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Preamble

This FSP encompasses lands within the traditional territories of many First Nations, as documented by evidence of historical use and the memories of their Elders. The FSP Holder will share information and work collaboratively with Gitga'at Nation, Gitxaala First Nation, Haisla Nation, Heiltsuk Nation, Kitasoo Xai'Xais Nation, Nuxalk Nation, Skin Tyee Nation, Ulkatcho First Nation, Wuikinuxv Nation, and as appropriate, with Coastal First Nations.

This Forest Stewardship Plan replaces a portion of the Mainland Coast Forest Stewardship Plan (2018-2025), as maintained in the BC Government FSP Tracker system.

FSPs are the key operational plan under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA). FSPs identify broad areas called Forest Development Units (FDUs) where timber harvesting and road construction may occur, are subject to public review and comment, and must be approved by government before taking effect. FSPs do not show cutblocks and roads for approval and are generally in effect for a five-year term.

For each of the FRPA values and objectives set by government, such as wildlife and biodiversity, the FSP identifies legally binding results and strategies, measures and standards which will be required to be implemented by each Holder of the FSP in the FDU.

This FSP includes FDU A which corresponds to the Central and North Coast portion of the Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order. This FSP applies where each Holder of the FSP is involved with road and cutblock development, as well as cutblocks with outstanding silviculture obligations.

The WFP Mainland Coast FSP with maps and appendices can be found at <https://www.westernforest.com/responsibility/environment/practices-plans/>.

More information on FSPs is available at:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/forest-stewardship-plans>. Comments should be directed to:

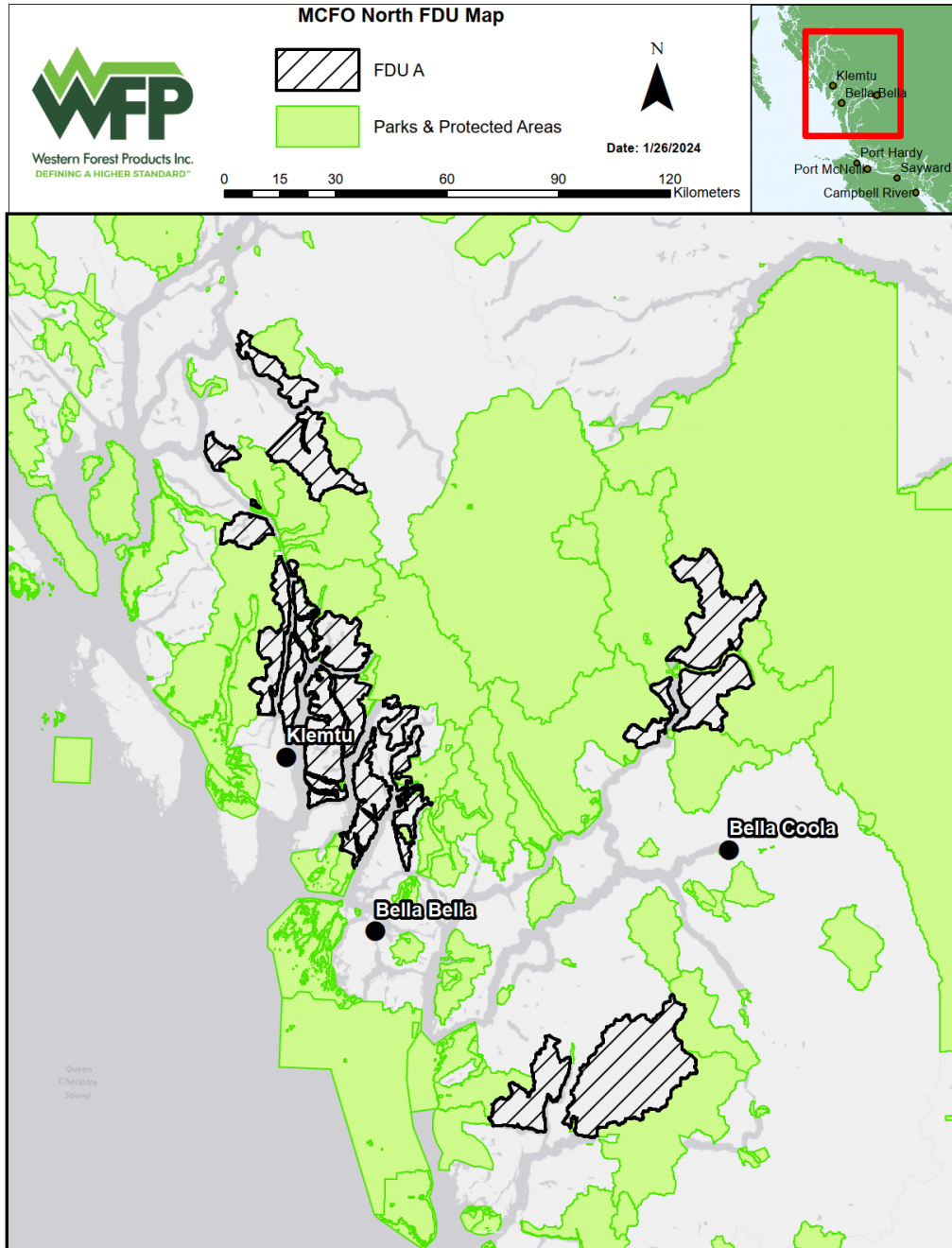
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Figure 1 – Mainland Coast Forest Operation – FDU Map



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1. Date of Submission

The date of submission will be the date of submission in the Forest Stewardship Plan Tracking System.

2. Interpretation and Definitions

2.1 Interpretation

Results or **Strategies** in this Forest Stewardship Plan (**FSP**) refer Objectives from the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (**FPPR**), the Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order or the Government Actions Regulation (**GAR**) as they were on the date this **FSP** was submitted for approval.

The word “section” or “subsection” or the abbreviations “s.” or “ss.” is used to indicate a numbered section or sections of the indicated Act, Regulation, or Order. An **FSP** section or subsection may also be referred to with “s.” or “ss.” Where no other reference is indicated, “s.” or “ss.” refers to a section or subsection under the current header.

Sections of Orders, Notices, and Objectives are embedded within Objective Source or Background Information tables in this **FSP** for convenience only. If there is a discrepancy between this **FSP** text and a quoted section, the text in the Act, Regulation, Order, or Notice prevails, and should be used in preference to this **FSP** text. Where contained in this **FSP**, the preamble, objective sources and background information are not part of this **FSP** or **Results** or **Strategies**.

Certain terms are intentionally in bold type within the text, to add emphasis and to indicate the specific definition listed below (i.e., “holder” may indicate a holder of a different forest stewardship plan, while “**Holder**” indicates a holder of this **FSP**).

2.2 Definitions:

General definitions that apply to the entire text of the **FSP** are listed here. Where definitions appear under a section or subsection header, those definitions apply in that section or subsection.

“**FDU**” means forest development unit.

“**FPC**” means the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act*.

“**FPPR**” means the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation.

“**FRPA**” means the *Forest and Range Practices Act*.

“**FSP**” means this Forest Stewardship Plan.

“**GAR**” means the Government Actions Regulation.

“**Holder**” means a holder of an agreement under the *Forest Act*, and a signatory to this **FSP**.

“**Licensee**” means an agreement holder under the *Forest Act*, that is a holder of this **FSP**.

“**Measure**” means obligations required by **FPPR** ss.17-18.

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“**Order**” means, unless stated otherwise, the “Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order” (2023), with land use objectives established using authority under the *Land Act*, s.93.4.

“**Primary Forest Activity**” has the same meaning as in **FPPR** s.1(1).

“**Result**” and “**Strategy**” have same meanings as in **FPPR** s.1(1).

