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Everything Is For Later – And That's As It Should Be

by Sara Grady

"Everything is for later." This is a recurring theme in the Woodlot Licence program.

Veteran woodlotter Miles and Denise Fuller in Burns Lake have ridden the waves of good and bad times that characterize the forest industry in BC, and relative newcomer Jon Seinen, based in Houston, is just beginning his rollercoaster ride in BC's Crown forests. But neither has any misgivings because, paradoxically, what comes down inevitably goes up. And woodlotter understand that much of what they do will be for later.

Having a woodlot licence in the heart of the mountain pine beetle infestation presented a mix of fortunes for the Fullers: they were among the forest managers given permission by the Province to exceed their 5-year Annual Allowable Cut on Woodlot Licence 1540 and extract every viable tree possible. They removed infested pine trees (nearly two thirds of their total stand, the remainder being spruce and balsam) from their 600-hectare plot that would have eventually died standing and become worthless. Local



Miles with his dogs

mills raced to absorb the surplus. While the US housing market was experiencing a downturn, trade with China was robust and the forestry sector was reaping the benefits. The lumber mills were drinking from a fire hose.

However, that also meant that the Fullers were left with what people in that area dubbed a 'stump farm'. They were faced with

the daunting task of replanting on a scale that certainly wouldn't have been part of their original plans, since the very core of the woodlot licence program is sustainable forest management with small-scale logging over decades, not clear-cutting over months. So, like their counterparts in the region, they went into 'silviculture mode', working hard to reforest and get their woodlot back to a healthy, free-to-grow state. As stewards of a Crown resource, this was their promise, their commitment to the Province.

The Fullers are now seeing the results of that hard work, as their new pine and spruce plantings flourish and look less like

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Woodlot Reminders for 2016

by Brian McNaughton

2016 is shaping up to be a busy year. With that in mind, here are a few reminders and status reports on a few key issues.

With FRPA being just over 10 years old, many Woodlot Licence Plans (WLP) are set to expire in 2016. If your WLP falls into that category, there are some things you can do to ensure an orderly and timely extension. FRPA Administrative Bulletin #16 provides information and guidance on the subject. It can be found on the ministry website (<https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/frpa-admin/frpa-implementation/bulletins.htm>). Be sure you're reading bulletin dated January 4, 2016 and not the earlier version.

Is your 1 Cutting Permit about to expire? If you plan on getting another one, and want it in place when your current one expires, then there are some things you need to do! Elsewhere in this edition of the Almanac there is a bulletin describing the requirements. They aren't particularly onerous but do need to be done.

Annual reports are due by April 30, 2016. WL Annual reporting requirements were changed effective May 1, 2015. A WL licensee is now required to report completed activities on an annual basis. Key word is 'completed.' Previously all blocks, including partially completed blocks, were supposed to be reported. For more information about the changes, see Section 76 of the Woodlot Planning & Practices Regulation and page 15 of the Summer 2015 Almanac.

Fire season is just around the corner. I was surprised to find out that nearly 1



Brian McNaughton,
General Manager

out of 10 woodlot licences had some form of wildfire occurrence on them during the 2015 fire season. That's correct. Seventy-three (73) WLs were impacted by wildfires last year!

WLs need to do their part to prevent and control forest fires. It is highly recommended that every WL licensee review the Wildfire Regulation to ensure they fully understand their obligations with respect to conducting operations during a fire season, fighting and reporting fires, and carrying out hazard assessment and abatement activities. Also, if you are planning to carry out an industrial operation on your WL between March 1st and November 1st, then you are required to provide the Ministry with a 24 hour a day contact telephone number!

This year's provincial budget announcement included two new programs that may provide funding opportunities for WLs and their communities. The Forest Enhancement Society was given a budget of \$85 million for reforestation, habitat restoration and wildfire prevention/mitigation through forest fuel management. The Rural Dividend Program has \$75 million over the next three years to help small rural communities strengthen and diversify their economies. The Federation is working to ensure WLs and private forest landowners have access to these programs.

Speaking of funding, the Forests for Tomorrow (FFT) budget for WLs has been approved at ~\$728,000, an increase of approx. \$158,000 over

the previous year. The FFT remains focused on projects that will help mitigate future mid term timber shortages in areas impacted by the mountain pine beetle. The Federation, along with the BC Community Forest Association, are trying to get government to expand the list of eligible projects and areas under this program.

Work on the Natural Resource Road Act continues. The latest timeline suggests Fall 2017 as the target date for it going to the government for approval. The Federation, on your behalf, continues to express concerns over

- o Its applicability to Schedule A and other private land;
- o Extra work and costs it will impose;
- o Fair cost sharing for maintenance, capital costs, etc.;
- o The ability to surrender a permit; and
- o Ensuring the Act is results-based and includes professional reliance to a reasonable degree.

That said, Federation representatives did have a good meeting with the architects of the NRRR regarding Schedule A and private land and think we may have reached an understanding. More will be known when the next round of discussions between industry and the ministry take place.

If you have any questions about these or other priorities the Federation is working on, please don't hesitate to contact me at gen_manager@woodlot.bc.ca. ♦

Do the Right thing over the Long Term

by Mark Clark

Any doubt I may have had about climate change was removed this winter. While those of us in the north still have a ways to go before “all-season tires” are imaginable, a mild and short winter has made life a little more forgiving. Unfortunately, it is the same for many pests in our forests. A spruce bark beetle outbreak is underway near Mackenzie, with 156,000 ha detected in late 2015, up from 7,653 ha in 2013. Douglas-fir beetle is also on the rise across the Central Interior. And plantation diseases such as stem rusts and needle blights are enjoying the mild weather. Be vigilant on your woodlot because early detection and directed control efforts can go a long way to reducing losses from these pests.

Our two day March budget meeting was attended by 21 Federation members and 5 Council members. It was a productive gathering by an engaged group of volunteers. Directors reported on Association events and priorities, our contractors provided valuable updates and the gathering continues to be a credit to the organization. Some details are in this Almanac, including the Priority List on Page 18. Please take the time to review that list, and if there are items you would like to see added (or removed!) please let us know.



Mark Clark
President

For the most part, Woodlot Licensees consider themselves to be good stewards of public forest lands. But what does that mean in practice? The Forest Practices Board recently published a bulletin that explores stewardship from a Forest Practices Board perspective. The Bulletin is intended to foster discussion and promote stewardship of public forest and range resources. Their conclusions include

“Stewardship combines good practices with the intent to “do the right thing” over the long term. Stewards are knowledgeable of, and committed to, the sustainability of the resources that they manage and use. Stewardship of our provincial forests and rangelands is essential to provide the continuous flow of benefits that British Columbians enjoy.”

An important area of stewardship is fire management. Please be sure to contact your local Wildfire

Management Branch or MFLNRO office early this spring and update your contact information there. In a fire situation, being in the loop can be critical.

Lastly, the woodlot community has lost a significant member this spring. Rob Hood, a woodlot licensee from Likely, BC, former president of the Cariboo Woodlot Association and director to the Federation passed away on March 17, 2016 after a short but courageous battle with cancer. His long-standing commitment and contributions to small tenures will be missed. We extend our condolences to his wife Darlene.

Please be safe in everything you do. ♦



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- Our own website: <http://woodlot.bc.ca>
- Woodlot Safety Program: Safety info & Tools – Resources Packages: http://www.bcforestsafe.org/safety_info/resource_packages.html
- The Working Forest newspaper offers an e-newsletter and a newspaper on small-scale forestry across Canada: www.workingforest.com ♦



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Informative March Directors' Meeting

by *Debbie Zandbelt, RPF*

I have been reminded via the 2016 Woodlot annual Questionnaire that Stumpage is still the #1 important topic discussed at Woodlot Association meetings and in the various reporting functions the Federation completes. The expectation is for stumpage to continually climb in the short term. Thus it continues to be very important for me to listen to woodlot licensees – to hear the issues and the realities of woodlot economics. Thank you to those folks who take the time to share perspectives - it is critical to making this portfolio effective. As the Woodlot Association directors plan your meetings, let me know if I can provide any additional information to relay to your members.

