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CULTURAL HERITAGE RESOURCES PRE-HARVEST EVALUATION FORM GUIDANCE DOCUMENT

This guidance document is intended to assist persons with completion of the CHR Pre-harvest Evaluation form.

Part 1: Site Information

Block / Road Identifiers and Attributes:

Provide administrative and site information as indicated. All indicated information must be provided for tracking and analysis of CHR information and potential future refinement of assessments at landscape levels.

Block / Road Summary of Known and/or Potential Cultural Heritage Resource Information

Existing CHR and consultation information relevant to the planning area must be reviewed prior to proceeding with a CHR evaluation. This information should be available on a Due Diligence Report (DDR) initiated for the block/road, which summarizes facts gathered from:

- Previous consultations with First Nations.
- Traditional Use Studies.
- The Remote Access to Archaeology Data (RAAD) application managed and maintained by the Government of BC.
- Cultural Heritage and Resource Inventories (CHARI)

Part 2: Field Identification of Cultural Heritage Resources

Site or Feature found:

This section is split into 2 parts, one pertaining to those CHR features that may be protected under the Heritage Conservation Act (HCA) and the 2nd pertaining to those CHR features clearly not protected under the HCA.

HCA features are to be managed in accordance with the HCA and must be evaluated by a qualified professional (archaeologist). Whether or not the HCA applies to First Nations features (e.g. CMT's) depends on whether they pre-date 1846, or not. CMT's with modifications that cannot be determined to have occurred after 1846 must be recorded in this section, and BCTS must be advised of the need for further assessment in accordance with the HCA. Documenting the type and location of any such feature within or in the vicinity of the planning area will assist with completion of an AIA. Please refer to Page 92 of "*Culturally Modified Trees of British Columbia – A Handbook for the Identification and Recording of Culturally Modified Trees*", Archaeology Branch, March 2001 for abbreviations used to identify CMT types.

The second section pertains to those features that are not protected under the HCA. Document the type and location of such features found within or in the vicinity of the planning area, including location and abundance, for planning and potential further consultation efforts.

Part 3: Management Strategies Recommended for Identified CHR Features

Potential Management Strategy:

The listing provided on the form is a sample of common strategies that may be employed to manage CHR's. Document the management strategy(s) that may be employed to manage or conserve CHR's found within or near the planning area. Provide specific information regarding the location and scope of management strategies. Potential management strategies considered for use must be referred to BCTS staff for approval prior to incorporating into development plans.

Attachments to this form:

Ensure CHR features are photographed and mapped, and append photos and maps to the form. GPS coordinates should be provided where possible.