“**Stocking Standards**” means obligations required by **FPPR** s.16

3. Application of this FSP

3.1 Licences and Licensees (**FRPA** s.3(4))

1. This **FSP** applies to each cutting permit and road permit issued or granted to the **Licensees** holding this **FSP**:
 - a. after the **FSP** term commences;
 - b. within **FDUs**; and
 - c. under or in respect of the following licences:

| Licensor | Licence |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Western Forest Products Inc. | TFL 25 Block 5 |
| | FL A16845, FL A16847 |

3.2 Application of this FSP to Previous Obligations (**FRPA** ss.197(4-5, 7) and **FPPR** ss.14(1)(d-e))

1. In the **FDU**, this **FSP** applies:
 - a. To all cutblocks and roads subject to cutting permits issued to each **Holder** under the licences referred to in Paragraph 3.1 on or after the date approval of this **FSP**;
 - b. To a cutblock or road permit subject to a cutting permit issued to each **Holder** under a licence referred to in Paragraph 3.1 before this **FSP** term commences, whether the cutting permit is still in effect or not, for which each **Holder** gives written notice to the minister responsible for the Forest Act after this **FSP** term commences, effective the date, and to the extent, specified in the notice;
 - c. To a road, or portion thereof, subject to a road permit in effect before the **FSP** term commences for which each **Holder** gives written notice to government after this **FSP** term commences, effective the date, and to the extent, specified in the written notice;
 - d. Where each **Holder** may elect to, for the purpose of changes to the total area under prescription of cutblock, including wildlife tree patches, under **FRPA** s.197(4) or (7) within the **FDU** as specified by **FPPR** s.14(1)(d), make changes to wildlife tree patches consistent with s.6.8 of this **FSP**; and
 - e. For a cutblock that has not been declared free growing that is within the **FDU** each **Holder** may elect to, for the purpose of otherwise specifying stocking standards, under **FRPA** ss.197(4), (5) or (7) within an **FDU** as specified by **FPPR** ss.14(1)(d) or (e) and where it is ecologically appropriate, to have stocking standards approved

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under this **FSP** apply to standards units within cutblocks from previous plans. For each standards unit, this election is to be made prior to a free growing declaration.

3.3 Term of this FSP (FRPA ss.6(1)(a) and (b))

1. The term of this **FSP** is specified by the minister or person delegated under **FRPA** s.120.1.

4. FSP Map and Forest Development Units (FDUs) (FRPA Act s.5(1)(a), FPPR s.14)

4.1 Boundaries of the FDU

1. The boundaries of the **FDU** under this **FSP** are shown on the **FDU** map (Figure 1), are deemed to follow the chart areas or boundaries of the tenures listed in Section 3.1 within the Central and North Coast Area, as shown in Schedule B of the **Order**.

4.2 New Forest Development Units (FRPA s.5(1)(a) and FPPR s.14(1)(a))

1. The **FDU** map (Figure 1) shows the **FDU** boundaries.

4.3 Forest Development Units in Effect on Date of Submission of this FSP (FRPA ss.7(1.1) and (2) and 5(1)(a) and FPPR s.14(1)(b))

1. The **FDU** map shows the **FDU** that is in effect at the time of its submission for approval.

4.4 Areas to Which s.196(1) of the Act Apply (FRPA s.196(1); FPPR s.14(1)(c))

1. Not applicable.

4.5 Designations in Effect Four Months Before Submission of This FSP (FPPR s.14(2))

1. This **FSP** identifies designations and other areas listed in **FPPR** s.14(2) that were in effect 4 months before this **FSP** was submitted for approval.

4.6 Areas Within FDUs Considered to be Approved (FRPA ss.196(1) and (2) and FPPR s.14(1)(c) and s.110)

1. Not applicable.

4.7 Areas within FDU in Which Commercial Timber Harvesting is Prohibited by Another Enactment (FPPR s.14(3)(i))

1. See s.5.2.4 of this **FSP**.

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4.8 Areas within FDUs Subject to Cutting Permit or Road Permit (FPPR s.14(3)(j))

1. See the **FSP** map for active cutting permit and road permit areas.

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5. Great Bear Rainforest Order Results or Strategies

Definitions for the purposes of s.5 of this FSP

“**EBM Guidance**” means the “Ecosystem-Based Management Planning and Practice Guidance”, as amended from time to time. **EBM Guidance** includes the “Ecosystem-Based Management Supplemental Technical Guidance” and Land Management Handbook #72.¹

For the purposes of using **EBM Guidance**²:

1. Each **Holder** will use the version of the **EBM Guidance** that is in effect at least four months before the time of information sharing of proposed block and road development with affected First Nations; or
2. Each **Holder** will use the version of the **EBM Guidance** that is current at the time of cutting or road permit submission.

5.1 First Nations Objectives

5.1.1 First Nation Information Sharing and Engagement

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 1, Division 2, s.3 & Part 2, Division 2, s.3. | June 9, 2023 |
| (1) For the purpose of implementing and achieving the intent of the objectives in this [land use] order, conduct First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations. | | |

Strategy – First Nation Information Sharing and Engagement

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objective in Part 1, Division 2, s.3 and Part 2, Division 2, s.3 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.³

5.1.2 Identification of Indigenous Forest Values

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER |
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¹ See district manager LMH 72 expectation letter dated May 19, 2020. CLIFF# 255414.

² See district manager GBR land use order expectation letter dated September 25, 2023.

³ At the time of FSP submission, affected First Nations include the Gitga'at Nation, Gitxaala First Nation, Haisla Nation, Heiltsuk Nation, Kitasoo Xai'Xais Nation, Nuxalk Nation, Skin Tyee Nation, Ulkatcho First Nations, Wuikinuxv Nation; and the “Protocol Agreement” between the Kitasoo Xai'Xais Nation and Western Forest Products Inc. remains in effect.

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| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 2, s.4 | June 9, 2023 |
| (1) Prior to undertaking road construction or timber harvesting, through field reconnaissance or field assessments and First Nation engagement as appropriate, identify Indigenous forest values that may be altered or adversely impacted by road construction, timber harvesting, or other site development activity. | | |

Strategy – Identification of Indigenous Forest Values

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objective in Part 2, Division 2, s.4 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.1.3 Indigenous Forest Resources

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 2, s.5 | June 9, 2023 |
| (1) Avoid road construction, timber harvesting and other site development activities in areas and sites that contain Indigenous forest resources, to the extent practicable. (2) Despite subsection (1), areas or sites containing Indigenous forest resources may be harvested or altered, provided that measures to identify and manage, or provide access to, the Indigenous forest resources have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations. | | |

Strategy – Indigenous Forest Resources

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objective in Part 2, Division 2, s.5 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.1.4 Indigenous Heritage Features

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 2, s.6 | June 9, 2023 |

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- (1) *Protect Type 1 Indigenous heritage features.*
- (2) *Adjacent to Type 1 Indigenous heritage features, maintain a reserve zone with a minimum width of 200 metres and an outer edge designed to minimize risk of windthrow to protect the Type 1 Indigenous heritage feature.*
- (3) *Despite subsections (1) and (2), a Type 1 Indigenous heritage feature and its reserve zone may be modified with the support of, or lack of objection from, the applicable First Nations.*
- (4) *Despite subsections (2) and (3), a reserve zone may be modified when*
 - (a) *the modification is required for road access or other infrastructure or to address a safety concern, and there is no practicable alternative,*
 - (b) *alternative measures are implemented to avoid, mitigate or otherwise address impacts on the Type 1 Indigenous heritage feature, and*
 - (c) *the alternative measures have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.*
- (5) *Protect Type 2 Indigenous heritage features.*
- (6) *Adjacent to Type 2 Indigenous heritage features, maintain a reserve zone with a minimum width of 1.5 tree lengths measured from the edge of the feature and an outer edge designed to minimize risk of windthrow and to protect the Type 2 Indigenous heritage feature.*
- (7) *Despite subsections (5) and (6), a Type 2 Indigenous heritage feature and its reserve zone may be modified with the support of, or lack of objection from, the applicable First Nations.*
- (8) *Despite subsections (6) and (7), the reserve zone may be modified when*
 - (a) *the modification is required for road access, other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern and there is no practicable alternative,*
 - (b) *alternative measures are implemented to avoid, mitigate or otherwise address impacts on the Type 2 Indigenous heritage feature, and*
 - (c) *the alternative measures have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.*

Strategy – Indigenous Heritage Features

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 2, s.6 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.1.5 Historical Culturally Modified Trees

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 2, s.7 | June 9, 2023 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) <i>Protect historical culturally modified trees.</i> (2) <i>Adjacent to historical culturally modified trees, maintain a management zone of sufficient width and design to protect the historical culturally modified trees from site-specific local hazards and windthrow.</i> (3) <i>Despite subsections (1) and (2), historical culturally modified trees and their management zones may be altered or harvested if</i> | | |

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- (a) the alteration or harvesting is required for road access or other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern, and there is no practicable alternative, or
- (b) protection of all historical culturally modified trees in the cutblock area would make harvesting economically unviable,
- provided that the plans to alter or harvest the historical culturally modified trees have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.

