



District Policy Central Cariboo and Chilcotin Forest Districts



Policy Guiding the Use of Modified Free Growing Survey Criteria within the SBPSxc and IDFdk4 Subzones in the Williams Lake TSA

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This guidance replaces the previous guidance on the topic dated March 11, 2009.

Purpose

This document is intended to provide additional guidance to foresters regarding the acceptability of aspen in the SBPSxc and the IDFdk4 biogeoclimatic units within the Central Cariboo and Chilcotin Forest Districts to that provided by the *Silviculture Survey Procedures Manual – Regen Delay, Stocking Standards and Free Growing Surveys – plus Alternative Survey Methodologies*.

Scope

This policy is applicable to the SBPSxc and the IDFdk4 subzones (site series 01 and drier only) within the Central Cariboo and Chilcotin Forest Districts, and is intended for use by all silviculture obligation holders. The policy may be applied in openings declared free growing as of January 12, 2011.

Policy

For the purposes of achievement of free-growing status, trembling aspen may be considered non-deleterious to the growth of crop species in the SBPSxc and the IDF dk4, site series 01 and drier for the purposes of achievement of free growing. Use of this policy is at the discretion of a qualified professional and does not supersede criteria for free growing stands in Section 97(6) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation.

Survey methodology is to be consistent with the most current version of the provincial *Silviculture Surveys Procedure Manual - Regen Delay, Stocking and Free Growing Surveys - plus Alternative Survey Methodologies*.

The stocking standards must be consistent with the applicable operational plan in effect at the time of the declaration, or be consistent with current version of the *Reference Guide for FDP Stocking Standards* where applicable. Some operational plans may require amendment to incorporate this strategy if aspen competition is addressed in the effective plan.

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Review Schedule

This policy will be reviewed from time-to-time by the Williams Lake TSA Silviculture Subcommittee, and recommendations may be made to the District Manager if changes are warranted.

Reference

Newsome, T., Heineman, 2011 Verification of research findings to support changes to brushing guidelines for the SBPSxc and IDFDk4. Unpublished Document. Ministry of Forests, Lands and Resource Operations, Williams Lake, B.C.

Approval



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