Equally important for the Timber Pricing portfolio is to be aware of the issues the major tenure licensees and government face to provide that balance in the forest sector of being profitable and globally competitive. For this reason we invited Steve Kozuki – the Director of the Timber Pricing Branch to the annual Directors Meeting in March. Steve is new to the Timber Pricing Branch but not to forestry in BC and we greatly appreciated him taking time to hear from us and provide updates from government.

Steve had a very informative interactive discussion with the directors. I won't repeat what Ed Hughes reported out in his Coastal Timber pricing article (so be sure to read his report for more details); but a couple additional topics included expanding the cruise base billing provincially (meaning stumpage is paid on the cruise volume not scaled



Debbie Zandbelt, RPF
Interior Timber Pricing
Coordinator

volumes), discussions of reviewing log grades with the eye of what value that marginal sawlog brings, silviculture innovation to increase mid-term timber supply fall downs and an ever present topic the upcoming discussions on the Softwood Lumber Agreement. As our tabular rates follow along the MPS appraisal permits any new policy for the major tenures impacts the woodlot stumpage table rates.

Waste and Residue

February brought the start to the greatly anticipated Provincial Logging Waste Measurement Review Project. This task force has been challenged with two goals: generating more value from the forest resource and increasing fibre utilization in harvesting operations. Secondary users of the forest resource (such as pellet producers) are looking for new opportunities for fibre harvest residues. The review will explore opportunities to provide efficiencies and reduce costs, modernize standards, increase consistency and accuracy of waste estimates, and to consider methods of and limitations to measuring other forms of forest residue to both industry and government. Of utmost importance is to ensure the outcome of this review considers the economies of scale for woodlot licensees. This brings me to an excellent time to remind woodlot licensee to report your waste assessments! Without your data there is no way for me to understand what is out there for woodlot waste fibre and represent your interests appropriately. We still have the Federations proposal for a flat fee for waste assessments on the table. Once this task force moves ahead – we will be updating

our proposal for resubmission. Does stumpage have an effect on logging utilization on your woodlot? If so or if not – what does have that impact on utilization? My contact info is below, and I would love to hear your opinions.

IFS Stumpage program

As the number of licensee's fully appraising cutting permits in the interior decreases so has the need for the Federation to maintain a licence for the IFS stumpage calculator program. As of December of 2016, I will no longer be able to provide this program to licences upon request. However, if you do still require it – it is vital you contact me as soon as possible in order for our licence not to expire.

Debbie@woodlot.bc.ca. ♦

FBCWA Vision

Woodlot holders/owners will participate in a healthy and diverse forest industry with woodlot licences and private forest lands, making significant contributions to local communities and providing a sustainable supply of forest products. The FBCWA will have a voice in forest and economic policy. BC's woodlots will be models of forest management excellence, and world-renowned for their social, economic, recreational, cultural, and educational contributions to rural communities. ♦

New Coastal Appraisal Manual & Provincial Timber Pricing Priorities

by Ed Hughes

Director Timber Pricing Branch presentation to the FBCWA directors

Steve Kozuki the new Director of Timber Pricing Branch (TP) had a very frank and open discussions with the FBCWA directors at the March 5 directors meeting. Since Steve replaced Murry Stech as the director this summer there has been a shift in the direction of the Timber Pricing branch. Checking off priorities that are being accomplished/completed has been slowly increasing, along with open communication. On March 1, 2016 the new Coastal Appraisal Manual (CAM) was approved, something that had not been accomplished for a few years.

During the presentation Steve outlined the Provincial Timber Pricing priorities described in the Job's plan, FLNRO mandate letter, the waste file, and forest sector competitive strategy and a status report on the SLA file.

The concluding statement that "Woodlot Licences are the best example of a social licence in BC", was well received by our group. Supporting data and demonstrating good examples of how we are the best example will be important for supporting our TAB rates.

Following the Mass exodus from Timber Pricing Branch:

The slow portion of this past year during the period while the Timber Pricing branch staff were being replaced, was made up for in a flurry of activity in late 2015 and early 2016. The target of March 1, 2016 for the approval of the new Coastal Appraisal



Ed Hughes,
Coastal Timber Pricing
Coordinator

Manual (CAM) dominated the conference calls and emails. The new Manual was approved on time, which is a credit to the efforts to reach a consensus on the many different sections within the manual, requiring many hours of analysis of the huge amounts of cost and AMV data samples. It is complicated, detailed, but in the end the new manual was updated for another year. This annual updating of CAM is an important TP task that is expected to be repeated annually. This years "cooperation on technical issues with ministry staff" is expected by Minister Thompson "in future Coast MPS update preparation work, similar to that experienced this year." Great to see industry and government working together.

TAB rates for period from March 1, 2016 to Feb 28, 2017:

The TAB rates are set for coastal woodlots under section 7.2 of CAM:

1. a. Except as provided for under section 7.2.1, the sawlog stumpage rate (\$/m3) for each species of coniferous timber and zone harvested under a cutting permit issued under a community forest agreement of woodlot licence and their associated road permits will be:

	Zone	
	Northern Coast	Southern Coast
Balsam	.48	.54
Hemlock	.45	.77
Cedar	.94	2.32
Cypress	.56	.48
Fir	.25	1.42
Spruce	.25	.64
Other	.66	1.18

It is not possible to predict next years

TAB rates with any level of accuracy at this point in time. If one considers that the majority of the increase in the AMV for an average of all species is primarily on the increased value of one species (Cedar) I recommend considering the strong possibility that TAB Cedar rates on Coastal Woodlots will continue to increase at the same or a greater level than the past few years. The rates for Cedar have increased from 2013 to 2016 as noted in Table 2.

Year	Cedar TAB Stumpage South Zone	Cedar TAB Stumpage Northern Zone
2012/13	\$.74/m3	\$.25/m3
2013/14	\$.77/m3	\$.25/m3
2014/15	\$.93/m3	\$.51/m3
2015/16	\$2.06/m3	\$.60/m3
2016/17	\$2.32/m3	\$.94/m3

Dodging the Extended Road Amortization Agreement bullet:

There are a number of coastal woodlot Licensees who still have Extended Road Amortization (ERA's) agreements under section 5.3.2.1 of the CAM. All of these agreements we prepared prior to 2007. As part of the understanding reached during the implementation of the new TAB rate system, no new ERA's were permitted by Woodlot Licensees along with some other details like no fixed rates after 2007. An estimated 30% of Coastal Woodlot licensees have ERA's which do not have expiry dates. These agreements can only be used for full MPS cutting permit appraisals.

Within the initial draft of the new CAM part of the amended wording under section 5.3.2.1 was:

g. The agreement must be signed by the licensee and the regional manager and must not be for a term, including extensions, longer than ten years unless otherwise approved by the regional manager.

To ensure that existing WL ERA agreements do not expire an additional clause was inserted as follows:

h. Agreements approved prior to March 1, 2016 are exempt from subsection “g” of this section.

With the insertion of this wording, included by TP Branch quite easily once pointed out, the existing ERA agreements for woodlots will not expire.

Current Log Market Snap Shot:

I have asked Bryan Mills Log Broker – Storey Creek Trading - Vancouver Island to provide market snap shot input for this issue of the Almanac. Bryan is also a Woodlot Licensee (W1940 and W0018) within the Campbell River Forest District. Storey Creek Trading employs 4 full time traders and handles approximately 500,000m³/yr.

Domestic Markets

Markets are looking positive moving into the next three months. Demand and winter weather have helped strengthen domestic markets

Fir

Peeler markets remain strong with reduced inventories. Fee in Lieu numbers still make some sorts more advantageous to sell to domestic markets.