Strategy – Historical Culturally Modified Trees

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 2, s.7 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.1.6 Indigenous Tree Use

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 2, s.8 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) Maintain a volume and quality, specified during First Nation engagement, of western redcedar, yellow cedar and other tree species to support the applicable First Nations' Indigenous tree use.</p> <p>(2) In cedar stewardship areas, maintain, and recruit as necessary, monumental cedar, western redcedar and yellow cedar, specified during First Nation engagement, to support the applicable First Nations' Indigenous tree use needs.</p> <p>(3) Within development areas, retain monumental cedar and cultural cedar stands with windfirm buffers, specified during First Nation engagement, to support the applicable First Nations' Indigenous tree use.</p> <p>(4) Despite subsection (3), a monumental cedar and its windfirm buffer, or a cultural cedar stand, may be altered or harvested if</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the alteration or harvesting is required for road access or other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern, and there is no practicable alternative, (b) it has been determined by the applicable First Nation that the monumental cedar or cultural cedar stand is not suitable or is not required for a cultural cedar use, or (c) the monumental cedar or cedar from the cultural cedar stand will be provided to the applicable First Nation, <p>provided that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (d) retention of all monumental cedar and cultural cedar stands in the cutblock area would make harvesting economically unviable, and (e) the plans to alter or harvest the monumental cedar or cultural cedar stands have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations. <p>(5) Within a cutblock, for the first 15% of the pre-harvest stand retained in stand retention as specified in section 17(1), design stand retention to maintain mature and old western redcedar and yellow cedar representative of the pre-harvest stand.</p> | | |

Strategy – Indigenous Tree Use

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1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 2, s.8 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.1.7 Retention of Western Yew

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 2, s.9 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) Retain western yew trees.</p> <p>(2) Despite subsection (1), western yew trees may be altered or harvested if</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) alteration or harvesting is required to accommodate operational requirements for road and bridge construction and there is no practicable alternative, or (b) the retention of all western yew trees in a cutblock would make harvesting economically unviable, <p>provided that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (c) measures are implemented to provide for use of the altered or harvested western yew trees by applicable First Nations, and (d) the plans to alter or harvest the western yew trees have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations. <p>(3) Where practicable, include western yew trees in stand retention.</p> <p>(4) All areas retained or managed in accordance with subsection (1), (2) or (3) must be documented and the documentation submitted by the licensee as digital spatial data at the end of each calendar year to the applicable First Nation and the Province of British Columbia.</p> | | |

Strategy – Retention of Western Yew

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 2, s.9 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.2 Land Allocation and Biodiversity Objectives

5.2.1 Managed Forest and Protected and Reserved Forest

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 1, Division 3, s.6 | June 9, 2023 |

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- (1) *Identify and maintain in the order area*
- (a) *a managed forest area of 550,032 hectares, and*
 - (b) *a protected and reserved forest area that*
 - (i) *continues to grow older over time subject to natural disturbance and non-forest tenure*
 - (ii) *activity, and has an area of at least 3,108,876 hectares.*

Strategy – Managed Forest and Protected and Reserved Forest

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objective in Part 1, Division 3, s.6 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.2.2 Old Forest Maintenance and Recovery

OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER

| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
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| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 1, Division 3, s.4 | June 9, 2023 |

GBR Order, Part 1, Division 3, s.4

- (1) *Maintain landscape level biodiversity as follows:*
- (a) *for each site series group in the order area, maintain a distribution of forest stand ages that will achieve the old forest representation targets listed in Column A in Schedule G by no later than 2264;*
 - (b) *for each site series group in the order area, retain an amount of old forest equal to or greater than the order area minimum old forest retention levels listed in Column B in Schedule G;*
 - (c) *for the purposes of paragraphs (a) and (b), for each site series group in a landscape unit, retain a minimum of 30% of the total forest area of the site series group as old forest.*
- (2) *Despite subsection (1)(c), alteration or harvesting of old forest in a site series group in a landscape unit may occur where less than 30% of the total forest area of the site series group in the landscape unit is old forest, provided that*
- (a) *within the landscape unit area*
 - (i) *the alteration or harvesting is required for road access or other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern, where there is no practicable alternative, or*
 - (ii) *the lesser of 20% of the total forest area or the minimum old forest retention level specified in Schedule F is maintained as old forest,*
 - (b) *the aggregate area of old forest in the order area harvested under paragraph (a) after January 28, 2016 does not exceed 18,650 hectares, and*
 - (c) *the plans to alter or harvest old forest in a site series group in a landscape unit have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.*
- (3) *Where there is not enough old forest available to meet the targets in subsection (1)(b) and (c), or as a result of subsection (2), recruit forest to meet the old forest requirements by no later than 2264.*

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Strategy – Old Forest Maintenance and Recovery

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 1, Division 3, s.4 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**; and
 - c. Make best efforts to communicate, cooperate and collaborate with other licensees to meet the Objectives in Part 1, Division 3, s.4 of the **Order**.

5.2.3 Red Listed and Blue Listed Plant Communities

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
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| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 4, s.16 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) <i>Protect each occurrence of a red-listed plant community during a primary forest activity in accordance with Schedule N.</i></p> <p>(2) <i>Despite subsection (1), up to 5% of each occurrence of a red-listed plant community may be disturbed if</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <i>there is no practicable alternative for road access or other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern, and</i> (b) <i>the plans to disturb the red-listed plant community have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.</i> <p>(3) <i>Despite subsections (1) and (2), more than 5% of a red-listed plant community occurrence smaller than one hectare may be disturbed if it is necessary for critical road access, provided that</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <i>the total disturbance of that red-listed plant community in a landscape unit does not exceed 5%, and</i> (b) <i>the plans to disturb the red-listed plant community have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.</i> <p>(4) <i>Reserve a minimum of 70% of each occurrence of a blue-listed plant community during a primary forest activity or reserve a minimum of 70% of the total area of each blue-listed plant community within a landscape unit in accordance with Schedule O.</i></p> | | |

Strategy – Red-Listed and Blue-Listed Plant Communities

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 4, s.16 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**; and
 - c. Make best efforts to communicate, cooperate and collaborate with other licensees to meet the Objective in Part 2, Division 4, s.16(4) of the **Order**.

5.2.4 Landscape Reserve Design

OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER

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| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
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| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 1, Division 3, s.5 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) For each landscape unit in the order area, a landscape reserve design must be prepared by a qualified professional that addresses the minimum old forest retention levels specified in section 4(1)(c) and (2), and, to the extent practicable, contributes to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the old forest representation targets specified in section 4(1)(a) and (b), (b) the protection and stewardship of Indigenous forest values, (c) the protection, connectivity and stewardship of red-listed plant communities, blue-listed plant communities, rare and at-risk ecosystems, habitat important for species at risk, ungulate winter range, and habitat for regionally important wildlife including, but not limited to, mountain goats, grizzly bears, black bears, northern goshawks, tailed frogs, and marbled murrelets, and (d) the protected and reserved forest area and the managed forest area specified in section 6(1). <p>(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a), the provisions of section 16 (1) and (2) of Part 3 apply.</p> <p>(3) No commercial timber harvesting is permitted in a landscape reserve design.</p> | | |

Strategy – Landscape Reserve Design

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 1, Division 3, s.5 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**; and
 - c. Make best efforts to communicate, cooperate and collaborate with other licensees to meet the Objectives in Part 1, Division 3, s.5 of the **Order**.

