

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECONNAISSANCE REPORT

STUDY AREA: Block 13			
Ecofor Project Number:	08-1011-001		
Location:	The block is located in the Fort St. James Forest District. To access the development area,		
	leave Fort St. James heading north on Hwy 27. Turn left (west) onto Tachie Hwy and		
			n) onto Leo Creek FSR and travel to the
		,	hek FSR (300 Rd.) and follow to the 322
	km mark. Turn left (south) onto an unnamed road and travel for approximately 1.3 km, at which point the block is located east of the road.		
UTM (NAD 83):	Zone: 10U E 361403	\mathbf{N} 6088617	Method: Map
UTM Description:	Center of the northern block.	1 0000017	Method: Map
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STUDY AREA DESCRIPTION		
Description of Development:	Proposed small-scale beetle harvest block (12.7 ha).	
Elevation Range:	775-820 m ASL	
Forest Cover:	SBS biogeoclimatic zone, dominated by pine (refer to survey map for forest cover and age class).	
Hydrology:	Two unnamed streams (A and B) and one wetland (A) are associated with the study area. These features are characterized at the time of survey as low-lying areas. No other features were apparent due to approximately 60-70 cm of snow cover.	
Landforms:	The terrain is generally level and undifferentiated.	
Recorded Cultural Features	There is one pre-1846 CMT site (GfSh-4) located 4.3 km southwest and two	
(Prior to Investigations):	post-1846 CMT sites located within 5 km of the development area.	
Modelled Archaeological Potential:	Mostly moderate with some high according to the Fort St. James Forest District	
	Archaeological Predictive Model.	
Remarks:	Mountain pine beetle infestation was observed and ground visibility was limited	
	due to 60-70 cm snow cover.	
	The block had been cruised and laid out prior to the survey.	

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METHODOLOGY

An inspection of the study area was limited to reconnaissance level survey to identify CMTs, trails and other surficial cultural heritage resources and to assess potential impacts from timber harvesting to these identified sites. The study area was also assessed for subsurface archaeological potential. All identified features were marked in the field using one band of orange flagging tape and one band of white and black candy-striped ribbon.

RESULTS

Archaeological/Cultural Heritage Resources Found (Y/N)? N Number of Sites: 0

RECOMMENDATIONS

Consult with the Tl'azt'en Nation and Yekooche First Nation about any management concerns that they may have in regards to the proposed development area.

Recognise the possibility that additional unidentified cultural-heritage resources might be present in portions of the block which were not traversed on-the-ground.

No further archaeological/survey work is recommended for this development area.

NOTE:

Although every attempt was made to locate and record all archaeological and cultural-heritage features located within the specified survey area, the possibility exists that remains may have been missed. If any unidentified archaeological or cultural-heritage remains are encountered during development activities, work in the nearby vicinity should stop and the Archaeology Branch, relevant First Nations, and the Ministry of Forests, Fort St. James District should be informed. These agencies will then provide direction as to an appropriate course of action to take regarding management of the remains.

It was not the intent of this survey to identify, evaluate, or comment on the presence or absence of Aboriginal Rights in the survey area. Archaeological Impact Assessments do "not address the Ministry of Forest's obligations under the [MoF] *Protection of Aboriginal Rights Policy*," (MoF, DRAFT Procedures for Managing Archaeological Resources in Forestry Operations, May 14, 1997, page 4). Completion of this survey does not "abrogate or derogate from aboriginal treaty rights" (*Heritage Conservation Act* Sec. 8). The survey was conducted without prejudice to First Nations Treaty Negotiations, aboriginal rights, or aboriginal title.

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