Hemlock /Balsam

We are seeing an increased demand for Hemlock chip & saw and sawlog with some slight price increases. Gang inventories are low with prices remaining stable. Pulp buyers are starting to look for more supply. Prices remain unchanged.

Cedar

Cedar continues to remain strong and the forecast for the next three months

is very high.

Cedar log prices are at record highs and there are no signs it will weaken in the short term.

Supply is still tight for some of the major mills and will continue through the next quarter until logging picks up.

Export Markets

- China is back to work after Chinese New Year’s holiday, price trend improving, up about 10% from a couple months ago. Watching how New Zealand reacts, risk of increased volume to China.
- Korea is a small market, paying a bit of a premium over China. European lumber (with currency advantage) has replaced quite a volume normally supplied by round logs from North America.
- Japan has been very strong, looking for premium quality and secondary sawlogs in fir, hem and bal. The Yen has gained strength in recent weeks, giving the buyers more purchasing power. The fir peeler market is still somewhat oversupplied, but volume is moving. Fir 6”-7” Peeler grade is in good demand, as well as hem peeler 8”-11”.
- US market is somewhat muted, as many sawmills have the inventory they need.

Exchange rate is a big driver in export pricing. The dollar bottomed out at \$1.45 with current numbers in the \$1.33 range

Coast MPS Advisory Committee:

MPS advisory committee completed annual work with the approval of the CAM in March 1, 2016. It will not be long before the next MPS cycle begins again!

Coast Timber Pricing Advisory Committee:

The CTPAC meeting in December was a first chance for all the new Timber Pricing Staff to meet the

industry members. The policy discussions and exchange covered most of the outstanding issues. Time will tell how things will progress, but so far so good.

Flat Fee for Woodlot Waste:

Debbie Zandbelt is looking after this file during the Waste Manual review process that is taking place over the next while.

New Appraisal Issues – Continuous Communication

The Coastal Timber Pricing portfolio provides assistance to Woodlot Licensees upon request. If you have any concerns or issues I can be reached at 778-424-6129 or by email at ehughes2@shaw.ca. ♦

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Scholarship Award Information and Application Form

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Applications for this award must be received on or before April 29, 2016. Late applications will not be considered.
2. Applicants must be a direct family member of a woodlot licensee or private land owner who is a member of the local Woodlot Association and/or the FBCWA or a woodlot licensee can sponsor an applicant who has no direct family connection. In cases where the woodlot is not owned by an individual, one applicant per woodlot is eligible to apply in any given year.
3. Applicants must be planning to attend a post-secondary institution including a trades school within 24 months of the application deadline.
4. Preference will be given to students in grade 12 and recent high school graduates.
5. Preference will be given to students entering a forestry-related program. Students entering other areas of study are welcome to apply, knowing there is preference for forestry related study.
- 6. Two scholarships, one for \$2,000.00 and one for \$1,000.00 will awarded to the top two ranked applications.**
7. The awards will be payable on receipt by the FBCWA of documentation confirming registration into the institution for post secondary education. This generally occurs in mid September.
8. Essays or letters and photos from applicants, particularly the successful applicant, may be printed in the Almanac.
9. The decision of the Awards Committee is final.
10. The Award Committee of the Federation of B. C. Woodlot Associations will be empowered to:
 - a) grant this award at its discretion;
 - b) withhold this award in any year if there are no eligible applicants, or for any reason deemed good or advisable.

IMPORTANT

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please complete the application form and attach:

1. A letter describing the reasons which you feel qualify you for this award. Your letter should also include a detailed description of your experience in forestry, particularly on woodlots. Your letter may include information about your various interests and extra curricular activities.
2. A one page (approximately 500- 700 word) type-written essay titled *"If I was a woodlot licensee, how would I use my woodlot to promote forest education?"*
3. Two letters of reference from previous or current teachers or employers,
4. A copy of your *most recent* report card, and
5. A recent photo of yourself.

Return to: Federation of B.C. Woodlot Associations
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Or send it digitally to nancypez@telus.net with a subject heading of FBCWA Scholarship Application

Applications must be received by April 29th, 2016



Scholarship Award Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Educational Information:

Currently enrolled in: _____

Post Secondary School you plan to attend: _____

Program you will be registered in for 2015-16: _____

Relationship/connection to Woodlot Licensee or to private land owner for Woodlot #:

(ie; daughter of Joe Smith, Woodlot #2345) _____

Woodlot Licensee/Private Land Owner to whom you are a direct family member or sponsored by, has been a member of which woodlot association and for how many years?

Please include information on volunteer work, extra curricular activities, membership in school and community organizations, sports, interests, hobbies etc as well as employment information. (you may use another sheet if you need more room or if it's more convenient for you) _____

If your 1 CP is about to expire, and you plan on getting another one, then you will want to read this article!

The following article is intended to inform woodlot licensees of some things that they need to know when they are looking to get a new 1 CP when their current one expires. It also contains some suggestions on how to go from 1 CP to the next without interrupting operations.

The article you are about to read was based on the steps and process in the 1 CP Business Guide which was approved by Deputy Ministers Hayden and Carr when 1 CP was first introduced. A copy of the guide and Deputies' memo to district managers and regional executive directors, as well as the business process map, sample CP application cover letter, concept document, and FAQs can be found at <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timber-tenures/woodlots/forms.htm>

A fundamental principle of tenure administration is that two cutting permits will not be issued over the same area. This means that if your current 1 CP is about to expire, all blocks in FTA (Forest Tenure Administration system) must be marked as 'closed' before a new or 'next' 1 CP can be issued. This is accomplished by ensuring:

- (a) RESULTS reporting is done for all blocks where logging occurred; and
- (a) Blocks where no logging occurred, or were reported in RESULTS as part of a larger opening, are 'closed' FTA.

With respect to (a), see below for information about the reporting requirements.

With respect to (b), you will need district staff to tell you what blocks are listed in FTA and to request that they mark them as logging complete. Only an authorized ministry official can access FTA for this purpose.

Given the foregoing and factoring in how much time a district may require to issue a new 1 CP, including First Nations consultation, a woodlot licensee will want to consider how and when to transition to a new 1 CP.

Where timing isn't critical, a licensee should have time to ensure that harvested blocks are reported to RESULTS, the ministry closes unharvested or blocks reported under a different opening in FTA, and then apply for a new 1 CP. A new 1 CP

would then get issued on or about the time the current 1 CP is set to expire.

Where timing is critical; e.g. to prevent an interruption to scheduled or ongoing operations, a different approach or strategy may be required. Licensees should consider completing their RESULTS submissions, ensuring blocks with no logging are marked as closed in FTA, and submitting a new CP application well in advance of their 1 CP expiring. This activity could be carried out during a scheduled break in operations; e.g. switching blocks, fire season restrictions, spring break up, or when migratory birds are present. If expiry of the 1 CP does not coincide with the break in operations, consideration should be given to a licensee voluntarily surrendering the current 1 CP in order to be issued a new 1 CP.

Make sure the district knows and is willing to support what you are trying to do and be careful that surrendering a permit does not result in a waste billing. Cooperation between the licensee and district staff will be required to ensure the expiry of the existing 1 CP is quickly followed by the issuance of the new 1 CP.

Read on for more information about RESULTS reporting and FTA.

Cut blocks under a 1 CP permit are created as text only entries in FTA, using the information supplied by the licensee in the Notice of Commencement (NOC). The blocks are marked as Harvest Approved with no spatial data until the licensee

provides spatial and a notice that the block is complete. The only tool a licensee has to do this is a RESULTS report.

