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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Timberline Forest Inventory Consultants Ltd., on behalf of the Arrow Forest Licence Group, is preparing timber supply information for the Provincial timber supply review. The DFAM and TSR processes require that the public and first nations groups have an opportunity to review and comment on the timber supply analysis prior to the AAC determination. This Public and First Nations Review Report documents the steps taken to carry out the review process.

This first draft version documents the steps followed during the initial public and first nations review stage of the review process. The results of the review process and feedback are provided in Appendix I.
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Timberline Forest Inventory Consultants Ltd., on behalf of the Arrow Forest Licence Group, is preparing timber supply information for the Provincial timber supply review. These reviews are conducted every five years and assist the B.C. Forest Service’s Chief Forester in re-determining allowable annual cuts (AACs). For the Arrow Timber Supply Area (TSA), the Chief Forester will determine a new AAC by September 2004.

Under proposed defined forest area management (DFAM) legislation, the responsibility to conduct timber supply analysis within a TSA will be transferred to the licencees operating within the TSA. The DFAM legislation requires the formation of a DFAM group to carry out this process that includes the holders of replaceable forest licences, BC Timber Sales (BCTS), and other holders of agreements that meet the prescribed requirements.

Integral to the DFAM and TSR processes, the Arrow Forest Licence Group has the responsibility to ensure that the public and First Nations groups have an opportunity to review and comment on the timber supply analysis prior to the AAC determination by the Chief Forester. This Public and First Nations Review Report documents the steps taken to ensure that this is accomplished.

Public review is accomplished in two steps. One 60 day review period following publication of the first draft information package and one 60 day review period following publication of the analysis report. This draft report is published after the first review period.
2.0 INITIAL PUBLIC AND FIRST NATIONS REVIEW

2.1 SUBMISSION OF THE INFORMATION PACKAGE

The Arrow TSA Timber Supply Review First Draft Information Package was submitted on October 20, 2003. A letter announcing the release and requesting feedback was sent out to a broad list of public stakeholders residing and operating within and in the vicinity of the Arrow TSA. These stakeholders included First Nations groups, governing bodies, environmental groups and recreation groups. The list of stakeholders was originally compiled for the Timber Supply Review 2 (TSR 2). The contact information was reviewed for currency prior to the announcement date.

2.1.1 Public Stakeholders

The main method of distribution to public stakeholders was through email when an email address was provided. A copy of the formal letter announcing the review (Figure 2.1) was delivered as an attachment to the email along with a simplified version of the letter in text format within the body of the email. The recipients of the email notification letter are listed in Table 2.1.

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When email contact information was not provided for the stakeholder, the formal announcement letter was mailed to the contact address given. The recipients of the notification letter through mail are listed in Table 2.2.

**Table 2.2. Public review recipients contacted by letter**

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A copy of the letter delivered is provided below in Figure 2.1.
October 17, 2003

Reference: Arrow Timber Supply Area
Allowable Cut Determination Process
Public and First Nations Review

Timberline Forest Inventory Consultants Ltd., on behalf of the Arrow Forest Licence Group, is preparing timber supply information for the Provincial timber supply review. These reviews are conducted every five years and assist the B.C. Forest Service’s Chief Forester in re-determining allowable annual cuts (AACs). The Chief Forester will determine a new AAC for the Arrow Timber Supply Area (TSA) by September 2004. For more information on the timber supply review program, see: www.for.gov.bc.ca/bts/tsr.htm.

An important component of the AAC determination process is provision of information to the public. The licensees are required to ensure that the local public and First Nations have an opportunity to review and comment on the analysis documents prior to the Chief Forester’s allowable annual cut determination. You have received this letter because you were on the B.C. Ministry of Forests’ contact list for the previous analysis process.

The first analysis document available for review is the Information Package. The Information Package describes the current forest management practices and information related to timber supply for the Arrow TSA. This information will be reflected in the upcoming timber supply analysis that will evaluate timber availability under current management objectives and practices.

The draft Information Package is now available for review and comment for a 60-day period.

A website (www.timberline.ca/arrowsasa) has been established to facilitate access to the materials for review. The Information Package can now be downloaded from the website. Also available are related maps and background documents.

Should you be interested in reviewing the materials, but do not have Internet access, please contact Gordon Nienaber at 250-480-3310.

If you wish to provide comments, please forward them in writing to Gordon Nienaber before December 19, 2003. Complete contact information for feedback is available on the website.

Yours truly and on behalf of the Arrow Forest Licence Group,

Gordon Nienaber, M.F., F.I.T.

Figure 2.1. Public stakeholders letter
Some of the addresses provided from the TSR 2 stakeholders list were no longer valid. Letters were returned undelivered for the following stakeholders listed in Table 2.3.

