

# Prince Albert FMA Forest Management Planning Process

## Core Planning Team Meeting Minutes for August 19, 2014

**Location:** Conf Call / Web Meeting

**Time:** 9:30 – 10:15 am

Pat Mackasey, Forest Service	Cam Brown, Forsite
Xianhua Kong, Forest Service	Jeremy Hachey, Forsite (Minutes Author)
Dave Harman, Paper Excellence	Darrell Crabbe – Sask Fish and Wildlife Fed.
Shawn Meisner, Carrier	

### Minutes:

1. Review of Past Action Items:
  - a. Approval of development report (Pat) – still outstanding.
  - b. Cam to update workplan after discussing timelines with Bob/Pat – still outstanding.
  - c. Gigi (Fish and Wildlife) to provide comments on example 20 yr plan – Gigi gone till early September but **Pat** to see if there is any feedback from F&W branch.
  - d. All other action items were addressed.
2. Volume 1 – **Pat** has received little comments and no major concerns stemming from public review. Likely to move forward with approval of Volume 1 in the week of August 25-28.
3. Development report – Pulp proportion under review by Forest Service.
4. Caribou – **Pat** mentioned that there is an industry update meeting planned for October regarding range planning for Caribou.
5. Forest Estate Modeling
  - a. Forsite has submitted a response to the technical review comments on the data package along with an updated data package. A response to this response from the government is expected for the week of August 25-28. Cam asked about specific items (10% replanning threshold, Minimum harvest Ages, Minimum Patch Size, and pulp proportion. Pat replied that this will be addressed in the response expected next week.
  - b. Modeling and formulation of preferred scenarios is pretty much in a holding pattern pending government's decisions on pulp concerns as well as uncertainty around NFP related standards. **Cam** asked the group about moving forward with developing preferred scenarios and moving ahead. Shawn indicated that the preference was to move ahead, noting that government decisions can take a while. Cam suggested that we remain in a holding pattern and that if we don't hear anything by next meeting (Sept. 17), we will consider moving ahead with some proposed scenarios based on our interpretation of the intent of the NFP but that they may or may not align well with the final NFP guideline / standard. **Pat** indicated that ideal situation is that the plan be approved without approval conditions (i.e. full approval).
6. PAG meeting in September – The group discussed potential topics for the next PAG meeting. Three potential topics were discussed:

- a. Visuals around lakes – **ACTION** Forsite to present to the PAG, the lakes that will have visuals managed for and ask the PAG if they wish to have any more considered. This to be communicated before the meeting.
  - b. Shawn raised the issue of impacting trappers and guides with the trend toward large events and small trapper zones. Pat mentioned that the tactical plan will give an opportunity to look at this once it is ready. Plan is to share tactical plan with trappers/Guides when it is ready.
  - c. Cam suggested that a presentation on in-block retention for the group would be good since there has been a change since the last FMP. Could provide examples of what this looks like from recent harvest history. Preference to get a licensee operational forester to present in the field. **Pat** suggested a Wildlife biologist could be made available. **ACTION Cam** to to line some folks for the Sept 17 PAG meeting (Susan Carr to support).
7. **VOITS – Cam** talked about the need to create a VOIT around distribution of harvest both spatially and by species across the TSA. Goal is to have something proposed to review for next meeting.

**Subsequent meetings** (have been sent out as outlook meeting requests):

Wed Sept 17, 2014 (930am at Forest Service)

Wed Oct 15, 2014 (930am at Forest Service)

Wed Nov 19, 2014 (930am at Forest Service)

Wed Dec 17, 2014 (930am Conf Call / Web Meeting)