

Overview

Woodlot Associations and Community Forests have been integrated into the Forests for Tomorrow (FFT) planning process to:

- increase the linkage between local Ministry priorities and delivery by licensees;
- ensure all Crown forest land eligible for FFT funding is under a single planning process; and
- focus treatments on the highest priority areas regardless of tenure.

Other forested land investments are delivered by Ministry staff and/or with partnering organizations. Questions on planning for these investment categories should be directed to the regional [Integrated Investment Specialists](#)¹.

The Ministry will continue to work with the provincial leads from the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and the BC Community Forest Association on the roll-up of priority projects and coordination. Once the FFT Annual Operating Plan and allocation is approved, the funds along with project details will be sent to PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) who will work with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and the BC Community Forest Association as well as community forest and woodlot association staff on administration of projects.

Although on a smaller scale, investments in BC community forests and woodlots contribute to resilient communities and have the potential to provide good investment opportunities due to close proximity to communities.

Planning

Following are the planning steps and timelines for the integration of community forest and woodlot association projects into the development of the FFT Annual Operating Plan (AOP) and five year plan for Current Reforestation and Timber Supply Mitigation investment categories. Appendix A provides a checklist for project submissions and Appendix B lists regional and district FFT contacts.

Process	Time Line
<p>Resource Practices Branch will provide the Provincial leads (Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and the BC Community Forest Association) information for distribution to their members as guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FFT Annual operating and five year plan on what is being proposed in the various regions for the current and future fiscal years. • Current Silviculture Funding Criteria (November 2019 version)² • Focus will be on Interior priority 1, 2&3 areas and constrained timber supply areas on the coast, northwest, and southeast. <p>Current Reforestation – Priority 1: Lakes; Quesnel; Priority 2: Williams Lake; 100 Mile House, Vanderhoof (District), Ft. St. James (District), Prince George (District), Morice,</p>	June/July

¹ <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/land-based-investment/integrated-investment>

² https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/natural-resource-stewardship/land-based-investment/forests-for-tomorrow/silviculture_funding_criteria.pdf



<p>Dawson Creek ; Priority 3: Mackenzie, Kamloops, Merritt, Fort St. John, Cranbrook</p> <p>Timber Supply Mitigation - Priority 1: Lakes; Quesnel; Priority 2: Prince George; Morice, Williams Lake; 100 Mile house; Dawson Creek; Priority 3: Kamloops, Merritt, Fort St John, Cranbrook, Mackenzie; Non-MPB units with constrained timber supply areas (Revelstoke, Boundary, Soo, Fraser, Strathcona, Kingcome, Kootenay Lake, Golden, Sunshine Coast, Dawson Creek, Arrowsmith).</p>	
<p>Woodlot Association and Community Forest members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Investment Criteria and FFT plans • Contact the regional or district FFT lead (and/or District Woodlot Forester) if you have any questions • Enter information into the Provincial Woodlot Association or Community Forest project list template for next fiscal as required identifying priority ranking, proposed treatment, outputs, costs, project information (i.e. site index; stand density; species; opening number; Woodlot #) and contact information. Projects for years two and three can also be identified. Only projects on Crown land can be funded. • Treatment projects submitted for next fiscal need to have areas identified for treatment and be ready to go. If more time is needed to identify an area, then plan on survey work for the first year of the operating plan followed by treatment in subsequent years. • If your project already exists in the FFT AOP for the next fiscal and future years you will still need to confirm in the Provincial Woodlot Association or Community Forest project list, that the project information listed in the AOP is current and provide project details. • Indicate if the project is expandable in case surplus funds become available during the year and if the project will also be submitted to the Forest Enhancement Society of BC (or other funding sources) for funding as well. • Submit project list and discuss projects with the FFT regional or district leads for support. • Submit the project list to the provincial lead (Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and the BC Community Forests Association) for roll-up by Sept. 15, 2020. 	<p>July-Sept. 15</p>
<p>FFT regional and district leads review the projects with consideration given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well projects fit within the silviculture funding criteria? • Does the project fit within the District strategic priorities? • Are the costs reasonable or are there ways of combining the work with similar activities in the district to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the activity? This may be done through a delivery agent operating in the TSA also doing work on the small tenure or by the small tenure licensee delivering work in both the woodlot or community forest and adjacent area to increase project efficiencies. • If more information is needed on the project then the project lead will be contacted. Lacking sufficient information to determine project eligibility, the project will be deferred until the next planning cycle. 	<p>July-Sept. 31st</p>
<p>Feedback from the FFT regional or district leads will be sent back to the association leads for those projects which will not be funded. The remaining projects will be incorporated into the AOP either as updates to existing projects in the AOP or as new projects. FFT</p>	<p>September/October</p>

regional or district leads enter the recommended projects into the Ministry’s AOP SharePoint. The final list of activities in the AOP will be determined based on budget levels at the start of the fiscal.	
AOP confirmed allocation and projects sent to PwC to administer projects with lead associations with feedback from District staff on any major changes to projects	April of the new fiscal

Additional Guidance on activities

1. Questions on activities outside of Current Reforestation and Timber Supply Mitigation should be directed to the regional [Integrated Investment Specialists](#)
2. There is no set funding level by district for woodlot and community forest projects. Some districts will have more activities than others depending on strategic priorities, Interior priority areas, and historic capacity for delivery in certain areas.
3. Work must be on Crown Land and in non-obligation lands.
4. See [FFT Silviculture Funding Criteria](#) for activity details. Following is some general guidance.

