

The WLP must be consistent with these objectives

- 1. maintaining or enhancing an economically valuable supply of commercial timber from the woodlot licence area;**
- 2. conserving the productivity and the hydrologic function of soils;**
- 3. conserving within riparian areas, at the landscape level, water quality, fish habitat, wildlife habitat and biodiversity;**
- 4. conserving and protecting cultural heritage resources that are the focus of a traditional use by an aboriginal people that is of continuing importance to that people, and not regulated under the *Heritage Conservation Act*;**
- 5. subject to section 52 (1) [*wildlife tree retention*], any “**land use objective**”**

The WLP must be consistent with applicable “land use objectives”

- **Land use objectives** are objectives established for Resource Management Zones, Landscape Units or Sensitive Areas, under the Code
- **FRPA section 13(3)** indicates a WLP need not be consistent with objectives set by government for
 - retention of old forest (OGMAs),
 - seral stage distribution,
 - landscape connectivity, or
 - temporal and spatial distribution of cutblocks (green-up or maximum cutblock size).
- **WLPPR section 52** indicates a land use objective for wildlife tree retention will only apply if it is < 8% and < a % specified in a WLP.

The WLP must also be consistent with objectives for:

- a fisheries sensitive watershed
- water quality for a community watershed
- the winter survival of specified ungulates,
- the survival of a species at risk, and
- the survival of a species of regionally important wildlife
- an interpretive forest site, recreation site or recreation trail;
- a wildlife habitat area
- an ungulate winter range
- a lakeshore management zone for a lake > 5 ha.
- visual quality in a scenic area

New Wildlife Habitat Objectives

- **Visit the MOE website listed below to see if objectives for habitat conservation have been established over the WL area for:**
 - species at risk, or
 - specified ungulate species

- **The WL holder must act in a manner consistent with these objectives.**

ftp://ribftp.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/cdc_data/Approved_FRPR_sec7_WLPPR_sec9_Notices_and_Supporting_Info/

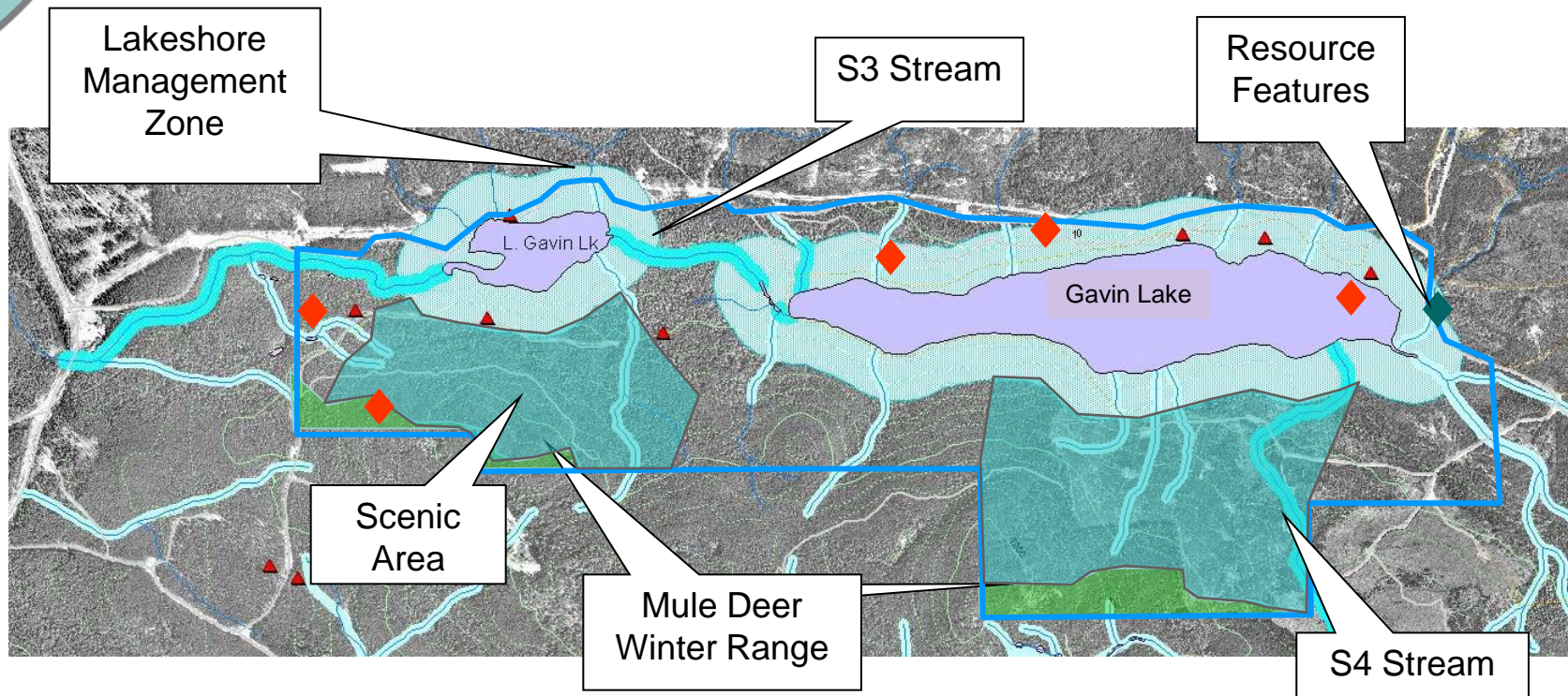
Personal Objectives

- **Examine your WL management plan for additional commitments or AAC assumptions that create constraints**
- **Consider how you can operate to achieve your personal management objectives given the constraints created by government objectives, regulation practice requirements and your WL management plan**