5.2.5 Stand Retention

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
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| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 4, s.17 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) Maintain forest structure and diversity at the stand level by</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) maintaining a minimum of 15% of a cutblock area as stand retention, (b) distributing stand retention throughout the cutblock, (c) maintaining more than 15% retention as necessary, considering cutblock size, landscape unit context and immediate landscape context, and (d) managing windthrow. <p>(2) To the extent practicable, include the following within stand retention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Indigenous forest values; (b) habitat elements important for restoration of old forest; (c) habitat elements important for wildlife. | | |

Strategy – Stand Retention

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1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 4, s.17 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.3 Objectives for Aquatic Habitat and Riparian Forest

5.3.1 Important Fisheries Watersheds

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
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| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 3, s.10 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) Within each of the important fisheries watersheds shown in Schedule E, prior to declaring areas or applying for a cutting authority, ensure that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a watershed assessment or similar assessment of watershed sensitivity to forest development disturbance is completed by a qualified professional, (b) an amount, type and distribution of forest cover sufficient to sustain natural hydrological and fluvial processes within the watershed is maintained, (c) the effectiveness of the management strategies implemented pursuant to paragraph (b) is monitored, and (d) the watershed assessment and management strategies have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations. <p>(2) Despite subsection (1), forest stewardship plan holders may apply for a cutting authority in an important fisheries watershed if</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a preliminary watershed assessment indicates no adverse impact on fish habitat, stream flow quality and quantity, or other watershed health indicators, and (b) applicable First Nations support, or do not object to, the application. | | |

Strategy – Important Fisheries Watersheds

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 3, s.10 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**; and
 - c. Make best efforts to communicate, cooperate and collaborate with other licensees to meet the Objectives in Part 2, Division 3, s.10 of the **Order**.

5.3.2 Type 1 Aquatic Habitat

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
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| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 3, s.11 | June 9, 2023 |

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- (1) *Protect and maintain type 1 aquatic habitats by, within or adjacent to cutblocks and roads, but excluding stream crossings, maintaining an adjacent reserve zone with a minimum width of 1.5 tree lengths and an outer edge designed to minimize risk of windthrow.*
- (2) *Despite subsection (1), the width of a reserve zone may be decreased at specific locations to address site characteristics and values, provided that (a) the decrease is no more than 0.5 tree lengths, and (b) there is no net loss of reserve zone area required by subsection (1) within or adjacent to the cutblock.*
- (3) *Despite subsections (1) and (2), the width of the reserve zone may be decreased, at specific locations to address site characteristics and values, by more than 0.5 tree lengths, provided that*
 - (a) *there is no net loss of the reserve zone area required by subsection (1),*
 - (b) *assessments have been prepared by a qualified professional that specify measures*
 - (i) *to maintain the geomorphic and hydriparian characteristics of the stream channel,*
 - (ii) *to maintain the life cycle needs of fish in affected stream reaches,*
 - (iii) *to maintain local terrestrial habitat needs and linkages to other reserves, and*
 - (iv) *to minimize loss of trees in the reserve zone from windthrow,*
 - (c) *the measures required by paragraph (b) are implemented, and*
 - (d) *the plans to decrease the width of the reserve zone have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.*
- (4) *Where some or all of the forest required by subsections (1), (2) and (3) has been previously altered or harvested, to the extent practicable, recruit or create functional riparian forest in the reserve zone in the shortest time practicable.*

Strategy – Type 1 Aquatic Habitat

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 3, s.11 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.3.3 Type 2 Aquatic Habitat

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 3, s.12 | June 9, 2023 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) <i>Maintain the natural ecological function of type 2 aquatic habitat except for stream crossings by, within or adjacent to cutblocks and roads, retaining 90% of the forest in an adjacent management zone with a minimum width of 1.5 tree lengths and an outer edge designed to minimize risk of windthrow.</i> (2) <i>Despite subsection (1), the width of the management zone in any cutblock may be decreased by up to 0.5 tree lengths to address site characteristics and values, provided there is no net loss of management zone area within the cutblock.</i> (3) <i>Despite subsections (1) and (2), the width of the management zone may be increased or decreased by more than 0.5 tree lengths and alteration or harvesting within the management zone may occur, provided that</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <i>there is no net loss of management zone area required by subsection (1) in the cutblock,</i> | | |

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| <p>(b) an assessment has been prepared by a qualified professional that specifies measures</p> <p>(i) to maintain the geomorphic and hydriparian characteristics of the stream channel,</p> <p>to maintain the life cycle needs of fish in affected stream reaches,</p> <p>to maintain local terrestrial habitat needs and linkages to other reserves, and</p> <p>to minimize loss of trees in the management zone from windthrow,</p> <p>(c) the measures required by paragraph (b) are implemented, and</p> <p>(d) the plans to increase or decrease the width of the management zone by more than 0.5 tree lengths and have alteration or harvesting within the management zone have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.</p> |
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Strategy – Type 2 Aquatic Habitat

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 3, s.12 of the Order; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.3.4 Forested Swamps

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 3, s.13 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) Maintain the ecological characteristics and function of forested swamps.</p> <p>(2) Adjacent to forested swamps greater than 0.25 hectares, retain 70% of the functional riparian forest in a management zone with a minimum width of 1.5 tree lengths and an outer edge designed to minimize risk of windthrow.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsection (2), the width of the management zone adjacent to a forested swamp may be decreased by up to 0.5 tree lengths to address site-specific characteristics and values.</p> <p>(4) Despite subsections (2) and (3), the width of the management zone may be decreased by more than 0.5 tree lengths and additional harvesting within the management zone may occur, provided that</p> <p>(a) a forested swamp assessment has been prepared by a qualified professional that specifies measures</p> <p>(i) to maintain local terrestrial habitat needs and linkages to other reserves, and</p> <p>(ii) to minimize loss of trees in the management zone from windthrow,</p> <p>(b) the measures in paragraph (a) are implemented, and</p> <p>(c) the plans to decrease the width of the management zone and have additional harvesting within the management zone have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.</p> <p>(5) Where some or all of the forest within the management zone required by subsection (2), (3) or (4) has been previously altered or harvested, to the extent practicable, recruit or create functional riparian forest in the management zone in the shortest time practicable.</p> | | |

Strategy – Forested Swamps

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:

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- a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 3, s.13 of the **Order**; and
- b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.3.5 Upland Stream Areas

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 3, s.14 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) Maintain the hydrologic and hydrogeomorphic processes in watershed planning units within the range of natural variation by maintaining a minimum of 70% of the forest in the upland stream area as functional riparian forest.</p> <p>(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), to the extent practicable, preferentially retain the functional riparian forest to create windfirm reserves and management zones adjacent to streams in the upland stream area that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) are located upstream from type 1 aquatic habitat or type 2 aquatic habitat, (b) have sensitive hydrogeomorphic attributes, (c) are stream reaches with known tailed frog habitat, or (d) have unique microclimate or other rare ecological characteristics. <p>(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), an alternative plan to maintain hydrologic and hydrogeomorphic processes in a watershed planning unit within the range of natural variability may be prepared as a result of a watershed assessment conducted by a qualified professional, consistent with professional practice guidelines, provided that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the effectiveness of strategies implemented in accordance with the plan under this subsection is monitored, (b) the watershed assessment and plan are updated to reflect the results of such monitoring, and (c) the strategy has been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations. | | |

Strategy – Upland Stream Areas

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 3, s.14 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**; and
 - c. Make best efforts to communicate, cooperate and collaborate with other licensees to meet the Objectives in Part 2, Division 3, s.14 of the **Order**.