Current Reforestation (CR) type activities

- Focused survey work for a reasonable level of future activities (2-3 years) for a specific activity. Large, exploratory, non-focused survey projects should be avoided.
- Eligible CR areas are where there has been recent fires (2005 fires onwards); or MPB killed stands (\geq than 70% pine; \geq 70% killed);
- Site preparation – standard disk trenching; dead pine knockdown either mulching or piling and burning; conversion of problem forest types other than dead pine are not eligible. Projects involving knockdown of low volume/value stands and replanting are complex and are focused on MPB and Wildfire impacted areas. These types of projects may be considered if it fits into the district strategic priorities.
- Brushing of FFT planted areas, non-obligation areas; FFT has moved away from treatments on backlog areas other than for conifer release.
- Conifer Release – Because of the potential to reduce species diversity and destroy broadleaf trees that may contribute to mid-term timber supply, caution will be exercised when undertaking conifer release. See the silviculture funding criteria for more detail.
- Repression density spacing – Criteria is being updated, focus is on interior species Pli and Lw fire origin \geq 50,000 sph,
- Planting of non-obligation areas
- Sowing or seedling purchase for FFT areas to be planted

Timber Supply mitigation activities

- Focused survey work for a reasonable level of future activities (2-3 years) for a specific activity to ensure prescriptions don’t get dated before treatment occurs.
- Fertilization – Fertilization survey work and prescriptions are eligible projects in conjunction with the larger provincial program and where the survey work cannot be done by the main fertilization delivery agent in the area.
- Fertilization on woodlots and community forests should be linked to larger projects to ensure efficiencies of scale.
- Spacing activities - The current focus will be limited to spacing of Alder on the Coast and Dry belt Fdi spacing (outside of Mule Deer Winter Range) in the Interior. No pine spacing unless it is

repression density spacing $\geq 50,000$ sph. Spacing of western redcedar on the Coast may be considered and discussed with the FFT leads. Funds for spacing is very limited.

Project Approval and Implementation

Once the FFT Annual Operating Plan and allocation is approved, the funds along with project details will be sent to PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) who will work with Woodlot Associations and Community Forests to have projects entered into the PwC online project tracking system. PwC will administer and audit the project to ensure work is done to standard and deal with any minor changes to the project. Prior to project commencement, Woodlot Associations and Community Forests will need to enter into a recipient agreement with PwC and provide the necessary information that shows First Nations information sharing has been completed to the satisfaction of the District Manager.

Appendix A: Project Submission Checklist

Topic	Description
Previous Submissions	Review previous AOP and 5 year plan to determine projects already in the plan for next fiscal. Update with latest survey information and provide details of work being proposed in provincial roll-up template.
New Projects	Planning is done for projects for the next three years. Ensure projects submitted are for eligible FFT activities and sizable enough to cover costs of administering the project.
Priority Areas	To be eligible, licences must be encompassed by the broader TSA name, see Silviculture Funding Criteria for more detail. Current Reforestation – Priority 1: Lakes; Quesnel; Priority 2: Williams Lake; 100 Mile House, Vanderhoof (District), Ft. St. James (District), Prince George (District), Morice, Dawson Creek ; Priority 3: Mackenzie, Kamloops, Merritt, Fort St. John, Cranbrook Timber Supply Mitigation - Priority 1: Lakes; Quesnel; Priority 2: Prince George; Morice, Williams Lake; 100 Mile house; Dawson Creek; Priority 3: Kamloops, Merritt, Fort St John, Cranbrook, Mackenzie; Non-MPB units with constrained timber supply areas (Revelstoke, Boundary, Soo, Fraser, Strathcona, Kingcome, Kootenay Lake, Golden, Sunshine Coast, Dawson Creek, Arrowsmith).
Eligible Activity	Only projects for FFT eligible activities should be submitted. See Silviculture Funding Criteria and guidance by investment category listed above.
Discussions at the local level	Contact your regional or district FFT lead (Appendix B) if you have any questions
Ensure project is treatment ready	Projects submitted for next fiscal need to have areas identified for treatment and be ready to go. If more time is needed to identify an area, then plan on survey work for the first year of the operating plan followed by treatment in subsequent years.
Submission detail	Submit information as per provincial template ensuring as much information as possible is submitted. Enter proposed treatment, outputs, costs, project information (e.g. site index; stand density; species; opening number) and contact information. Projects for years two and three can also be identified.
Submit to CFA or WLA	Projects to be submitted to provincial CFA and WLA leads for roll-up

Appendix B: FFT Contacts

Area	Leads	Contact Information
Provincial – Federation of BC Woodlot Associations	Mike Simpson	mf_simpson@outlook.com
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