The RESULTS reporting required is:

- 1) Opening report with spatial of block extent.
- 2) Standards Unit report with spatial of SU(s), biogeoclimatic information and Stocking Standards ID, per your pre-harvest map.
- 3) Harvest Activity report, with the "Disturbance Complete" box checked.
- 4) Forest Cover report with spatial. Forest cover may be NSR/Plantable, but it must be reported.
- 5) The Post Harvest milestone could be declared, if appropriate (all post harvest activities completed, targets for soil disturbance and access structures met, etc.).

Ticking the Disturbance Complete tick-box will change the opening status in RESULTS to LC - Logging Complete. Declaring the Post Harvest milestone will further change the block status in RESULTS to S - Silviculture. Either status will do. RESULTS will contact FTA and tell it to change the block status in FTA from HB - Approved for Harvesting to LC or S, that is, "Closed".

Prior to your 1 CP expiry, you may wish to contact your Woodlot Forester and ask for a list of all the open blocks under your 1 CP that are shown in

FTA. Only FLNR staff have access to the FTA system. Blocks that are in FTA but not yet reported to RESULTS will not show in MapView because they are text only, not spatial.

If FTA still lists a block as HB - Approved for Harvesting that you have completed and reported to RESULTS, check your RESULTS reporting: Is Disturbance Complete ticked? If that is not the issue, phone the FLNR APPHELP Line at 1-866-952-6801.

In rare circumstances, there may be blocks listed in FTA where no logging has occurred. This will occur when a licensee has submitted a NOC and no harvest took place or where FLNR staff have made a business process error. In this situation occurs you will need district staff to correct the erroneous entries, as only FLNR staff can correct errors in FTA.

If FTA knows nothing about a real harvest block, discuss with your Woodlot Forester. Something went wrong in the NOC process. You need to get the block entered in FTA so you can report the harvest to RESULTS.

A block must exist in FTA before RESULTS will accept information.

If you are in the midst of harvesting a cutblock as your 1 CP is about to expire and wish to operate across a 1 CP to next 1 CP transition, you will be facing a few challenges. The main hurdle is getting your final block, the one you are actively logging as the 1 CP ends, reported to RESULTS and closed in FTA. Discuss co-ordination and scheduling with your Woodlot Forester and mapping person. The general process is:

- 1) Licensee: Check that RESULTS reporting on all other blocks harvested under expiring 1 CP permit shows Logging Complete.
- 2) Licensee: File the application for the next 1 CP.
- 3) FLNR: Review CP application for completeness.
- 4) Licensee: Traverse the last block area logged under the first 1 CP just before CP expiry.
- 5) Licensee: File RESULTS report to map last logged area and report Disturbance Complete as the first 1

CP expires.

- 6) FLNR: Check that all blocks under old 1 CP are closed, issue new 1 CP.
- 7) Licensee: Resume operations. Harvesting will now be under new a CP and block number and a new timber mark.

Streamlining approaches may be found by the two parties working together, but the keys are to be proactive, communicate intent, and work out a schedule together. ♦

WPDC Director Vacancies:

Interested in providing direction on the spending of the woodlot levy? Volunteer Directors are needed to sit on the Board for 2-year terms. Contact Cathy McClary for more information.

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a nursery and more like a forest. In the meantime, they're selectively logging in small patches, doing remediation and clean-up, and once again getting good market value, as mills in central BC clamour for any fibre source to feed the raw lumber market and the burgeoning bioenergy industry. The mills, once selective in grade, size and variety, are taking everything to feed the rebounding US market and local demand for biofuel.

This is good news for Jon Seinen on Woodlot Licence 126, who's been managing his own woodlot for nearly five years now. He's looking forward to the next wave of supply on the replanted pine beetle plots, but also benefiting from the fibre-starvation mills and pellet plants are facing in BC.

A lumber-jack-of-all-trades, Jon has fought fires for the BC Wildfire Service over four seasons, and also hires

out his logging truck, processor and skidder to local logging operations. Salvage logging to remove pine beetle kill and deadwood and extract danger trees from powerlines and other public infrastructure keeps Jon busy when his woodlot isn't in need of attention. A thriving firewood business has



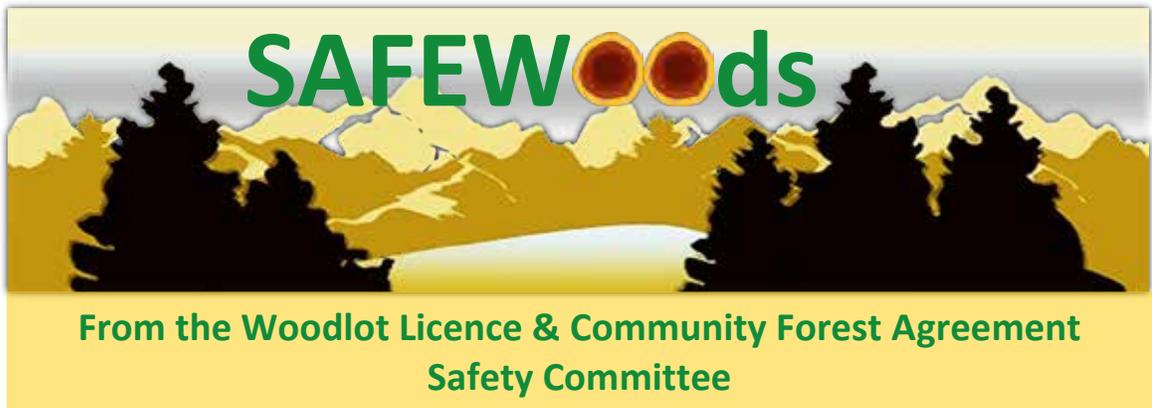
Jon Seinen and his family

provided a steady, if not modest, source of income in a region that relies heavily on wood heat over the winter.

A husband, and father of a four, six and eight-year-old, Jon is introspective about the cycles of his woodlot. He controls what he can, and understands

there are factors over which he's got no control at all. His motivation is knowing that his efforts will result in a payoff 20-plus years down the road and his children will enjoy the fruits of his labour.

Because nearly everything, when you're a woodlotter, is for later. ♦



Are you an employer ?

"**Employer**" includes every person or company having under contract of hiring, written or oral, express or implied, a person engaged in work in or about an industry.

Examples:

- i. As a licensee (Woodlot or CFA), you hire an individual(s) to work on your licence area, and you give that person a paycheque (or other compensation) and submit WorkSafeBC contributions and income tax, CPP and EI deductions on their behalf, you **are** the employer.
- ii. As a licensee (Woodlot or CFA), you hire a contractor(s) that has sufficient knowledge and expertise of the work to be done, and assign the contractor the responsibility to be aware of what is occurring in the workplace and to exercise control over the workplace on a day-to-day basis. You **are not** the employer.
- iii. As a licensee (Woodlot or CFA), you hire a person to hand fall a block. You pay him, he is covered under your WCB and you deduct income tax, etc. By definition you, the licensee, are an employer (i. above). Then you hire ABC contracting to skid, process, load and haul. You sign a Prime Contractor agreement with ABC contracting (ii. above). ABC is an employer and now the Prime Contractor. It is the Prime Contractors job to **coordinate** the health and safety activities of **all** companies/employers at the worksite. However given that you are employing a worker as well, there are key things you are still responsible for as an employer.

The key responsibilities to your worker(s) are as follows:

- 1) **Establish** OH&S policies and program.
- 2) **Establish** emergency response procedures and ensure all workers are familiar with them.
- 3) **Educate** workers of their rights, and responsibilities in the workplace.
- 4) **Ensure** health and safety of all workers on the worksite. (Including service providers, suppliers, visitors etc., unless assigned to another party by contract i.e. prime contractor)
- 5) **Compile** and share all safety information with workers.
eg: onsite hazards, work plans, safe work practices, etc.

