

# SMALL SCALE SANITATION/SALVAGE Strategic Plan Skeena Region

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## **PURPOSE**

To describe the strategy for Small Scale Salvage (SSS) related activities in the Skeena Region (Nadina, Skeena Stikine and Coast Mountain Forest Districts). This plan is intended to be consistent with both the Regional and Provincial Small Scale Salvage strategic plans.

## **APPLICATION and SCOPE**

- This Strategic Plan will be effective until it is replaced.
- Activities associated with SSS will apply to the entire forest district, subject to the information provided in the District application guidelines

## **GENERAL FOREST CONDITIONS**

The forests within the Districts have been heavily impacted by the mountain pine beetle and moderately impacted by spruce bark beetle. Both beetles have the potential to further impact forest health conditions if left unchecked.

## **STRATEGIC GOALS**

1. To mitigate the infestation of Spruce Beetle from epidemic proportions primarily through trap tree programs and sanitation harvesting.
2. To utilize SSS to minimize unsalvaged losses.
3. To focus SSS activities in areas that would not normally be addressed through large or medium scale salvage operations, avoid small patch fragmentation across the landscape, and result in minimal silvicultural obligations to the Crown.
4. To maintain SSS activities that are commensurate with the resources available in the district to manage the SSS effectively.
5. To utilize professional applications and professional post harvest assessments to support administrative and operational delivery of the SSS.
6. To ensure SSS activities are consistent with good stewardship and do not negatively impact the ability of Major License holders or BCTS to achieve operational plan or certification commitments.
7. To ensure First Nations are aware of, and support SSS activities to help maintain forest health and productivity on traditional territories.

## **DISTRICT OBJECTIVES and IMPLEMENTATION**

Details regarding the procedures, site eligibility, and other key aspects associated with the SSS in the District are as per the District application guidelines as amended from time to time.

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