

Order to Establish the Crescent Spur, Lower Morkill/Cushing, Forgetmenot, Upper Morkill, North Trench and Goat Landscape Unit Objectives

Pursuant to section 4 (1) of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* (the Act), the Crescent Spur, Lower Morkill/Cushing, Forgetmenot, Upper Morkill, North Trench and Goat Landscape Units in the Headwaters Forest District (Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Integrated Land Management Bureau, Northern Region), as indicated on Maps 1-6, are each established as a landscape unit.

Objectives for the Crescent Spur, Lower Morkill/Cushing, Forgetmenot, Upper Morkill, North Trench and Goat Landscape Units

Pursuant to section 4 (2) of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*, the following are objectives for the Crescent Spur, Lower Morkill/Cushing, Forgetmenot, Upper Morkill, North Trench and Goat Landscape Units are established as landscape unit objectives.

These objectives replace objectives established in the Order Establishing Provincial Non-Spatial Old Growth Order (June 30, 2004) for the Landscape Units listed above.

Objective 1.0 Meet the distribution of old growth for each Landscape Unit / Biogeoclimatic Unit (variant) by maintaining the old growth management areas (OGMAs) as shown on each Landscape Unit map (Maps 1-6) subject to the following points:

- Cutting trees within OGMAs, is limited to circumstances where it is absolutely necessary for insect or disease infestation control because of a forest health threat to adjacent areas. When intervention in OGMAs is required for the above reasons:
 - (a) small intrusions are acceptable for sanitation purposes and no notification to the Integrated Land Management Bureau is necessary but
 - (b) where more than 10% of an OGMA is proposed for removal where the OGMA is less than 50 hectares in size, or, where more than 5% of an OGMA is proposed for removal where the OGMA is more than 50 hectares in size, written notification to the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Integrated Land Management Bureau, Northern Region Manager Client Services must occur, and an evaluation will be undertaken by a qualified professional to determine if the OGMA can continue to meet old growth objectives of biodiversity. If it is determined to fail in this regard, than a suitable replacement OGMA will be established.
- When an OGMA is damaged or destroyed by natural events (for example; fire, flood, insect infestation) it will be evaluated based on forest attributes by a qualified professional for its ability to continue to meet biodiversity objectives. If it is determined to be unsuitable for meeting old growth biodiversity objectives, then a suitable replacement OGMA may be established to replaced the lost OGMA.

- Construction of permanent or temporary roads are not to be undertaken in OGMA's unless there are no other practicable options. Any roads that are built in OGMA's must be deactivated, rehabilitated and planted as soon as possible.
- Fire suppression and fuel management options shall be permitted within OGMA's for the purpose of maintaining the integrity of the OGMA, as long as such actions do not detract from the biodiversity value of the OGMA.

Objective 2.0 Where OGMA's fall within declared Ungulate Winter Range-Caribou High, objectives specific to that Ungulate Winter Range will apply to the OGMA's.

Effective Date and Future Orders

For the purposes of the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act, all new forest development plans and all major amendments to forest development plans submitted following a date 4 months after the effective date of this Order must be consistent with the Order.

This Order does not affect any Category A cutblocks approved pursuant to the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act on or before the effective date.

For the purposes of the Forest and Range Practices Act, and despite subsection 16(2) of that Act, all forest stewardship plans submitted after the effective date must be consistent with this Order.

Effective Date of Order

This Order takes effect on, January 30, 2006.

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Date