- 6) **Communicate** any changes in the worksite and any necessary action(s).
eg: changes to plans, established safe work practices, access, etc.
- 7) **Remedy** all hazardous workplace conditions through hazard control. eg. eliminate, administrative control, PPE)
- 8) **Conduct** workplace inspections, investigations and initiate corrective actions. Includes worksite, equipment and employees.
- 9) **Provide** and maintain in good condition protective equipment, devices and clothing and ensure their use.
- 10) **Provide** information, instruction, training and supervision required to ensure the health and safety of all workers. i.e. ensure worker competency.
- 11) **Make** available a copy of the workers Compensation Act and regulations available to all workers. Digital or otherwise.
- 12) **Consult** and cooperate with all worker health and safety representatives.

Key Things to Remember:

- **Establish a safety program** - The program must identify hazards and assess their risks. It must include plans to manage those hazards. The plans should eliminate or implement controls to reduce the probability hazards causing harm.
- **Implement and Monitor** - The program must meet the needs of the workplace and the workers and a process must be in place for the employer to regularly check the effectiveness of the program. i.e. minimum annual program review.
- **Practice due diligence** - An employer must take every reasonable precaution in the circumstances to avoid a work related injury or illness". Due diligence looks at what was done **before** an accident occurred, not what corrective action was taken **after**.
- **Know your responsibilities** – Whether you're an employer or not, as the licensee you are the owner and have specific responsibilities with regards to safety. See previous article "Are you an owner".

As an employer, your main obligation is to ensure the health and safety of workers at that workplace. In practical terms, the employer needs to ask: "Have I done all that I can reasonably do to ensure the health and safety of those workers?"

Resources:

http://www.bcforestsafe.org/safety_info.html

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Publications/OHSRegulation/Policies-WorkersCompensationAct.asp#SectionNumber:D3-115-1>

This is one of a series of Spotlight on safety columns produced for the Woodland Almanac by the BC Forest Safety Council. If you have a suggestion or would like to see a particular safety topic covered, please let us know. BSFSC has a team of safety advisors with more than 100 years of combined forestry and safety experience to provide trusted guidance and advice in all safety matters. Email safetyadvisors@bcforestsafe.org or call toll-free: 1-877-741-1060. The BCFSC is here to support industry achieve excellence in health and safety for all forest operations and their workers. ♦

2016 Woodlot Licensee Annual Questionnaire Summary

Thank you to the woodlot licensees who responded to the Annual Questionnaire. This summary was also presented to the FBCWA and WPDC Directors at the Directors' Meeting held in March in Richmond. Below is a summary of the responses.

- 92 responses received (12% response rate, with 21 respondents representing 2 woodlots)
- 52% from Southern Interior, 34% from Northern Interior and 14% from Coast (Top 3 was: Prince George with 12, Boundary with 11 responses and North Island with 9)
- 79% are original owners and 69% have 16+ years of ownership
- 53% registered to a limited company
- 100% sell logs, 23% sell wood fibre
- 56% do a combination of completing the work themselves and hiring specialists (62% hire foresters, 41% hire loggers)
- 89% are members of their local woodlot association
- 67% have benefitted from being represented by their local association at the District Office
- 68% rely on local association to receive information

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Top 4 most important issues for woodlot associations to address:

- First Nations Issues, referral process and consultations
- Streamlining administration
- Timber Pricing and stumpage
- Improving government relations

Top 3 most read articles in Almanac

- Timber Pricing (77%)
- Profiles, FLNRO Notices, Opinions and GM (tied in 2nd place 75%)
- Human Interest (3rd place 74%)

Website

- 55% have not registered on the website
- Of the 45% that have registered, 78% find it easy to navigate the site

Communications

- 70% have contacted Government staff in the past 12 months
- 45% contact other woodlot licensees

AGM

- 79% attend to get new information
- 45% say keep current model where profits got to local association
- 29% prefer to scale down and keep costs neutral (comment: scaling back may back fire and less people would attend)
- Support for increasing registration fees is low (4%)
- Participants want interesting location, more fun, less sitting!

WPDC

- 85% chose Option C as the most preferred: The WPDC should try to maintain a target range for the reserve capital balance of between \$2.0 million and \$3.5 million (current level approx. \$2.7 million) so that the interest earned on the reserve capital can continue to supplement the annual net WPDC levy amount to meet WPDC and FBCWA budget needs (combined current total budget approx. \$350,000/year). From time to time, as priorities arise, the WPDC should continue to have the flexibility to spend some of the reserve capital if required to address high priority issues, but use best efforts to maintain the reserve within the \$2.0 million to \$3.5 million target range for the long term.

Suggestions of Project or Initiative to benefit woodlot licensees (in addition to FBCWA priorities)

- Impact Assessment SAR
- Randomly selected annual woodlot audits to improve the program
- Announcing new woodlots up for bid
- Waste & Residue
- Maintain Tab rates
- Property tax break on Schedule A lands
- Develop a strategy to allow for Appraisal of Assets (Bridges) installed under Tab rates
- Decrease MOF off-loading
- Increase in area of woodlots impacted by MPB ♦



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Woodlot 'Mentors' Plant Seeds of Inspiration

Forest Education on Woodlot Licences

By Lisa Marak, Education Committee Chair

The main objective of the Federation's Education Committee, formed at the October Directors Meeting, is to nurture forest education for youth using woodlot licences (WLs).

The benefits of conducting an educational tour on WLs are myriad. It increases awareness of our forests and teaches youth that our forests can be enjoyable and interesting, especially with people spending more time in town. It shows that there are good managers working in the forest who are committed to forest stewardship.

It also demonstrates that woodlot licensees give back to their community which is an important component of the 'social licence' granted by the public over each woodlot in BC.

The Federation supports forest education and has many resources available, including bookmarks, carabiner educational cards, colouring books and an Educational video "Our Family Forests" (to be shown by teacher during classroom time). The video can be viewed at <http://woodlot.bc.ca/videos/> or YouTube "Our Family Forests". For a supply of any of these materials, please contact Lisa Marak at admin@woodlot.bc.ca or (250) 765-6156.

The best educational resource is the forest and there is no better place than a woodlot! They are often close to schools; they showcase sustainable forest management and give you the opportunity to build relationships with your community which is often closely linked to a licensee's success and long term operational planning. And by hosting a tour on your woodlot, you could be the inspiration for the next generation of foresters!

Having students visit your woodlot is a very rewarding experience, and it's a great way to share the practices that are at the heart of the Woodlot Licence program. It takes a little bit of effort, but brings great rewards, for you and the students. ♦

A "How-to Guide" for Hosting an Educational Tour on Your Woodlot Licence

By Shawn Flynn, Life Member

For a successful and fun forest education tour, follow this "how to guide" outlined in the steps below.

Step 1: Contact the Principals of local schools about 6 months ahead to find out which classes can come out and start the planning. I would recommend Grades 5-6 as the students are very interested in learning, can follow instructions and are a bit more robust than the very young grades. Early Fall is a great time as there are no bugs and it is warm and dry enough for all to enjoy. National Forest Week is held the third week in September every year— a good way to celebrate BC's forests. This year it will be held September 18 – 24, 2016. Spring/early summer is another good time when teachers are winding up the school year and happy to have an outing.

Step 2: Keep your planned activities very simple.

- An introduction

- A walk in the woods
- Some basic forest education during the walk
- A snack or lunch, depending on time and length of tour

Step 3: Make sure your tour has good access from public roads. 20-30 minute bus trip from school would be good as bussing is an additional expense to the school. Consider offering to pay for the school's transportation costs (\$40-\$100) per bus per trip. Make sure you have a safe brushed out low gradient road picked out so school busses can get in and turn around.

Step 4: Plan the tour length – a tour of 1-2 hours is adequate. Lunch or a snack at the roadside after getting back to the landing or bus gives students more time to enjoy the great outdoors.

Step 5: Choose your site with consideration of the clothing your students will likely be wearing. Do not expect your group to have proper foot wear or rain gear. Hard hats are

site specific. Walking tours down a mature woodlot road or spur is all that is needed in these introductory Forest Education tours. Keep them under 500m in length.

