
Ground Sampling Change Management Log – 2016 **(CMI/YSM/VRI)**

The following document highlights the significant changes to the ground sampling procedures and standards for 2016. This includes the Change Monitoring Inventory (CMI), Young Stand Monitoring (YSM), and Vegetation Resources Inventory (VRI, i.e., Phase 2 samples, volume audit samples, etc.) programs.

This list may not be exhaustive; refer to the actual procedures and standards documents for complete and official documentation. These are available at the Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch (FAIB) website: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/vri/index.html>.

CMI, YSM & VRI Procedures:

1. Access point coordinates may be collected using any reliable GPS unit, and no longer need to be post-processed. (Note that the IPC GPS point still must be post-processed).
2. Data entered GPS coordinates must include offset corrections (i.e., entered coordinates must correspond to the feature location [e.g., IPC pin], not the offset GPS unit position).
3. Clarity added to stem mapping procedures.
4. Small tree plot height classes changed by 1 cm (now 10 cm – 29 cm and 30 cm - 1.3 m).
5. Corrections and clarity added around the definition of and selection process for all types of sample trees.
6. Additional “Y/N” suitability assessment required for all sample trees: “suitable for site index” based on the SIBEC standard.
7. Corrections and clarity added to the quality assurance standards tables.

CMI & YSM Procedures:

8. Plot type “L” added for “light” sample type.
9. Minor updates to the additional forest health measurements and procedures (contained in a stand-alone document).

VRI Procedures:

10. 100% heights required in auxiliary plots (change from 2015).