



RISS-FIP Communication Bulletin July 2023

Interim RESULTS Information Submission Specifications for the Forest Investment Program (RISS – FIP)

This communication bulletin summarizes the key highlights of the Interim Forest Investment Program RISS document.

Please be advised that the Interim RESULTS Information Submission Specifications is available to proponents of the Forest Investment Program (FIP). The Forest Investment Program is a new program that began April 1, 2023; administered by the Forest Investment and Reporting Branch (FIRB). The Forest Investment Program provides funding for silviculture activities on non-obligation areas of Crown Land. **The RISS – FIP document is active until December 31, 2023, at which time it expires.** It will be replaced by a combined guidance document which will include RISS for Government Funded activities (provincial) and RISS for Forest Investment Program activities (provincial and federal).

The following are key highlights of the Interim Forest Investment Program RISS document.

- **Funding Source Code:** New funding source codes, FIP and FED have been added to RESULTS. The FIP code will be used for provincially funded activities through the Forest Investment Program and the FED code will be used for activities led by external proponents funded through the federal 2 Billion Tree Program (and not through the Forest Investment Program).
 - Forests for Tomorrow and the Forest Carbon Initiative funding source codes, including FTM, FTL, FCE and FCM, will be retired as these programs concluded March 31, 2023. Completed activities with these funding codes will remain in RESULTS to reflect historic expenditures and accomplishments.
- **Project Number:** All activities funded by FIP must have a project number reported in the Inter-agency number field of the activity. The project numbers are included in the Forest Investment Program allocation letters or provided by the Third-Party Administrators.
- **Planting Request Keys:** These numbers are mandatory and must be entered manually online in RESULTS and cannot be submitted through an ESF submission.
- **Reporting Planting Activities:**
 - Planting activities have a new attribute for Climate Based Seed Transfer (CBST). This is a "YES/NO" attribute, and it will default to "NO" using an ESF submission. CBST can be updated to "YES" manually online in RESULTS.
 - All planting activities that occur on an understocked stand impacted by wildfire or insects where no knockdown or harvesting occurred post-natural disturbance, must be reported using the Method Code UNDER.

- For fertilization activities that occur at the time-of-planting, including Gromax bags, granules, and tablets, they must be reported as a separate fertilization (FE) activity. Do not integrate into the planting activity.

- **Spatial** submissions are a requirement for all completed activities funded by the Forest Investment Program.

- **Specific sections** for reporting of the following activities have been provided:
 - Fertilization for Stand Enhancement
 - Juvenile Spacing
 - Road Rehabilitation
 - Residual Fiber and Burning Avoidance
 - Aerial Application for Insect Defoliators, and
 - 2 Billion Tree Program Directly Funded by the Federal Government

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