Step 6: Select some sites to visit (i.e. a plantation, a logging site, a wildlife tree patch, riparian area) and set out some teaching props on the route such as a box of seedlings, samples of tree needles/cones, a bit of firewood or a deck of logs to help keep things going.

Step 7: Introduce forest education topics along the tour, keeping it simple and interesting for the age group, and encourage discussion. Some suggestions are reforestation, tree species identification, how a tree grows and some basics on forest management such as forest health and depending on your region, wildfire management.

Involve others, who can also help with the topics and reduce your stress.

Have fun and do not try to do too much on these tours. ♦

Nepal Field Study- professional development blended with cultural and adventure tourism

By Jerry Benner

A Forestry Without Borders (WFB) field tour in Nepal offered by Alberta Forester Sharad Karmacharya and his wife Daya in October 2014 was a golden opportunity and my introduction to Himalayan forestry. I joined 17 other adventure minded Canadian Foresters with a tour emphasis on professional development blended with cultural and adventure tourism. The trip was organized to give us all a good understanding of the forest management in Nepal, which started in the capital Kathmandu with many interactive meetings and mutual exchanges with government staff and others in the Nepal Forestry Assoc. This ancient city is also home to numerous world heritage sites and we managed to see the majority. However the biggest challenge was learning to walk through the constant stream of taxis, motorcycles, buses and trucks which streamed nonstop in an unbelievable expression of organized chaos. After we had all learned the basics of that life-saving skill thanks to



our intrepid guide Dorje we left in our tourist bus for the lowlands near the Indian border to explore National Parks with wild rhinos, elephants, monkeys and many other incredible wildlife and tropical forests.

On our return to the Himalayan foothills we visited

two schools near Pithauli and began the enriching experience of being welcomed as honoured guests. The passion of the young committed ecology club students we met was felt by all of us. They have used the opportunity that our Forest Without Borders nursery and tree planting project gave them as both a catalyst to reforest their school and farms but to also create a conservation ethic in their own community.

We next visited

one of the Community Forests and had another very warm welcoming ceremony with more flowers and blessings. Here was another FWB nursery project that was well tended and sustainably operated for the community reforestation projects. All of these examples of FWB funding being the leverage required to help promote and initiate forestry and conservation projects took a strong hold on me and I approached Sharad with the idea of developing a similar project during the 5 weeks I was going to remain in Nepal after the group returned to Canada. TEAM Nepal is an NGO that runs a Children's Home, medical clinic and educational outreach for the



village of Talarang located further east along the Himalayan foothills about a three hour bus ride from Kathmandu. I visited the Little Angels Children's Home (Home) and received a warm welcome from the staff and especially the children. There was genuine support for my ideas of developing a tree nursery and reforesting the private lands. My

The Woodland Almanac is always looking for creative submissions for "Member Reflections" related to small-scale forestry. We'd like to hear from you on stories from the woodlot or see your photos from the block. "Member Reflections" can also be used to share obituaries on licensees who are no longer with us. If you'd like to submit an article or photo, contact Cathy McClary at cjmclary401@gmail.com.

vision is to contribute to the sustainability of the Home through planting of economically marketable seedlings and subsequent planting of trees that will not only provide direct food, fuel and food items that can also be processed and marketed in the local and Kathmandu markets. There are two CF's in this region where the Talamarang and River joins the Melamchi River and terrace farming predominates but as



evident in the sparsely forested areas are also being over utilized by the expanding population which is the norm throughout Nepal. I discussed with the CF User Groups my ideas and received strong support for the tree nursery as they presently find it difficult to travel to distant government run nurseries for their seedlings. The CFs have made exceptional advances in reforesting area as we witnessed in our group tour with the before and after photos of landscapes. Across Nepal in all the rural areas there is still a dependence for daily collection of firewood for cooking and fodder which is the understory plants, grasses, and then pruning's from mature trees for branches and leaves that are the primary food source for all the animals such as goats and buffalos that provide both dairy, meat and muscle power for their daily needs. These animals are all tightly controlled and not allowed to pasture on the agricultural or forested lands, therefore the people and primarily the women are responsible to collect all of their daily food supplies from the surrounding environment.

Upon returning to Canada I worked on the first attempt at a FWB proposal and after receiving the

Trustees support I endeavored to better educate myself on the precise silvics and methodologies of tree nurseries in Nepal. In addition the tragic earthquake which struck Nepal and had devastating consequences in the rural areas around Talamarang it was imperative that I get this organized independently as the TEAM Nepal

staff was busy receiving international financial and material donations that they worked through the complicated government bureaucracy to successfully see delivered to the communities needing assistance. I returned for the month of September 2015 and first visited the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) Knowledge Park which is a highly developed research station with a focus on a 30 ha watershed on a side valley of the Kathmandu Valley. With a resident Forester as my guide I was able to view and inspect various plantations of valuable native tree species. The planting of the imported Paulownia species that is now 10 years old and 20m height has generated excellent results and with the many valuable products for timber, fodder and shade trees. The Paulownia seedlings grown in the nursery are in high demand from land owners for degraded lands. Various experimental silviculture systems, propagation and irrigation were established and reporting good results.

I also visited two District Forest offices in Pokhara and Choutara and again was well received and had both of the Nursery Managers spend considerable time explaining the various stages of propagation and specific attributes of various species.

My proposed nursery project follows the template developed by the previous FWB projects in Nepal and also quite similar to others in Africa. All the trees are local species except Paulownia, with an emphasis on producing grafted lapsi trees that insures the planting of the fruit bearing females. This is a highly valued tree for its traditional fruits that are processed and the fast maturing trees will be planted now and on future properties as the organization continues to expand. One of the other intangible objectives is to instill a scientific knowledge of tree silvics and forestry into the daily education of the resident students and the availability for exchanges with western volunteers. This already occurs regularly with the many Irish Doctors who come and donate their time and has resulted in some of the young children in becoming trained medics with 10 year olds able to administer IVs to patients. My hope is to see that same technical expertise and scientific knowledge blossom amongst this group currently there and lead to a sustainable enterprise for generations to come. ♦



FBCWA Priorities

Approved by the FBCWA Directors on March 6, 2016

Actively Being Managed	Action As Time Permits	Maintenance Mode
Safety	Forests for Tomorrow & other funding	Include incremental silviculture in WLPPR
Two Authorizations	Tax reform - silv savings plan	Woodlot 4 Windows support
e-FM & Systems Issues	Seek FFT & other program funding	Economic Development
Natural Resource Road Act	Undercut carry forward	Forest Services Providers Protection Act
Inventory Standards	Natural Resources Permitting Project	Private Land Withdrawal
Stumpage	Training (Freedom to manage)	WL Estate Planning
Communications & PR	Fire Prevention/Protection	WLP Extensions
Professional Reliance/Qualified Persons	Rewarding volunteer efforts	
Open Burning Smoke Control Reg.	FLNRO communications with WLs	
Species at Risk	Association Building (reach out to new WLs)	
Waste & Residue (Flat Fee)	Climate Change	
WL Program Growth & Improvements	Resolutions	
First Nations - consultation, info-sharing & title		
Getting RESULTS		
Stewardship & Stabilizing the THLB		
Indicators Report		
Cut Control at WL Consolidation		

Notes:

- *Re: e-FM & systems issues: Includes RESULTS, free-growing declarations, NRRRA, WASTE, NRPP, reporting WHFs, etc.*
- *Re: Admin streamlining: Include updating the WL document & WL Consolidation Guidelines (particularly clarifying how cut control is to be handled).*
- *Re: WL Program Growth & Improvements: Differences in administration between districts and fewer, less experienced WL Foresters.*



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2016 SARA

by George Delisle

The “Species at Risk” regulation will affect many woodlots over the next ten years in one way or another. By how much and to what degree will depend on how the Woodlot Community responds to the changing environment. It is critical that we adapt to the changing regulations in a positive manner. Fighting a Federal regulation is simply not a wise move, we need to be “part of the solution”, rather than “part of the problem”. Most woodlots are already doing a lot towards maintaining and protecting wildlife habitat attributes for critical habitat, so for many most of this is already being done.