Table 2.3. Public review recipients with now defunct addresses

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2.1.2 First Nations Stakeholders

Printed hard copies of the draft information package were sent by courier on October 20, 2003 to the stakeholder first nations groups. An accompanying announcement letter was written to specifically address first nations concerns and to encourage their active role in the review process. The following additional background literature on the TSR process and DFAM was also included with the letter:

- Timber Supply Review (TSR) Backgrounder (MoF, 2003a);
- Defined Forest Area Management (DFAM) TSR Information Sheet (MoF, 2003b); and
- DFAM and TSR Frequently Asked Questions (MoF, 2003c).

The first nations groups on the recipient list are shown in Table 2.4.

Table 2.4. First nations group recipients

| Administrator Ktunaxa-Kinbasket Tribal Council |
| Administrative Director Okanagan Nation Alliance |
| Chairperson Shuswap Nation Tribal Council |
| Chief and Council Lower Similkameen Band |
| Chief and Council Okanagan Band |
| Chief and Council Osoyoos Band |
| Chief and Council Penticton Band |
| Chief and Council Upper Similkameen Band |
| Chief and Council Westbank First Nation |
| Chief and Council Spallumcheen Band |

A copy of the first nations letter is provided below in Figure 2.2 and Figure 2.3.
October 17, 2003

Address

Attention: Name, title

Reference: Arrow Timber Supply Area
Allowable Cut Determination Process

Dear [Salutation]:

Timberline Forest Inventory Consultants Ltd., on behalf of the Arrow Forest Licence Group, is preparing timber supply information for the Provincial timber supply review. These reviews are conducted every five years and assist the B.C. Forest Service’s Chief Forester in re-determining allowable annual cuts (AACs). For the Arrow Timber Supply Area (TSA), the Chief Forester will determine a new AAC by September 2004.

Prior to the determination, First Nations will have two opportunities to review timber supply information and provide input; first during the completion of the information report (also known as a data package) and second during the completion of the timber supply analysis report.

Along with this letter, B.C. Forest Service staff has asked that we provide you with a copy of the Timber Supply Review Brochure and the draft information report. The information report describes the current forest management practices and information related to timber supply for the Arrow TSA. This information will be reflected in the upcoming timber supply analysis that will evaluate timber availability under current management objectives and practices. The brochure briefly explains the timber supply review process. At this time, the draft information report is available for public and First Nations review and comment for a 60-day period. Once we have completed the timber supply analysis, we will forward that report to you.

A website ([www.timberline.ca/arrowtwa](http://www.timberline.ca/arrowtwa)) has been established to facilitate distribution of the analysis materials. A digital version of the enclosed information report can be downloaded from the website. Also available are related maps and background documents.

We encourage you to please forward (as noted below) your written comments concerning any information regarding your aboriginal interests as they relate to the AAC determination for the Arrow TSA. If you wish to meet to discuss any interests and concerns related to these documents and the upcoming AAC determination, please contact Gordon Nienaber. He can work with you to schedule a meeting and arrange for attendance of the appropriate government staff.

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Figure 2.2. First nations stakeholders letter page 1
2.1.3 Review Website

The draft information package was not sent directly to the stakeholders groups. Instead, the announcement letter invited the public to review the document made available on a website established for the review process. An image of the website is provided in Figure 2.4. The recipients of the announcement letter were also invited to contact Timberline if they did not have access to the internet.
An additional hard copy of the report was sent to the MoF office in Castlegar along with plotted copies of the supporting maps. These were sent to ensure that a copy of the report was available for review by interested parties without access to the digital version. This report was sent on October 23, 2003.

2.1.4 Advertising

Advertising for the initial public review consisted of placement of an advertisement in the Arrow Lakes News on October 23rd and 30th, the Nelson Daily News on October 22nd and 29th, the Valley Voice on October 30th and November 13th, the Trail Daily Times on October 22nd and 29th, and the Castlegar Citizen on October 24th and 31st. The advertisement is shown below in Figure 2.5.
Two additional maps were placed on the website on October 22, 2003. The link to the Arrow IFPA website was also removed at this time because the site had been deactivated during the time since the initial posting of the website on the 20th.

Feedback on October 24, 2003 noted that the email address link did not work. This was due to confusion over the acronyms TSR and TSA. To avoid further confusion, a second email address Arrow_TSR_Feedback@timberline.ca was created.
2.3 **FIRST NATIONS CONSULTATION**

One month after the delivery of the information package to the first nations groups the consultation process was started. This process involved phoning the individual band offices to identify whom the document had been forwarded to in each office. Once this person was identified, an attempt was made to contact the person to offer support or clarification of detail to aid the review process. This contact also had the objective to specifically encourage the contribution of feedback from First Nations groups.

If a First Nations group indicated that the Arrow TSA was outside of their particular area of interest, an offer was made to remove the group as a contact for the next review stage.

2.4 **STAKEHOLDERS CONSULTATION**

Individual consultation with stakeholder groups was not required under the DFAM process. The contact address was provided to all stakeholders in order to request consultation. No requests nor feedback was received from any of the stakeholder groups notified. Therefore, there was no stakeholder consultation for the information package review stage of the review process.
### 3.0 SECOND PUBLIC AND FIRST NATIONS REVIEW

At this draft version the second review process has not been initiated.
4.0 REFERENCES


