

# Prince Albert FMA Forest Management Planning Process

## Core Planning Team Meeting Minutes for June 18, 2014

**Location:** Forest Service – Birch Room

**Time:** 9:30 – 3 pm

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### Minutes:

1. Review of Past Action Items
  - a. **Xianhua/Pat** still to provide technical review comments on Modeling Assumptions Document.
  - b. All other actions completed.
2. Volume 1
  - a. The Forest Service is still preparing a Section 10 notice (as required by the EA Act) to notify the public that the FMP is being developed by Sakaw. Notice to be posted by EA branch in July.
3. PAG.
  - a. Meeting was held June 17, 2014 in PA and had presentations by Ducks Unlimited, Pat M on Caribou and Govt Legislation changes, and Cam presented some preliminary timber supply results and went through draft VOITS..
  - b. Next meeting planned for late summer when its possible to connect with the cabin owners.
4. Development Report
  - a. Still waiting for approval. No issues expected other than pulp content %'s. **Pat** to provide comments along with the technical review comments ASAP.
5. Caribou
  - a. Preliminary 20 year plan was submitted to Fish and Wildlife Branch for general review and comments. The goal is to allow them some early feedback on a draft submission and allow Sakaw to understand what they are going to be looking for. **Cam** is to contact Gigi to see if there is anything else she needs.
6. Forest Estate Modeling Results
  - a. Cam presented modeling results attempting to improve old interior conditions. They showed some improvement but an impact to HVS (60 yrs of HVS vs 40 vs 20). See powerpoint slides provided with these minutes. It appears improving interior old is quite impactful on HVS.

- i. It was proposed to explore interior conditions based on caribou habitat definitions (>50 yrs old) instead of old. The old requirement ensures that the event size management does not help interior conditions because regrowing events are harvested before they reach old conditions for the most part.
  - b. Discussion around more scenarios:
    - i. Interior forest using 50 yrs+ to define the patches.
    - ii. Incorporating specific Parks/RANs in the landbase that can count toward old/very old and old interior. **Xianhua** to forward the list of RANs/parks to Forsite. It was decided previously to not include these areas because it provided little current benefit to meet the 15% old requirement and would add risk to shareholders going forward (fire could burn, may have to pay for inventory). When a longer term view is use – the inclusion of these areas is likely to help meet old requirements and interior requirements.
    - iii. Quantifying the impact of inblock retention at 0% and 9% was requested.
    - iv. Xianhua asked for the baseline scenario to be a simple unconstrained timber flow scenario.
    - v. It may be necessary to run an ‘increased pulp’ scenario pending comments from the FS on the modeling assumptions doc.
    - vi. Sakaw would like to see an increase in HVS if a flow regime can be constructed with at least 20 years of consistent harvest.
  - c. The presentation and other project results can be found on the Forsite project website.
    - i. <http://services.forsite.ca/web/wp-login.php> user = sakaw pass= Sakaw1
    - ii. Look under the ‘Modeling Results’ tab for the June 18, 2014 Presentation and you will have access to the slide deck.

## 7. VOITS

- a. Edits were made to the VOITs table document (partially informed by PAG feedback from day before).
  - i. Aboriginal input – focus is on having provided opportunity
  - ii. **Bob/Pat** to be sending along a VOIT related to spatial distribution of harvest.
  - iii. It was suggested to look at the Mistik annual reporting for examples.
  - iv. The soils/water related VOITs that are relying on ministry compliance inspections were discussed. It was noted that care will need to be taken when assessing the numbers because of the potential to overestimate the non-compliance issues (multiple instances cited on a single form). Also low numbers of inspections could make the numbers swing widely if a non-compliance is found. The key will be to provide written context along with the stats.

## 8. Timelines

- a. **Cam** is to send a letter to Bob about the timeline issue so that the Forest Service can prepare for the possibility that a new FMP is not in place for April 2015.
- b. **Cam** is to prepare an updated workplan document that identified the new Plan Author (Cam) and updates the Gantt chart to reflect realistic timelines.

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

Wed July 30, 2014 (930am Conf Call / Web Meeting)  
 Wed Aug 20, 2014 (930am at Forest Service)  
 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)