

# Prince Albert FMA Forest Management Planning Process

## Core Planning Team Meeting Minutes for Nov 26, 2014

**Location:** Forest Service – Birch Room

**Time:** 9:30 – 100

Pat Mackasey, Forest Service	Michelle Young, MLOSB (phone)
Dave Knight, Carrier	Doug Braybrook, Edgewood
Shawn Meisner, Carrier	Narayan Dhital, Forest Service
Darryl Sande, Forsite	Cam Brown, Forsite (Minutes Author)
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### Minutes:

1. Review of Past Action Items:
  - Cam to update workplan after discussing timelines with Bob/Pat – still outstanding.
  - Cam to develop a map showing caribou habitat ratings, actual caribou population use, and old/very old stand retention areas so that planners can assess where these deferral areas might be located – waiting for data from Gigi.
  - Forsite to start looking at which approval conditions from old plan (detailed in Volume 1 doc) need to be moved into current VOITs. Still outstanding.
2. Tactical Plan Issues
  - a. Old seral retention mapping (includes interior forest issue)
    - i. Cam illustrated tables and maps that could be used to create a spatial old growth retention layer for use in the tactical plan. It was agreed that a spatial reserve layer is the objective (vs assessing % targets each year). The spatial plan will serve to meet the NFP requirement for the term of the plan. It was made clear that an amendment process (aimed at area forester) should be defined to address issues that arise during implementation of the plan. **Cam** was to share the planning tools with planners so they can integrate with AOP planning.
  - b. Format of Tactical Plan (spatial vs use of objectives/VOITs)
    - i. Cam presented an example of how objectives/VOITs could be used to ensure AOP blocks are consistent with strategic modeling assumptions and good stewardship practices. A spatial 20 yr plan would be produced for the purposes illustrating spatial feasibility / default solutions. Actual AOP submission would include assessment of a range of indicators that would be used to assess a spatial tactical plan (retention of old, interior forest, caribou habitat protection, distribution of harvest by species and geography, event size distribution, etc). **Cam** is to write a letter to Bob W asking for direction on the use of objective based tactical plans. This approach is preferred because of the flexibility it allows to adapt to

change circumstances, create meaningful event plans, and better deal with uncertainty associated with stakeholders and modelling data.

3. Compliance Summary (VOITS)

- a. The 2014 compliance summary for the FMA provided by Dave Cobb in late Oct was reviewed for its potential to inform soil/water VOITS.
- b. The group decided it would make reasonable source for assessing the soil/water VOITS as currently proposed – but that this VOIT should be made ‘reportable’ vs a compliance issue because the compliance action all already part of the C&E process.

4. Timelines – No change from last meeting – FMP timeline will be extended and then the plan will be approved retroactively to April 1, 2015.

- a. Dave L will be taking on Pat’s role in the new year until a replacement is hired.
- b. Now that NFP is resolved we need approval of the development report (pulp issue) before modeling can begin. **Pat** indicated he would get this done within the week.
- c. Aiming to include Forest Estate Modeling outputs in the AOP roadshow tour to cover off the public consultation requirement. A Forest Estate Modeling report will not be complete, but there is a need to keep the process moving and take advantage of gatherings of public for the AOP.
- d. The final modeling and tactical planning information will be produced after the public meeting to reflect a preferred management strategy and the planned harvest areas shown in the AOP. Once submitted, the Forest Service will require up to 6 weeks to review the Forest Estate Modeling report.
- e. Cam is to amend the FMP workplan and submit for approval and Pat/Bob are to send a letter clarifying how the extended timeframe works (retroactive approval to April 1, can continue harvesting under the approved AOP).

5. Caribou (Randy, Gigi)

- a. Randy presented the SK2 central range planning process (covers bulk of PA FMA). Core planning teams have been formed (Metis, Aboriginal, Industry /Stakeholders) and an Integrated team will also meet consisting of all three groups.
- b. Environment will have to report out to the feds at the same scale that the federal analysis was done, but the smaller road / trail features will need to be considered to get a meaningful result (but it does allow for some in the treatment of these features). Roads are going to be a key factor in any solution.
- c. Key is to meet 65% undisturbed habitat (>40 yrs old). Gigi is going to provide a map of potential habitat (H/M/L) that will then need to be filtered for age (expected by Dec 12<sup>th</sup>).
- d. We’d like to ID deferral areas for the term of the FMP but Gigi is not expected to be able to provide any guidance on this until mid January.

6. Forest Estate Modeling - nothing is occurring currently.

- a. Modeling will resume once development report (G&Y) is approved.
- b. Agreed on using 9% for inblock retention.

- c. MHAs will remain as proposed but a sensitivity analysis will be completed.
- d. May consider doing a sensitivity run that looks at the implications of no pulp market and/or no aspen market on the east side of the FMA.

**Subsequent meetings:**

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

Wed Jan 21, 2015 (930am at Forest Service)

Wed Feb 25, 2015 (930am at Forest Service)

Wed Mar 18, 2015 (930am at Forest Service)