5.3.6 Active Fluvial Units

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
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| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |

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| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 3, s.15 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) Reserve all forest on active fluvial units.</p> <p>(2) Adjacent to active fluvial units, retain a minimum of 90% of the forest in a management zone with an average width of 1.5 tree lengths.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), forest on an active fluvial unit may be altered or harvested, and less than 90% of the forest in the management zone may be retained, to allow for road access or to address a safety concern, provided that</p> <p>(a) (a) there is no practicable alternative to access a development area,</p> <p>(b) (b) an active fluvial unit assessment has been prepared by a qualified professional that</p> <p>(i) specifies measures to maintain stream flow patterns and flow capacity and geomorphic stability of the active fluvial unit for roads or other infrastructure, or</p> <p>(ii) where the removal of four or more live trees is proposed for safety reasons, provides an assessment of the potential impact on geomorphic stability,</p> <p>(c) the measures in paragraph (b) are implemented in a manner that will maintain the flow patterns, flow capacity and geomorphic stability of the active fluvial unit, and</p> <p>(d) the plans to alter or harvest an active fluvial unit or to retain less than 90% of the forest in the management zone have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.</p> <p>(4) Where some or all of the forest required to be retained by subsections (1) and (2) has been previously altered or harvested, to the extent practicable, recruit or create functional riparian forest on the active fluvial unit in the shortest time practicable.</p> | | |

Strategy – Active Fluvial Units

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 3, s.15 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.4 Objectives for Wildlife Habitat

5.4.1 Grizzly Bear Habitat

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 5, s.18 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) Maintain 100% of class 1 grizzly bear habitat</p> <p>(a) shown in Schedule D, or</p> <p>(b) identified in the field by a qualified professional.</p> <p>(2) Maintain a minimum of 50% of class 2 grizzly bear habitat</p> <p>(a) shown in Schedule D, or</p> <p>(b) identified in the field by a qualified professional, and that provides a mix of habitat type, seasonal value, and distribution within a watershed or landscape unit.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsection (1), class 1 grizzly bear habitat may be altered or harvested, provided that</p> | | |

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- (a) a qualified professional
 - (i) completes an assessment that identifies the characteristics of the habitat and linkages, where appropriate, to other grizzly bear habitat, and
 - (ii) confirms that the alteration or harvesting will result in no net loss of class 1 grizzly habitat and connectivity and no functional loss of habitat connectivity,
- (b) measures are implemented that will ensure the alteration or harvesting will not cause a material adverse impact to the suitability of the class 1 grizzly bear habitat, and
- (c) the plans to alter or harvest class 1 grizzly bear habitat have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.
- (4) Despite subsection (1), class 1 grizzly bear habitat may be altered or harvested for road access or other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern, provided that
 - (a) there is no practicable alternative for road access or other infrastructure, or the alteration or harvesting is required to address a safety concern,
 - (b) that the road right-of-way clearing width is the minimum safe width necessary to accommodate the road,
 - (c) measures are implemented that, to the extent practicable, will ensure the alteration or harvesting will not cause a material adverse impact to the suitability of the class 1 grizzly bear habitat, and
 - (d) the plans to alter or harvest class 1 grizzly bear habitat have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.
- (5) All identified grizzly bear habitat polygons must be documented and the documentation submitted to the applicable First Nations and the Province of British Columbia at the end of each calendar year.

Strategy – Grizzly Bear Habitat

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 5, s.18 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**; and
 - c. Make best efforts to communicate, cooperate and collaborate with other licensees to meet the Objectives in Part 2, Division 5, s.18(1-2) of the **Order**.

5.4.2 Grizzly Bear Dens

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 5, s.19 | June 9, 2023 |
| (1) Protect grizzly bear dens. (2) Adjacent to grizzly bear dens, maintain a reserve zone with a minimum width of 50 metres. (3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), alteration or removal of a grizzly bear den or its reserve zone, or both, may occur, provided that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the alteration or removal is required for road access or to address a safety concern and there is no practicable alternative, (b) the alteration or removal does not occur during the winter hibernation season, and | | |

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- (c) the plans to alter or remove a grizzly bear den or reserve zone have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.
- (4) Adjacent to any reserve zone required by subsection (2), maintain a management zone with an average width equal to 1.0 tree lengths, measured from the outer edge of the reserve zone, to protect the integrity of the reserve zone.
- (5) Within the management zone required by subsection (4), alteration or removal of trees may occur outside of the winter hibernation season to
- (a) accommodate operational requirements for road and bridge construction, if there is no practicable alternative,
 - (b) accommodate road maintenance and deactivation, the removal of danger trees, and brushing and clearing within the right-of-way, for safety purposes, on any existing road under active tenure, or
 - (c) mitigate the impact of windthrow,
- provided that the plans to alter or remove trees have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.
- (6) All found grizzly bear dens must be documented and the documentation submitted to the applicable First Nations and the Province of British Columbia at the end of each calendar year.

Strategy – Grizzly Bear Dens

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 5, s.19 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.4.3 Black Bear Dens

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
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| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 5, s.20 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) Protect black bear dens.</p> <p>(2) Adjacent to black bear dens, maintain a reserve zone with a minimum width of 30 metres.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), alteration or removal of a black bear den or its reserve zone, or both, may occur, provided that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) alteration or removal is required for road access or to address a safety concern and there is no practicable alternative, (b) the alteration or removal does not occur during the winter hibernation season, and (c) the plans to alter or remove a black bear den or reserve zone have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations. <p>(4) Adjacent to any reserve zone required by subsection (2), maintain a management zone of sufficient width and design to protect the integrity of the black bear den and the reserve zone.</p> <p>(5) Within the management zone required by subsection (4), alteration or removal of trees may occur outside of the winter hibernation season to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) accommodate operational requirements for road and bridge construction, if there is no practicable alternative, | | |

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| <p>(b) accommodate road maintenance and deactivation, the removal of danger trees, and brushing and clearing within the right-of-way, for safety purposes, on any existing road under active tenure, or</p> <p>(c) mitigate the impact of windthrow, provided that the plans to alter or remove trees have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.</p> <p>(6) Where practicable, include suitable future and additional black bear denning habitat in management zones and in stand retention.</p> <p>(7) All found black bear dens must be documented and the documentation submitted to the applicable First Nations and the Province of British Columbia at the end of each calendar year.</p> |
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Strategy – Black Bear Dens

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 5, s.20 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**.

5.4.4 Kermode Bear Habitat

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: GREAT BEAR RAINFOREST LAND USE OBJECTIVES ORDER | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Land Act, s.93.4 | Great Bear Rainforest Land Use Objectives Order, Part 2, Division 5, s.21 | June 9, 2023 |
| <p>(1) To maintain Kermode bear habitat, within managed forest in the Kermode stewardship areas shown in Schedule R,</p> <p>(a) where practicable, thin or harvest mid seral stands to create patchy openings and less canopy closure to encourage shrub growth, and</p> <p>(b) maintain critical black bear habitat.</p> <p>(2) Despite subsection (1)(b), up to 5% of a critical black bear habitat occurrence may be altered if there is no practicable alternative for road access or other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern, provided that the plans to alter critical black bear habitat have been developed through a process of First Nation engagement with applicable First Nations.</p> | | |

Strategy – Kermode Bear Habitat

1. As a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Comply with the Objectives in Part 2, Division 5, s.21 of the **Order**; and
 - b. Follow the **EBM Guidance**; and
 - c. Make best efforts to communicate, cooperate and collaborate with other licensees to meet the Objective in Part 2, Division 5, s.21(1) of the **Order**.

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6. FRPA Values and Results or Strategies

6.1 Soils

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
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| Type | Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.5 | January 31, 2004 |
| <i>The objective set by government for soils is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to conserve the productivity and the hydrologic function of soils.</i> | | |

6.1.1 Soil Disturbance Limits

Exemption from Result or Strategy – FPPR s.5

- For the purposes of **FPPR s.12.1(1)**, each **Holder** undertakes to comply with **FPPR s.35**, and is exempt from specifying an intended **Result** or **Strategy**.

6.1.2 Permanent Access Structures Limits

Definitions for the Purposes of s.6.1.2 of this FSP

“**Cutblock**” means the total area specified in a cutblock site plan.

Exemption from Result or Strategy – FPPR s.5

- For the purposes of **FPPR s.12.1(1)**, each **Holder** undertakes to comply with **FPPR s.36**, and is exempt from specifying an intended **Result** or **Strategy**.