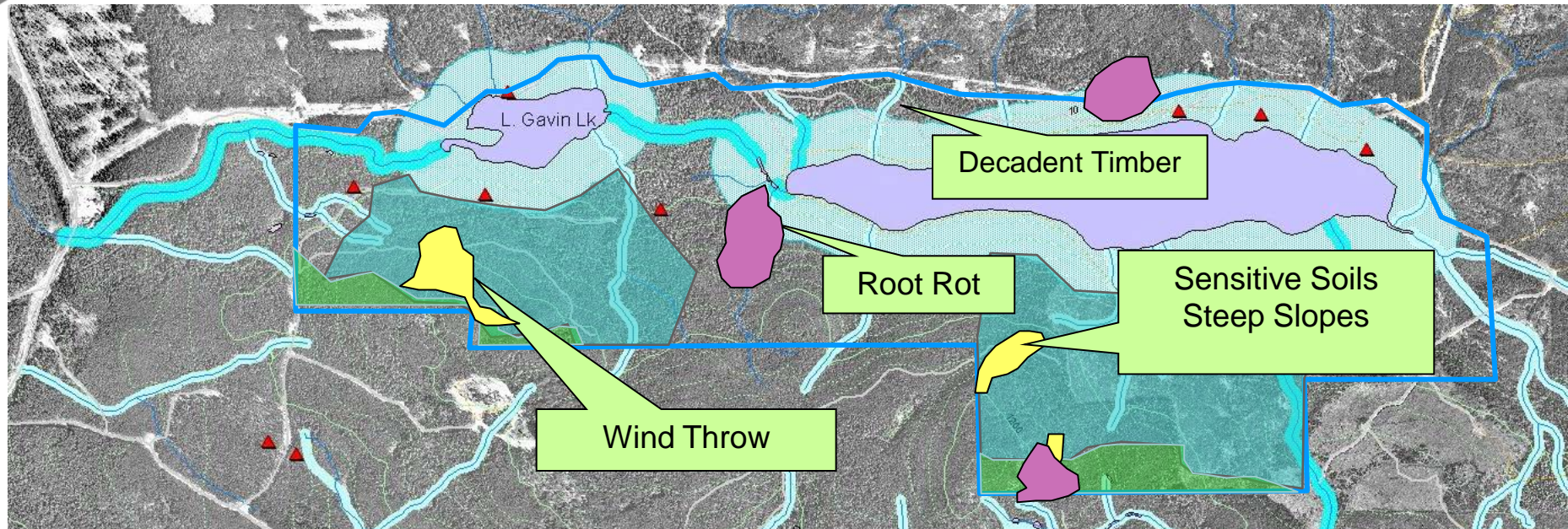
Delineating The Land Base

1. **Locate government imposed constraints on harvesting, (e.g. ungulate winter range, riparian areas, scenic areas, community watersheds, etc.)**



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2. **Identify areas where there are management constraints:**
 - FN cultural use areas, root rot centers, steep slopes, sensitive soils, natural range barriers, high blowdown potential.
 - low value species or decadent timber, high reforestation cost
3. **Decide if and how you should operate in each of these constrained areas or leave them for wildlife tree retention.**



Where Harvesting Will be Avoided or Modified

The WLP must describe where timber harvesting will be avoided or modified during the term of the WLP to address or protect the following:

- resource features
- private property or aboriginal interests
- resource values (retention in riparian management zones)
- objectives for a Resource Management Zone, Landscape Unit or Sensitive Area
- wildlife habitat areas
- scenic areas
- ungulate winter ranges
- community and fisheries sensitive watersheds

Where Harvesting Will be Avoided

- **Do not show wildlife tree retention areas and riparian reserve zones as areas where you will avoid harvesting.**
- **Be careful in designating areas where you will avoid harvesting as WLPPR section 53(1) prohibits “harvesting” in these areas.**
- **Refer to the definition of “harvest” to see the full effect of this prohibition.**
- **An amendment to the WLP will be needed before any harvesting can be authorized in areas where you indicate you will avoid harvesting.**

Where Harvesting will be Modified

Be careful in describing where and, in required instances, how you will modify harvesting as:

- WLPPR section 53(2) requires harvesting to be in accordance with the modifications described in the WLP, and
- WLPPR section 40(5) restricts the removal of trees from riparian management zones to what is described in the WLP, unless exempted by the district manager.

Managing Constrained Areas

For areas with constraints:

- Consider if there is a way you can modify your harvesting to achieve desired results.
- Consider if the area has suitable stand characteristics to become a wildlife tree retention area.
- Calculate the total area of the WL required for wildlife tree retention and utilize constrained areas if suitable.

Recommendation:

Don't indicate you will avoid harvesting an area unless you are legally prohibited from harvesting or you are certain you won't need to harvest in the area for 10-20 years.

Mapping Exercise

- **Identify areas where you will avoid harvesting**
- **Identify areas where you will modify harvesting**
- **Identify if any of these or other areas are suitable as wildlife tree retention areas**
- **Identify where you will need to construct a road in a riparian reserve zone or riparian management zone of a stream, wetland or lake**