

Appendix 4

Agency and Public Review



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Dear Doug Perdue:

Thank you for submitting Draft Management Plan #4 for Tree Farm Licence (TFL) 53 under covering letter of August 29, 2003. As required by paragraph 2.16 of the licence document, I am forwarding you the following comments on the draft plan for your consideration in the development of the timber supply analysis, twenty year plan and proposed management plan.

Please note that the comments related to Appendix 1 "Timber Supply Analysis Information Package" were forwarded to Atmo Prasad, Timber Supply Forester, in the Forest Analysis Branch in Victoria, who will collect all input for the information package and provide a response under separate cover.

Section 1.2.5 Commitments still in effect

Page 9 and Appendix 6: Memorandum of Understanding-Small Business Forest Enterprise Program

In view of the new organization and mandate for the BC Timber Sales Program (BCTS), the Timber Sales Manager of the Prince George Business Area requests that the Memorandum be updated by Dunkley Lumber Ltd. (Dunkley) and BCTS staff to reflect today's realities. The update should be completed prior to the approval of MP 4. The BCTS staff contact is Jim Reid, Planning Officer, and you can contact him at 250-614-7468.

Section 4.2.1 Visual Quality

We suggest to change the objective statement to the following to better reflect the discussion statements:



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"The objective for visual management on the TFL is to plan and conduct forest operations to meet Visual Quality Objectives (VQO's) as determined by the district manager for known scenic areas and to minimize adverse visual impact through proper visual design in known scenic areas without established VQO's."

Section 4.2.2 Biological Diversity

NO! - we will go with Provincial Objectives

We recommend an additional commitment to Landscape Objectives (objectives determined by government) currently being formulated by the Landscape Objectives Working Group and the Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management.

Section 4.2.7 Range Land

In the strategy statement, we recommend that reference be made to continued communication with range tenure holders through both the FDP referral process and personal contact should impacts to range be identified.

Section 4.6.1.2 Basic Silviculture Activities

In the discussion you indicate that one of the results of the basic silviculture program during MP 3 was to plant a higher component of pine, where ecologically appropriate. If this is to be continued during MP 4, please indicate how this strategy fits in the context of the mountain pine beetle epidemic.

Section 4.7.1 Road Construction/Maintenance

We suggest to amend the first paragraph under Strategy to the following: "Road and access planning, construction, maintenance and deactivation will continue to meet the requirements of applicable legislation."

Section 4.7.2 Road Deactivation

Under Strategy, there is discussion about temporary and semi-permanent deactivation which are no longer applicable in the current legislation. There are only two categories of deactivation applicable today: i.e., maintenance (which would include temporary and semi-permanent deactivation) and permanent deactivation. The strategies should be amended accordingly.

I conclude by reminding you that according to the schedule for the management plan replacement process, the following documents will be required:

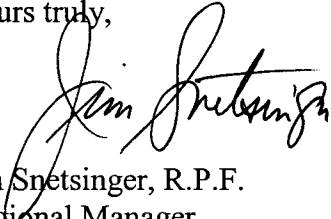
- The Copy of Notice, Comments and Proposals regarding Draft MP 4 is to be submitted to the regional manager by December 31, 2003.
- The Twenty Year Plan is to be submitted to the district manager by February 28, 2004.
- The Timber Supply Analysis is to be submitted to the Timber Supply Forester by February 28, 2004.

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- The Proposed MP 4 is to be submitted to the chief forester and regional manager by August 31, 2004.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Louis Gagné, Tenures Specialist, at (250) 565-6163.

Yours truly,



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Atmo Prasad, Timber Supply Forester, Timber Supply Branch
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Jim Reid, Planning Officer, BC Timber Sales, Prince George Business Area