6.2 Timber

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.6 | January 31, 2004 |
| <p><i>The objectives set by government for timber are to</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>maintain or enhance an economically valuable supply of commercial timber from British Columbia's forests,</i> <i>ensure that delivered wood costs, generally, after considering the effect on them of the relevant provisions of this regulation and of the Act, are competitive in relation to equivalent costs in relation to regulated primary forest activities in other jurisdictions, and</i> <i>ensure that the provisions of this regulation and of the Act that pertain to primary forest activities do not unduly constrain the ability of a holder of an agreement under the Forest Act to exercise the holder's rights under the agreement.</i> | | |

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Exemption from Result or Strategy – FPPR s.6

1. In accordance with **FPPR s.12(8)**, each **Holder** is exempt from the requirement to prepare a **Result** or **Strategy** for an objective set by government for timber in **FPPR s.6**.

6.3 Wildlife

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.7 | January 31, 2004 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The objective set by government for wildlife is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to conserve sufficient wildlife habitat in terms of amount of area, distribution of areas and attributes of those areas, for</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>the survival of species at risk,</i> b) <i>the survival of regionally important wildlife, and</i> c) <i>the winter survival of specified ungulate species.</i> 2. <i>A person required to prepare a forest stewardship plan must specify a result or strategy in respect of the objective stated under subsection (1) only if the minister responsible for the Wildlife Act gives notice to the person of the applicable</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>species referred to in subsection (1), and</i> b) <i>indicators of the amount, distribution and attributes of wildlife habitat described in subsection (1).</i> 3. <i>If satisfied that the objective set out in subsection (1) is addressed, in whole or in part, by an objective in relation to a wildlife habitat area or an ungulate winter range, a general wildlife measure, or a wildlife habitat feature, the minister responsible for the Wildlife Act must exempt a person from the obligation to specify a result or strategy in relation to the objective set out in subsection (1) to the extent that the objective is already addressed.</i> 4. <i>On or after December 31, 2004, a notice described in subsection (2) must be given at least 4 months before the forest stewardship plan is submitted for approval.</i> | | |

6.3.1 Species at Risk

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 17/2004 s.11(1) | Order – Categories of Species at Risk (2004) | May 6, 2004 |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 s.13(1) | Order – Categories of Species at Risk (2011 Update) | July 18, 2011 |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 s.7(2) | Notice – Indicators of the Amount, Distribution and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of the Species at Risk in the North Island – Central Coast Forest District. [QC goshawk, marbled | March 2, 2006 |

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| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| | murrelet, coastal tailed frog, grizzly bear, great blue heron] | |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 s.7(2) | Notice – Indicators of the Amount, Distribution and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of the Species at Risk in the North Coast Forest District. [QC goshawk, marbled murrelet, coastal tailed frog] | December 30, 2004 |

Definitions for the of s.6.3.1 of this FSP

“**DNI s.7 Notice**” means the “Notice – Indicators of the Amount, Distribution and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of the Species at Risk in the North Island – Central Coast Forest District” (2006).

“**DKM s.7 Notice**” means the “Notice – Indicators of the Amount, Distribution and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of the Species at Risk in the North Coast Forest District” (2004).

“**Non-contributing landbase (NCLB)**” means that portion of the forest management land-base assumed to be unavailable for harvesting, given objectives for all forest values.

6.3.1.1 Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis laingi*)

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 ss.9(2) and 10(1) | Government Actions Regulation Order, Wildlife Habitat Areas, Northern Goshawks, North Island-Central Coast and Campbell River Forest District Areas | November 28, 2018 |

Exemption from Result or Strategy – Northern Goshawk (DNI)

- Pursuant to **FPPR** s.7(3), each **Holder** is exempt from specifying a **Result** or **Strategy** for the survival of Northern Goshawk. Each **Holder** will comply with General Wildlife Measures associated with the applicable **WHA** Orders.

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 17/04 ss.9(2) and 10(1) | Order – Wildlife Habitat Areas #6-003 | February 10, 2005 |

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Strategy – Northern Goshawk (DKM)

- To comply with s.1 of Schedule 1 of the **DKM s.7 Notice**, as a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will maintain suitable habitat with attributes required in the **DKM s.7 Notice** which will update as new **WHAs** that are subsequently established are subtracted from the amount. Each **Holder** will comply with General Wildlife Measures associated with the applicable **WHA** Orders.

6.3.1.2 Marbled Murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*)

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 s.7(2) | Notice – Indicators of the Amount, Distribution and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of Marbled Murrelet (<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>) | December 2, 2021 |

Exemption from Result or Strategy – Marbled Murrelet (DNI)

- Pursuant to **FPPR s.7(3)**, each **Holder** is exempt from specifying a **Result** or **Strategy** for the survival of Marbled Murrelet. Each **Holder** will comply with General Wildlife Measures associated with the applicable **WHA** Orders.

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 s.9(2) and s.10(1) | Order – Wildlife Habitat Areas, # 6-153 to 6-156, 6-158, 6-160, 6-161, 6-164, 6-166, 6-170, 6-171, 6-174, 6-177, 6-179 to 6-188, 6-280 and 6-281, Marbled Murrelet - North Coast Forest District | December 2, 2021 |

Strategy – Marbled Murrelet (DKM)

- To comply with s.2 of Schedule 1 of the **DKM s.7 Notice**, as a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will maintain suitable habitat with attributes required in the **DKM s.7 Notice** which will update as new **WHAs** that are subsequently established are subtracted from the amount. Each **Holder** will comply with General Wildlife Measures associated with the applicable **WHA** Orders.

6.3.1.3 Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias fannini*)

Strategy – Great Blue Heron (DNI)

- To comply with s.2 of Schedule 1 of the **DNI s.7 Notice**, as a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will maintain suitable habitat with attributes required in the **DNI s.7 Notice** which will update as new **WHAs** that are subsequently established are subtracted from the amount. Each **Holder** will comply with General Wildlife Measures associated with the applicable **WHA** Orders.

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6.3.1.4 Coastal Tailed Frog (*Ascaphus truei*)

Strategy – Coastal Tailed Frog (DNI)

1. To comply with s.1 of Schedule 1 of the **DNI s.7 Notice**, as a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will maintain suitable habitat with attributes required in the **DNI s.7 Notice** which will update as new **WHAs** that are subsequently established are subtracted from the amount. Each **Holder** will comply with General Wildlife Measures associated with the applicable **WHA** Orders.

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 s.9(2) and s.10(1) | Order – Wildlife Habitat Area # 6-056, 6-057 | March 17, 2005 |

Exemption from Result or Strategy – Coastal Tailed Frog (DKM)

2. Pursuant to **FPPR** s.7(3), each **Holder** is exempt from specifying a **Result** or **Strategy** for the survival of Coastal Tailed Frog. Each **Holder** will comply with General Wildlife Measures associated with the applicable **WHA** Orders.

6.3.1.5 Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*)

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 ss.9(2) and 10(1) | Order – Wildlife Habitat Areas in the Ministry of Environment Region 5, North Island-Central Coast Forest District, Mid-Coast TSA | February 27, 2007 |

Strategy – Grizzly Bear (DNI)

1. To comply with s.5 of Schedule 1 of the **DNI s.7 Notice**, as a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will maintain suitable habitat with attributes required in the **DNI s.7 Notice** which will update as new **WHAs** that are subsequently established are subtracted from the amount. Each **Holder** will comply with General Wildlife Measures associated with the applicable **WHA** Orders.