I find it most encouraging that now there appears to be some discussion around “Critical Attributes” in place of using the “age of the stand” as the main defining factor in describing and protecting “Critical Habitat”. This is a very important step that begins to allow for habitat management at the woodlot level. Reserving large tracts of mature forest for habitat does not make any sense at the woodlot management level as we are on a small defined land base. What is very important however, is that we maintain and enhance the attributes that make our woodlots attractive to wildlife in the first place. In certain cases, we will actually be able to create critical habitat than currently is not available. In some cases, we will be able to attract species onto our woodlots that currently do not frequent, due to lack of critical habitat features. However we need to have the information available to us, so we can adapt our practices around these factors.

I believe that we need to develop “Best Management Practices” (BMPS) for each “Species at Risk” as they get designated in each district

or woodlot area. Some of the BMPs will only be required for only one or two woodlots, others may capture most woodlots in an Association area, while others may capture only a partial number of woodlots in each district, but cover several districts. An example is the Williamson’s Sapsucker. The “Area of Occupancy” (AO) covers three districts but only a portion of the woodlots in each area. The Selkirk District has 3 woodlots in the Cranbrook area, ten in the Boundary area, while the Okanagan has three, and the Merritt district has ten in the Princeton area. This requires the collaboration of four Woodlot Associations to develop Best Management Practices between our Associations so we have a united front.

The proposal is that we take the BMPs developed for Industrial Forestry and modify them to be better suited for Woodlot Management. We need to shrink the 60 odd pages that Industry has for this “species” down to something that will not make everyone’s eyes roll, and have a set of guidelines that we can live with. We also need to add a section into these guidelines on how to enhance and even create critical habitat. These practices will be volunteer without

the weight of “Law” behind them, but hopefully will encourage full participation. The “Alternative” is to wait until the Federal people decree that we have to follow the Industrial model which will be uncomfortable for a lot of woodlots. We need to be seen to be “Part of the Solution”, rather than part of the problem. It is much easier to “Set the Pace” than to follow someone’s idea that may not understand your area as well as you do.

Let the professional Biologists define the “Attributes” and let us figure out how we can achieve the desired results. We need to keep the “Audit Hounds” away from our door. So let us take a “Proactive” response to the changing times and still ensure that we can continue to operate. If we apply this approach to each species as they get “Official designation” as a species at risk, the road to success in dealing with the changing times appears will be much easier to accept. There are over 160 species that are going through this process at present, so keep your head up for ones that may affect your woodlot. Cheers.

George Delisle
Woodlot # 411
Boundary Woodlot Association ♦

Does anyone know what causes the black rings on the bark of Spruce trees? It appears that trees die three years after the rings appear. Contact Cathy McClary cjmclary401@gmail.com with your answer. ♦



RESULTS responsibilities

by Tom Bradley

e-FM General News and Info

Upon review, I see that this edition's report is really "RESULTS News and Info", but that is typical of the file. Even if you have fully outsourced your RESULTS responsibilities to others, please skim the first two topics.

Getting RESULTS

Coleen MacLean-Marlow is putting the final touches on the Getting RESULTS reports and guidance documents for licensees. The materials will identify possible RESULTS reporting problems by Woodlot and will provide a short guide to what reported potential issues mean. Soon!

RESULTS Access Test

You now have to pass a skill testing exam of 8 questions to get access to RESULTS to submit information or make declarations.

The test appears to select questions at random from a pool. The questions are not necessarily easy, and are based on FPPR and FSPs, not WLPPR and WLPs. Sometimes the "correct" answer to pass the test requires that you answer incorrectly from a woodlot perspective.

However, the Branch has agreed the Woodlot Licensees can have "RESULTS view" access for their woodlot without taking the test. This will enable an interested Licensee with a BCeID to check what has been reported to RESULTS for their WL. Knowing what govt has been told about your activities, and when your FTG due dates are, is a good thing.

New Reporting Requirement

We are now required to report a retained overstory with more than 5 m²/ha of basal area to RESULTS.

Previously, this was optional. Now, reporting >5 m²/ha is required, while reporting a retained overstory with < 5m²/ha remains optional.

The requirement change is spelled out page 30 in the 4th edition of the main industry RESULTS guide, Results Information Submission Specifications Form and Manner of Reporting (Licensee Submissions), affectionately known as RISS-ls. More info on procedures is supplied on page 10 of Submitting Forest Cover To Results For Openings With Treed Retention. Edition 1.3. Both of these documents are available from the WLGML web site (Google WLGML).

In short, a clearcut with a retained dispersed overstory is reported to RESULTS as a multi-layered stand. The retained overstory is reported in Layer 1 (mature). Only the Inventory forest cover data needs to be reported for this Layer 1. Immediately after harvest, the area will be reported as a sparse Layer 1 stand over NSR. After regeneration, the area will be reported as a sparse Layer 1 stand over Layers 4 and 4S (Layer 4 Regen, Inventory and Silviculture).

Intermediate Cuts

Intermediate Cuts are a management tool authorized under FRPA to carry out commercial thinning and/or forest sanitation efforts. Intermediate Cuttings are defined in WLPPR as:

- (a) the harvesting of timber if
 - (i) the harvesting takes place before the final harvest or regeneration cut, and
 - (ii) the majority of the pre-harvest stand volume is not removed, or
- (b) the harvesting of bark beetle infested timber by harvesting

scattered trees, small clumps of trees or for access trails required to harvest the timber;

Experience indicates that we WL could improve our administration of Intermediate Cuts. The time to work out the details is before harvesting!

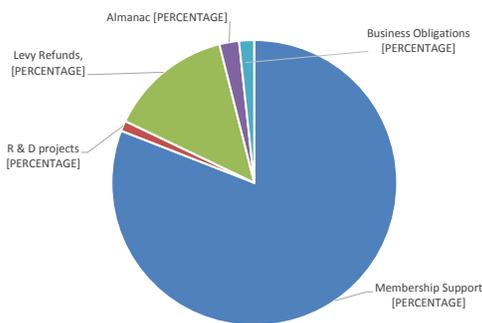
Regulatory summary: WLPPR s34 specifies that an intermediate cut is exempt from the FRPA s29 requirement to establish a free growing stand. However, WLPPR s34 also requires that a survey be carried out to verify that the post harvest stand meets the stocking standards required in WLPPR s12. WLPPR s75 specifies that this survey shall be carried out from 12 to 36 months after harvest.

The WLPPR s34 reference to WLPPR s12, which in turn references WLPPR s34, and required stocking standards for an area exempt from free growing, can be baffling at first glance. The point of the exercise is to commit you to minimum post harvest density standards in your intermediate cut. These standards specify the basal area or stems/ha to be retained, the species of acceptable leave trees, and maximum acceptable stem damage criteria. Most standards specify basal area as it is easier to measure.

So, if you partially cut and the stand you leave behind meets the WLPPR definition and the intermediate cut stocking standards in your Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP), you may assert you have done an Intermediate Cut. You have no regeneration or free to grow obligations, but you must do a survey from 1 to 3 years after harvest completion to verify that the stand left on the site meets your Int Cut targets. And you must report your survey results to RESULTS.

Where your \$0.25 annual levy goes

The Woodlot Product Development Council has a responsibility to ensure funding originating from the woodlot levy is prudently managed and used only for work and activities consistent with the Purpose of the Council which are to: Promote a positive image of the woodlot industry and its products; educate the general public and buyers about the benefits of BC woodlots and small-scale forest management and initiate and support research programs for the development and enhancement of the woodlot industry in the province. The pie chart shows a breakdown of where the levy is used.



