Preparing a Woodlot Licence Plan

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|       | Woodlot Licence Plan Amendments |
Workshop Objectives

During this workshop you will:
- complete most of your WLP
- understand the links between WLP content and practice requirements
- learn which parts of the WLP must be signed by an RPF
The Basic Components of a Woodlot Licence Plan

- Map and information
- Areas where harvesting will be avoided or modified
- Strategy for FN cultural heritage resources
- Wildlife tree retention strategy
- Stocking standards
- 2 written measures
- Alternative Performance Requirements (optional)
- Signatures
- Supplemental Information

Use a portion of UBC/Alex Fraser Research Forest (Gavin Lake Block) with Lakes, streams, roads, topography as an example. Area shown about 600 ha.
A large part of the workshop will be spent filling out a version of the WLP template that provides example wording to help you create your own WLP.
Woodlot Licence Plan Term

WOODLOT LICENCE # [Enter Details]

WOODLOT LICENCE PLAN

Proposed First Term

[Enter start year to end year]

[Enter Licensee Address]
[Enter City, Province Postal Code]
E-mail: [Enter E-mail Address]
Phone: [Enter Phone No.] Fax: [Enter Fax No.]
Signature of the WL Holder

- If a WL is held by a corporation or FN band, the WLP must be signed by a person authorized on behalf of the corporation or FN band.
- If a WL is held by an individual, the WLP must be signed by the WL holder or a person authorized by the WL holder.
- A WL holder can provide a letter to the District Manager indicating another person is authorized to sign on behalf of the WL holder.
The Woodlot Licence Plan

Area

The Woodlot Licence Plan

- Should normally cover the entire woodlot licence area
- Can cover a smaller area if the District Manager is satisfied no timber harvesting or road construction will take place on the area not being addressed
- Under normal circumstances CPs and RPs can only be issued over areas covered by the WLP

Clearly identify if a portion of the woodlot licence area is not covered by the plan!
Woodlot Licence Plan Area

1. Content for a Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP)

1. Plan Area

- This plan covers the entire Woodlot Licence area.
- This plan covers a portion of the Woodlot Licence area.

[Enter Details]
Example Text:
1. This plan covers only the Crown land portion of the woodlot licence area.
2. This plan only covers the portion of the woodlot licence identified as the “Area Covered by the Plan” on the map in Appendix III.
Information from Existing Maps

- Forest Cover
- Topography (Contours)
- Streams, Wetlands & Lakes
- Fish Streams

- Biogeoclimatic Ecosystem Classification to the Subzone
- Public Utilities on Crown Land
Wildlife Habitat Areas

- Wildlife habitat areas must be identified on the WLP map or text unless the DM grants an exemption because the location of the wildlife habitat area must not be disclosed.

- “Primary forest activities” (harvesting, silviculture treatments, road construction, maintenance and deactivation) must comply with any general wildlife measure established for a wildlife habitat area.
Scenic Areas

- Scenic areas need to be identified or described on the WLP map or in the WLP text
- Do not identify the visual sensitivity classes that apply to parts of the scenic area as this will require the WLP to be amended when visual quality objectives are established
Ungulate Winter Ranges

- Any ungulate winter ranges need to be identified on the WLP map or text
- Understand any objectives or general wildlife measures for the ungulate winter range
Community or Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds

- The WLP must identify or describe any community watersheds or fisheries sensitive watersheds which overlap the WL area.

- WLP must be consistent with any water quality objectives for a community watershed or any fisheries sensitive watershed objectives.
Community or Domestic Water Supply Infrastructures

- The WLP must identify or describe any community or domestic water supply intakes that are licensed under the *Water Act* and any related water supply infrastructures which exist on or adjacent to the WL area.
Contiguous areas of sensitive soil

- The WLP must identify contiguous areas of sensitive soil

- Sensitive soil is defined as
  - an area with a slope > 60% or indicators of potential slope instability
Maps and Information for Roads

- Existing Roads
- Temporary and Permanent barricades to restrict vehicle access
Private Property

- Private property within or adjacent to the woodlot licence area must be identified or described in the WL plan.
- adjacent is no longer defined in regulation but means near or contiguous.
Resource Features

- Karst
- Range Developments
- Research Plots
- Snow Course

- Cultural Heritage Resource associated with traditional use
- Recreation sites, trails, facilities and features