6.3.2 Winter Survival of Specified Ungulate Species

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | Forest Planning and Practices Regulation, s.7 | October 17, 2004 |

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| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The objective set by government for wildlife is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to conserve sufficient wildlife habitat in terms of amount of area, distribution of areas and attributes of those areas, for <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the survival of species at risk, the survival of regionally important wildlife, and the winter survival of specified ungulate species. A person required to prepare a forest stewardship plan must specify a result or strategy in respect of the objective stated under subsection (1) only if the minister responsible for the Wildlife Act gives notice to the person of the applicable <ol style="list-style-type: none"> species referred to in subsection (1), and indicators of the amount, distribution and attributes of wildlife habitat described in subsection (1). If satisfied that the objective set out in subsection (1) is addressed, in whole or in part, by an objective in relation to a wildlife habitat area or an ungulate winter range, a general wildlife measure, or a wildlife habitat feature, the minister responsible for the Wildlife Act must exempt a person from the obligation to specify a result or strategy in relation to the objective set out in subsection (1) to the extent that the objective is already addressed. | | |

6.3.2.1 Winter Survival of Specified Ungulate Species - Black-Tailed Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus columbianus*), Roosevelt Elk (*Cervus elaphus roosevelti*). Moose (*Alces alces*) and Mountain Goat (*Oreamnus americanus*)

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 ss.9(2) and 12(1) | "Order – Ungulate Winter Range #U-5-004" for Mid Coast TSA | April 16, 2016 |

Exemption from Result or Strategy – "Order – Ungulate Winter Range #U-5-004" for Mid Coast TSA

- Each **Holder** will conduct its **Primary Forest Activities** in the area within the **FDUs** subject to the "Order – Ungulate Winter Range #U-5-004" in compliance with the General Wildlife Measures in the "Order – Ungulate Winter Range #U-5-004" for the Mid Coast TSA. Each **Holder** is exempt from the requirement to prepare a **Result** or **Strategy** for the winter survival of mountain goats in the Mid Coast TSA, pursuant to **FPPR s.7(3)**.

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| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 ss.9(2) and 12(1) | "Order – Ungulate Winter Range #U-5-005" for Mid Coast TSA | July 14, 2016 |

Exemption from Result or Strategy – "Order – Ungulate Winter Range #U-5-005" for Mid Coast TSA

- Each **Holder** will conduct its **Primary Forest Activities** in the area within the **FDUs** subject to the "Order – Ungulate Winter Range #U-5-005" in compliance with the General Wildlife Measures in the "Order – Ungulate Winter Range #U-5-005" for the Mid Coast TSA. Each **Holder** is exempt from the requirement to prepare a **Result** or **Strategy** for the winter survival of black-tailed deer in the Mid Coast TSA, pursuant to **FPPR** s.7(3).

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: WILDLIFE: WINTER SURVIVAL OF SPECIFIED UNGULATE SPECIES | | |
|---|---|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 ss.9(1-2) and 12(1) | "Order – Mountain Goat Ungulate Winter Range #U-6-010" for North Coast TSA and TFL 25 Block 5 | August 8, 2012 |

Exemption from Result or Strategy – "Order – Mountain Goat Ungulate Winter Range #U-6-010" for North Coast TSA and TFL 25 Block 5

- Each **Holder** will conduct its **Primary Forest Activities** in the area within the **FDUs** subject to the "Order – Mountain Goat Ungulate Winter Range #U-6-010" in compliance with the General Wildlife Measures in the "Order – Mountain Goat Ungulate Winter Range #U-6-010" for North Coast TSA and TFL 25 Block 5. Each **Holder** is exempt from the requirement to prepare a **Result** or **Strategy** for the winter survival of mountain goats in the North Coast TSA and TFL 25 Block 5, pursuant to **FPPR** s.7(3).

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: WILDLIFE: WINTER SURVIVAL OF SPECIFIED UNGULATE SPECIES | | |
|---|--|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 ss.9(1-2) and 12(1) | "Order –Ungulate Winter Range #6-014" for North Coast TSA and TFL 25 Block 5 | April 22, 2015 |

Exemption from Result or Strategy – "Order –Ungulate Winter Range #6-014" for North Coast TSA and TFL 25 Block 5

- Each **Holder** will conduct its **Primary Forest Activities** in the area within the **FDUs** subject to the "Order – Ungulate Winter Range #6-014" in compliance with the General Wildlife Measures in the "Order –Ungulate Winter Range #6-014" for North Coast TSA and TFL 25 Block 5. Each **Holder** is exempt from the requirement to prepare a **Result** or **Strategy** for moose in the North Coast TSA and TFL 25 Block 5, pursuant to **FPPR** s.7(3).

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6.4 Water, Fish, Wildlife and Biodiversity within Riparian Areas

6.4.1 Water, Fish, Wildlife and Biodiversity within Riparian Areas

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.8 | January 31, 2004 |
| <i>The objective set by government for water, fish, wildlife and biodiversity within riparian areas is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to conserve, at the landscape level, the water quality, fish habitat, wildlife habitat and biodiversity associated with those riparian areas.</i> | | |
| OPR s.77 | District Manager Letter, Mid Coast Forest District, File 19500-01 | August 12, 1996 |
| <i>As discussed at the Mid Coast Steering Committee meeting on June 30, 1996, I have established an interim management zone of 40 metres on lakes with a riparian class of L1. This is an interim measure and I maintain the right to establish the width of the management zone for specific lakes in accordance with Section 77 of the Operational Planning Regulations.</i> | | |

Strategy – Objective set by government for water, fish, wildlife and biodiversity within riparian areas (FPPR s.8)

1. For the purposes of **FPPR s.12.3**, as a **Strategy**:
 - a. Each **Holder** undertakes to comply with **FPPR ss.47(4-6), 48(3-5), 49(2-3), 50(1), 51(1) or (3), 52(2) and 53**; and
 - b. In the historic Mid Coast Forest District, in addition to the management areas specified in **FPPR s.49(2)**
 - i. L1-A lakes have a minimum riparian management zone of 40 m, and
 - ii. L1-B lakes have a minimum riparian management zone of 30 m, in addition to the 10 m riparian reserve zone listed in **FPPR s.49(2)**.

6.4.2 Retention of Trees in a Riparian Management Zone

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.12(3) | January 31, 2004 |
| <i>(3) Despite section 12.1 (2) and (6), a person who prepares a forest stewardship plan must specify in it, for the objective set out in section 8, a result or strategy that addresses retention of trees in a riparian management zone.</i> | | |

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Strategy – FPPR s.12(3)

3. For the purposes of **FPPR** s.12(3), as a **Strategy**, to address the retention of trees in a riparian management zone, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Ensure that prior to harvesting, retention levels within RMZs are determined by a qualified professional through a riparian assessment that considers:
 - i. All the factors listed in Schedule 1, s.2 of the **FPPR**; and
 - ii. Potential site-specific safety and operational issues;
 - b. Design cutblocks and roads in a manner that is consistent with the retention levels as determined by the qualified professional as described in s.1.a;
 - c. Minimize new coarse woody debris and sediment inputs into streams to the extent practicable; and
 - d. Plan and conduct **Primary Forest Activities** consistent with the assessment and design in this **Strategy**.

6.5 Fish Habitat in Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds

No Result or Strategy Required– FPPR s.8.1

1. No Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds identified in **FPPR** Schedule 2 exist within the **Plan** area. No **Result** or **Strategy** is required for this objective. See section 5.3 of this **Plan**, regarding aquatic habitat.

6.6 Water in Community Watersheds

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 240/2009 | FPPR s.8.2 | October 22, 2009 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>In this section, "community watershed" means a community watershed</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>that is continued under section 180 (e) of the Act, and</i> b. <i>for which a water quality objective has not been</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>continued under section 181 of the Act, or</i> ii. <i>established under the Government Actions Regulation.</i> 2. <i>The objective set by government for water being diverted for human consumption through a licensed waterworks in a community watershed is to prevent to the extent described in subsection (3) the cumulative hydrological effects of primary forest activities within the community watershed from resulting in</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>a material adverse impact on the quantity of water or the timing of the flow of the water to the waterworks, or</i> b. <i>the water from the waterworks having a material adverse impact on human health that cannot be addressed by water treatment required under</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>an enactment, or</i> ii. <i>the licence pertaining to the waterworks.</i> 3. <i>The objective set by government under subsection (2) applies only to the extent that it does not unduly reduce the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests.</i> | | |

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Definitions for the purposes s.6.6 of this FSP

“**Equivalent Clear-Cut Area (ECA)**” means, for the purposes of tracking ECA, the R1b hydrologic recovery curve from TR-032⁴ will be applied to harvested stands and cumulated over the total watershed area.

“**Hydrologic Evaluation**” is an evaluation form prepared by a qualified professional, that addresses site-specific hydrologic considerations and practices including terrain stability, riparian condition, roads, and streams flows for cutblocks or groups of cutblocks in a Community Watershed. The **Hydrologic Evaluation** will be consistent with the applicable **Watershed Assessment**.