Read your WLP to see what you committed to re Intermediate Cuts in the “Stocking Information For Specified Areas” Section. The 2007 WLP Template contains the suggested clause:

For the purposes of section 12 and 34(3) of the WLPPR the Uneven-aged Stocking standards for single-tree selection, as found in the MFR publication “Reference Guide for FDP Stocking Standards”, are adopted. A copy of these stocking standards are included in Appendix I

This is not always a good option. The uneven-aged standards allow you to report free to grow 12 months after harvest, but they commit you to a stems/ha assessment, using plots with a maximum count M value. Translation: there is a risk that the survey will find you are a few stems short of target because only some of the stems in a clump can be counted. A basal area target is more flexible than a stems/ha target. You may wish to propose a basal area-based Intermediate Cut standard for your WL and get it approved by Stewardship before you harvest. See the Intermediate Cut section in the WLGML manual for more information.

Next Almanac Issue: Intermediate Cut Reporting. ♦

Letter to the Editor

January 25, 2016

Letter to Woodland Almanac

To: All woodlot licence holders and their consultants
This is to bring to your attention the activities proposed by the Forest Practices Board for 2016. In particular, I wish to bring to your attention their topic “whether reforestation is meeting expectations?” I urge all licensees to consider three questions:

- 1) Whether your reforestation activities are up to date?
 - a. Can you take someone to all of your blocks and show that your reforestation is up to date?
- 2) Whether you have records to show that your reforestation activities are up to date?
 - a. If RESULTS does not yet contain the needed information, do you have written records, including maps, to prove your reforestation and free growing activities are up to date?
- 3) Whether your reforestation activities are meeting expectations?
 - a. Have bugs, diseases, drought, fire or other factors affected the free growing crop that you expected to achieve?
 - b. If problems exist, what are you doing about them?

The Vision of the Federation of BC Woodlots states that BC’s woodlots will be models of forest management excellence. Do your reforestation activities support this statement?

For your consideration

Yours truly
David Haley RPF LM ♦

FBCWA note:

Readers may wish to reference a bulletin entitled “Have You Met Your Free Growing Obligations” which be found on pages 13 to 15 in the Winter 2011 edition of the Woodland Almanac. The bulletin can be accessed at http://woodlot.bc.ca/wp-content/uploads/almanac/almanac_2011_winter.pdf or go to www.woodlots.bc.ca, Publications & Library (on top line), and hit Woodland Almanac’ in the drop down screen. Once there, scroll to the bottom of the list, hit archives and there you will find a link to the Winter 2011 Almanac. You do not need to a password or to log in!



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File: 19720-00

March 14, 2016

To: Regional Executive Directors
District Managers

From: Doug Stewart, Director
Forest Tenures Branch

Re: Woodlot Licence Parallel
Processing

MEMORANDUM

The purpose of this memo is to outline the processes to implement parallel processing for woodlot licences. Parallel processing (or bundling of authorizations and approvals) can streamline the various authorizations (licence replacement, management plan, woodlot licence plan, cutting permits, and road permits) required for woodlot licence administration.

Realizing efficiencies in government administration aligns with FLNR's 2015/16 to 2016/17 Service Plan, Objective 1.1- "Streamlined Authorizations Processes".

The attached guide is the result of a collaborate effort between FLNR staff and the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations. Parallel processing should be employed as

"best practice" wherever possible moving forward.

If you have any questions or comments regarding woodlot licence parallel processing, please contact Emma Neill, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (250) 387-4371, or by email at emma.neill@gov.bc.ca.

Doug Stewart, Director
Forest Tenures Branch

Parallel Processing for Woodlot Licences Guide - March 2016

Parallel processing (or batching of authorizations and approvals) is an initiative that should provide efficiencies in processing authorizations and will require some strategic considerations and cooperation between district staff and woodlot licensees.

There are a number of documents that require issuance/approval during the lifetime of a woodlot licence [licence replacement, management plans (MP), woodlot licence plans (WLP), cutting permits (CP) and road permits (RP)]. The level of First Nations consultation varies between documents and

individual First Nations, the terms of the documents differ, and approval is generally not simultaneous. For the most part, First Nations consultation is required in all these decisions and this process is often the most time consuming.

Considering the above parallel processing simply put involves, in as much as possible, processing/approving/issuing as many as possible of the decisions concurrently and doing all the First Nations consultation at the same time. FLNR staff should work with licensees to align the commencement date of the various documents as much as possible.

A proactive and consistent approach by district woodlot staff, along with willing licensees, is paramount to the success of parallel processing. There are benefits to all parties (FLNR, licensee and FN) in terms of administrative time, cost and resource requirements.

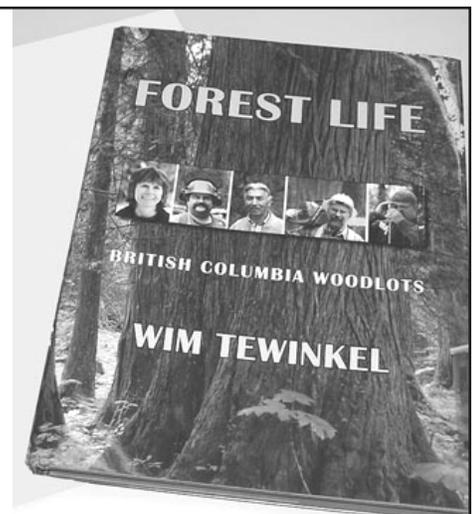
In summary, parallel processing can provide significant potential to increase efficiency and minimizing the cost of administration. ♦

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Changes to Forest Revenue Accounts and New eTaxBC Online Services

Here is a summary of important changes that will be happening as of February 15, 2016.

New Online Services

Individuals and businesses will be able to enroll to access our online services called eTaxBC. eTaxBC allows enrolled users to access and update their account information, correspond securely with us and make payments online.

Information about how to enrol for access to eTaxBC will be sent to individuals and businesses on February 15, 2016 with their first Billing Notice.

New Billing Notice

As of February 15, 2016, individuals and businesses will receive Billing Notices. Billing Notices will be issued one day after invoices are sent and will show details about the items invoiced.

If an individual or business has multiple locations, their Billing Notice will be sent only to the address they have indicated as their main location. To change their main location address, they can contact us toll-free at 1-877-405-4911 or at 250-387-3376 in Victoria.

Statements of Account

Statements of Account will now be issued on the 23rd of each month and mailed to the main location address.

All amounts owing will be shown on

the Statement of Account and listed by the date shown on the original invoice. Statements will show all non-tax debts in one place, including those not related to stumpage, such as waste permits.

Changes to Accounts

New Account Numbers

As part of our system update, individuals and businesses will automatically be assigned a new account number for their Forest Revenue account.

Individuals and businesses will find their new account number on their first Billing Notice.

New Interest Cycle

The date on the Billing Notice starts the monthly interest cycle.

Individuals and businesses will have 30 days from the date on their Billing Notice to pay their balance. If the full balance is paid on or before the 30 days, no interest will be added to their account. Interest is calculated starting on the date of the Billing Notice and will be added to unpaid balances on day 31.

Credit Refunds

If an individual or business has a credit balance on their account, it will be refunded after 90 days. If they want to receive their credit refund sooner, they can make a request by contacting us at forhvap.forrevbr@gov.bc.ca. Credits can no longer be transferred

between accounts for different businesses.

Learn More

Individuals and businesses can [register for a free webinar](#) to learn more about the upcoming changes and how they will be affected. Space is limited, so we recommend registering early.

If you have questions about any of the changes outlined above, contact us by email at forhvap.forrevbr@gov.bc.ca or call us toll-free at 1-877-405-4911 or at 250-387-3376 in Victoria.

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