



File: FOR-18045-30/Forest Stewardship Plans – 2023-2028 BCTS FSP (FSP ID 24)

February 3, 2023

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Re: BCTS Prince George Business Area Forest Stewardship Plan FSP (FSP ID 24)
Including the following licensees: Tse-khe Timber Limited (Forest Licence A96585)

Dear Jeremy Greenfield:

The Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP), submitted on August 8, 2022 and revised on February 3, 2023 has now been fully reviewed by the Prince George and Mackenzie Natural Resource Districts. I have been selected as the delegated decision maker for this joint District FSP submission.

Determination:

- I am satisfied this FSP was prepared and submitted in accordance with section 5 of the *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)* and regulations.
- I am also satisfied the review and comment requirements and reasonable efforts to meet with First Nations in Sections 20, 21 and 22 of the *Forest Planning and Practises Regulation (FPPR)* have been met.
- As the delegated decision maker under section 16(1) of *FRPA*, I hereby approve your Forest Stewardship Plan for a 5-year term in accordance with Section 6 of *FRPA*.
- The term of the plan is from **February 3, 2023 to February 2, 2028**.

The area of this FSP in the Prince George and Mackenzie Natural Resource Districts overlaps with multiple First Nations' traditional territories and all were engaged appropriately. Concerns brought forward by First Nations were responded to and were incorporated into the FSP where appropriate.

Based on comments received from overlapping First Nations during the consultation period, I recommend the following for BCTS as follow-up to the FSP approval:

- BCTS meet with Simpcw First Nation, as per their request, to discuss the FSP once it is approved.
- McLeod Lake Indian Band (MLIB) did not raise any specific concerns regarding the FSP during the consultation period. MLIB has brought forward concerns on previous consultation processes regarding their Environmental Livelihoods and the ability for MLIB

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members to meaningfully exercise their Treaty 8 rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather, and to have peaceful enjoyment of their rights without increased competition from non-Indigenous people in their territory and requested mitigation. I recommend that BCTS meet with MLIB to discuss these comments and mitigation, specifically:

- How they will address road deactivation in developed blocks to limit non-member access to areas of cultural importance: and
- How post-harvest recovery will support the land being brought back to a condition that supports traditional uses that are of continued importance to MLIB, including re-inventory of traditional plants and restoration of habitat for moose.

Please continue to have meaningful dialogue with First Nations and engage early on proposed activities to ensure there is a clear understanding of interests and to incorporate appropriate mitigation strategies.

If you require clarification of any aspect of this determination, please contact Alena Charlston, RPF, Senior Licensed Authorizations Officer at (250) 649-4379.

Yours truly,



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Prince George Natural Resource District

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