH	ws	1	2	I	9	
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The LRMP defines an additional forest cover constraint for grizzly bear management in the Copper watershed portion of the Kleanza-Treasure Landscape Unit. This management zone will have maximum retention of 30% of the productive forest landbase between the ages of 25 and 100 years.

7.3 WILDLIFE TREE PATCHES

Wildlife tree patches were calculated using Table A3.1 of the Landscape Unit Planning Guide, March 1999. Landscape units and landscape unit objectives are incorporated into the timber supply analysis. From Table A3.1, 15 combinations of subzones and landscape units require wildlife tree retention between 1% and 10% of cutblocks as shown in the following table.

A total area of 7894 ha is calculated for WTP requirements, with 32% of the area, 2526 ha, excluded from the timber harvesting landbase as shown in the landbase determination. Reduction % is zero for other landscape units for which BEC zones and subzones are not shown.

Table 29: Wildlife Tree Patches

Landscape Unit	Zone	Subzone	WTP%	SRME
Beaver	CWH	WS	6	8
Clore	CWH	ws	4	6
Dasque	CWH	ws	7	7
Kalum	CWH	ws	10	10
Kiteen	CWH	ws	1	3
Kiteen	ICH	mc	6	7
Kleanza-Treasure	CWH	ws	3	7
Ksedin	CWH	ws	4	E
Lakelse	CWH	ws	7	7
Nass River Kalum	ICH	mc	6	7
Nelson-Fiddler	CWH	ws	9	જ
Nelson-Fiddler	ICH	mc	1	5
Skeena River Kalum	CWH	ws	5	5
Tseax	CWH	ws	3	4
Tseax	ICH	me	8	8

7.4 TIMBER HARVESTING

Minimum harvest volume is 300 m³/ha, except for the analysis units that contain the majority of the operable non-conventional volume. These analysis units, for which minimum harvest volume is 350 m³/ha, are 4, 5, 8, and 15.

The minimum ages for natural and managed stands are determined from the yield tables for each analysis unit as the age at which the minimum volume is attained, or 60 years, whichever is greater. Minimum age for cottonwood stands is designated as 60 years consistent with the Kalum Timber Supply Area Analysis Report, March 1999.

Table 30: Minimum harvest age

	existing a	natural stands	natural regen managed stands no OGSI adjustment		
Analysis unit	minimum harvest age	culmination age	minimum harvest age	culmination age	
1	60	68	60	105	
2	60	88	71	140	
3	125	130	141	190	
4	78	102	71	150	
5	145	132	141	210	
6	60	66	60	100	
7	63	94	69	130	
8	135	155	149	200	
9	77	105	91	140	
10	76	109	81	100	
11	60	60	60	60	
12	71	91	75	120	
13	106	130	117	140	
14	82	105	75	120	
15	146	155	117	180	
16	79	100	67	110	
17	175	161	141	170	
18	88	96	n/a	100	
19	104	110	86	100	
20	60	81	60	81	

7.5 OPERABILITY/ HARVEST METHODS

Operability mapping of TFL 1 was revised and completed in 2002, based on a combination of harvesting systems, accessibility, merchantable volume, and local knowledge of site conditions and wood quality. As shown in the landbase determination, reductions to the timber harvesting landbase are made for:

- conventional low volume areas which are unavailable for harvest due to insufficient volume at maturity, defined as volume less than 250 m³/ha;
- inoperable areas, defined as not suitable for harvesting due to a combination of low volume, very poor quality, or inaccessibility. Inoperable areas do not include alpine forest.

Table 31: Timber harvesting landbase and harvest methods

Analysis unit	Co	Conventional		conventional
	area (ha)	volume (m³)	area (ha)	volume (m³)
1	3329	747709	3	55
2	14933	567467	64	24383
3	2739	73273	57	7504
4	3564	2726503	482	364705
5	27291	15387236	2376	1342614
6	1602	411123	0	3
7	6906	432363	52	14200
8	3300	988626	343	185534
9	1226	233551	19	16232
10	2577	150949	0	0
11	621	48432	6	413
12	4500	259262	6	2971
13	759	40168	16	4969
14	657	446579	52	35521
15	5827	2931137	594	313077
16	995	1812	7	4415
17	2264	756686	281	129849
18	373	67549	1	739
19	1490	195682	2	353
20	283	3919	0	0
total	85237	26470025	4359	2447537

7.6 INITIAL HARVEST RATE

The initial harvest rate will be determined during the timber supply analysis.

7.7 HARVEST RULES

Section 3.0 describes the harvest rules used by TREEFARM in more detail. Preference will be given for harvesting the historic harvest profile, with a secondary preference to harvest oldest stands first.

7.8 HARVEST PROFILE

The historic harvest profile is shown by analysis unit, area weighted for stands currently ≤ 20 years old, including NSR.

Table 32: Historic harvest profile

Analysis unit	% THLB
1	4.5
2/4	36.6
3/5	2.3
6	1.2
7	24.2
8	4.8
9	1.4
10	4.7
11	0.8
12/14	8.9
13/15	1.0
16	4.9
17	2.1
18	0.2
19	2.0
20	0.3
Total	100

7.9 HARVEST FLOW OBJECTIVES

The initial harvest level will be set to maximize the AAC in the short term followed by a maximum decline of 10% in each of the following decades, and to avoid harvest shortfalls below the long term level. The long-term level is defined as the harvest that will maintain total timber growing stock at an even level so that harvesting can continue at a constant level in perpetuity.

APPENDIX 5-1

Yield Tables