

Prince Albert FMA Forest Management Planning Process

Core Planning Team Meeting Minutes for April 16, 2015

Location: Forest Service – Birch Room

Time: 1 – 3pm

Mark Doyle, Forest Service	Robert Follett, NorSask
Michelle Young, MLOSB	Ian MacIver, Sakâw
Doug Braybrook, Edgewood	Dave Knight, Carrier
Darryl Sande, Kaskew	Cam Brown, Forsite (Minutes Author)
Narayan Dhital, Forest Service	

Minutes:

1. Review of Past Action Items:
 - **Cam** to adjust SGR's so they are consistent with the modeling assumption that all stands revert to the same stand type (no erosion of SWD occurring at regeneration).
 - Mark provided info on event duration (max 5 yr approvals but can create larger events using multiple approvals). There are still a lot of issues around how events will be implemented operationally and reviewed in plan approval process.
 - All other past action items were addressed.

2. Environmental Registry / VOITS
 - a. We have finalized the previous commitments / approval conditions that need to carry forward into the new plan – and those that can now be dropped.
Narayan to circulate the list with direction for new plan.
 - b. **Cam/Doug** to propose a set of reporting parameters for VOITS and see if there is industry support for engaging govt in reducing the reporting frequency on some indicators.
 - c. **Cam/Darryl** to look at VOIT for event duration – is there a better location? How would it be reported?
 - d. It was discussed that those VOITs identified as compliance will not be directly handled by C&E staff. The intent is to use the Management Implementation Team to assess outcomes on these VOITs and C&E would only get involved when the MIT is unable to agree on an appropriate course of action.

3. Public Consultation Summary Document (Forest Estate Modeling Stage)
 - a. Document was approved by Forest Service and posted to Sakâw website.
 - b. A public review session for the Volume 2 document is planned for June.

4. Caribou

- a. Cam presented the caribou plan – includes 500,000 ha of gross are / 117,000 ha of net area deferred from harvest for the term of the plan (20 yrs). 2015-16 approved AOP blocks will be allowed to continue. This is an interim strategy while range plans are developed by govt. Long term management objective is to manage age classes to provide habitat over time (vs creation of reserves).
- b. **Cam** to send Gigi the plan to keep her in the loop and see if she wants to offer any comments/suggestions.

5. Timber Supply Sensitivity Analyses (Results)

- a. Cam presented results for a range of sensitivity analyses (none suggested that there is any risk to maintaining the current HVS for the term of the plan)
 - i. CTL vs Treelength utilization for SWD
 - ii. Increased Pulp (Degrade factors from 1999 analysis)
 - iii. Exclusion of High Pulp Stands From The Net Landbase
 - iv. Less SWD Regen
 - v. More SWD Regen
 - vi. Longer/shorter Regeneration Delays
 - vii. +-10% Volume Estimates
 - viii. Minimum Harvest Ages increased by 10 years
- b. Report containing all forest estate modeling work will be provided to shareholders mid next week (Apr 22, 2015) and then to govt shortly thereafter.

6. Tactical Plan Issues

- a. FMP standard is going to require spatially specific 'blobs' indicating harvest locations. Model output will be generalized somewhat to provide flexibility – govt recommended standard to do this is the 'event' approach (250m buffer in/out + 50m outside tolerance). Company planners can then review and edit these for operational practicality. Forsite plans to explore a few alternative approaches to the 'generalizing' (buffering) approach.
- b. 3rd party volumes are meant to be considered in the tactical plan areas and they will be encouraged to harvest within them – but it will not be possible to force them to adhere to them. It will be key to ensure they do not harvest the old seral areas or in the caribou habitat maintenance zones.
- c. Forsite will be providing maps to company planners for review around April 27 with the goal of getting edits back within 2-3 weeks.

7. Terminology

- a. It was decided that this plan will continue to use the 2007 Planning Manual terminology (Vol 1 and Vol 2) and not adopt the current draft standard terminology.

Subsequent meetings:

Thurs May 14, 2015 (9 am at Forest Service)

Wed June 17, 2015 (9 am at Forest Service) - This week will likely involve a series of public meetings.