“**Watershed Assessment**” means an assessment prepared by a qualified professional to investigate watershed hydrologic and geomorphic processes and provide guidance for forest management activities, and is consistent with the EGBC/ABCFFP Joint Professional Practice Guidelines, Watershed Assessment and Management of Hydrologic and Geomorphic Risk in the Forest Industry, v.1.0 (2020). A **Watershed Assessment** will be consistent with applicable Community Watershed objectives.

Strategy – FPPR s.8.2

1. To comply with **FPPR** s.8.2, as a **Strategy**, in a Community Watershed, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Complete a **Watershed Assessment** if **Primary Forest Activities** are planned in the Community Watershed during the term of this **FSP**;
 - b. Complete a **Hydrologic Evaluation** for a proposed cutblock or group of cutblocks; and
 - c. Conduct **Primary Forest Activities** in a manner that is consistent with the recommendations in the applicable **Watershed Assessment** and **Hydrologic Evaluation**.

6.7 Wildlife and Biodiversity – Landscape Level

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.9 | January 31, 2004 |
| <i>The objective set by government for wildlife and biodiversity at the landscape level is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests and to the extent practicable, to design areas on which timber harvesting is to be carried out that resemble, both spatially and temporally, the patterns of natural disturbance that occur within the landscape.</i> | | |

Definitions for the purposes of s.6.7 of this FSP

“**Adjacent**” has the same meaning as in **FPPR** s.65(1).

“**Existing Cutblock**” has the same meaning as in **FPPR** s.65(1).

⁴ Hudson, R., and G. Horel, 2007.

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“New Cutblock” has the same meaning as in **FPPR** s.65(1).

“Non-Conforming Portion” has the same meaning as in **FPPR** s.65(1).

6.7.1 Cutblock Size and Adjacency Limits

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.12.1(3) | January 31, 2004 |
| <p><i>An agreement holder who is required to prepare a forest stewardship plan is exempt for that plan from the requirement under section 5 of the Act that the plan specify intended results or strategies in relation to the objective for wildlife and biodiversity at the landscape level set out in section 9 of this regulation if the person</i></p> <p><i>(a) prepares the plan, including in it an undertaking that the person will comply with sections 64 and 65 of this regulation, during the term of the plan, and</i></p> <p><i>(b) receives the minister's approval to the plan.</i></p> | | |

Exemption from Result or Strategy – FPPR s12.1(3)

1. For the purposes of **FPPR** s.12.1(3), each **Holder** will conduct **Primary Forest Activities** in compliance with **FPPR** ss.64 and 65, and is exempt from specifying an intended **Result** or **Strategy**.

6.8 Wildlife and Biodiversity – Stand Level

6.8.1 Wildlife Tree Retention

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 580/2004 | FPPR s.9.1 | June 25, 2012 |
| <p><i>The objective set by government for wildlife and biodiversity at the stand level is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to retain wildlife trees.</i></p> | | |

Definitions for the Purposes s.6.8.1 of this FSP

“**Equivalent Forested Area**” means replacement forest of equivalent age, structure and area that is within or immediately adjacent to the cutblock to which the **WTRA** relates.

“**Mature Seral Condition**” means at least 80 years old in the CWH biogeoclimatic zone, or at least 120 years old in the MH biogeoclimatic zone.⁵

⁵ Biodiversity Guidebook, 1995. p.16. <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/library/documents/bib19715.pdf>.

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“**WTP**” means a wildlife tree patch established under the *Forest Practices Code of BC Act*.
Synonymous with **WTRA** except in s.2.c, below.

“**WTRA**” means wildlife tree retention area, has the same meaning as in **FPPR** s.1(1).

Strategy – FPPR ss.9.1 and 12.5(1-2)

1. For the purposes of **FPPR** s.12.5(1), as a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will ensure that for each cutblock, the area⁶ set aside for a **WTRA**:
 - a. Is a minimum of 7% of the total area of a cutblock; and
 - b. Is within or immediately adjacent to the cutblock to which the **WTRA** relates;

and
2. For the purposes of **FPPR** s.12.5(2), as a **Strategy**, each **Holder** must not harvest timber from a **WTRA** unless the trees on the net area to be reforested of the cutblock to which the wildlife tree retention area relates have reached a **Mature Seral Condition**, except:
 - a. Timber may be harvested for establishment of tail holds or guy line tiebacks;
 - b. Danger trees may be felled; and
 - c. Where a **Holder** modifies a previously established **WTP** or **WTRA**, the **Holder** will specify a replacement **WTRA** that is an **Equivalent Forested Area** if the modified **WTRA** or **WTP** is reduced below the minimum area requirements listed in s.1 of this **Strategy**;

and
3. Despite ss.1-2 of this **Strategy**, if a cutblock has been declared free-growing:
 - a. The practice requirement in **FPPR** s.67 applies; and
 - b. Proposed modifications to a **WTRA** or **WTP** established for a free growing cutblock are subject to an exemption request pursuant to **FPPR** s.91(2).

6.9 Visual Quality

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 580/2004 s.17 | Government Actions Regulation | December 13, 2004 |
| BC Reg. 580/2004 s.7 | Amendment of Scenic Areas and Establishment of Visual Quality Objectives for the North Coast Forest District | May 18, 2006 |
| BC Reg. 580/2004 s.7 | Visual Quality Objective Order [Kingcome TSA, DNI] | August 19, 2005 |

⁶ For the purposes of calculating WTRA requirements, a cutblock is the total of the net area to be reforested and the road area within a cutblock boundary.

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Strategy – FPPR s.9.2

1. For the purposes of **FPPR** s.9.2, as a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will comply with:
 - a) A visual quality class continued by **GAR** s.17 as a visual quality objective;
 - b) In the Coast Mountain Natural Resource District, the “Amendment of Scenic Areas and Establishment of Visual Quality Objectives for the North Coast Forest District”; and
 - c) In the North Island-Central Coast Natural Resource District, the “Visual Quality Objective Order [Kingcome TSA, DNI]”;
2. Where required, a Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) will be conducted according to the ‘Visual Impact Assessment Handbook’ (Ministry of Forests, May 2022), as amended from time to time;
3. Each **Holder** will ensure that the recommendations in an applicable VIA are followed, including mitigation measures such as tree crown modification of timbered edges;
4. The scenic areas and VQOs apply to a road permit, cutting permit or area declared under **FPPR** s.14(4), as the scenic areas and VQOs were on the date of submission; and
5. This **Strategy** applies to new objectives established under **GAR** s.7 on the effective date of the order.

6.10 Cultural Heritage Resources

| OBJECTIVE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.10 | January 31, 2004 |
| <p><i>The objective set by government for cultural heritage resources is to conserve, or, if necessary, protect cultural heritage resources that are</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>the focus of a traditional use by an aboriginal people that is of continuing importance to that people, and</i> b) <i>not regulated under the Heritage Conservation Act.</i> | | |

Definitions for the purposes of s.6.10 of this FSP

“**CHR**” means Cultural Heritage Resource.

“**Cedar**” includes both western red-cedar (*Thuja plicata*) and yellow-cedar (*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis*)

“**First Nation CHR Information**” means information regarding a potentially affected CHR within the **FDU** provided to each **Holder** by a First Nation affected by this **FSP**:

- a. Prior to review and comment pertaining to the proposed form of this **FSP** under **FPPR** s.20;
- b. During review and comment pertaining to the proposed form of this **FSP**, in accordance **FPPR** s.21; or
- c. During the term of this **FSP**.

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“Potentially Affected CHR” means a Cultural Heritage Resource that is:

- a. Subject to **FPPR** s.10;
- b. Not conserved or protected by other arrangements;
- c. Capable of being addressed in the context of this **FSP**; and
- d. Important, valuable and scarce, as determined by government:
 - i. Based on traditional use by an aboriginal people, and
 - ii. From consultation with a First Nation regarding **First Nation CHR Information**, that government has provided.

Strategy – FPPR s.10

1. For the purposes of **FPPR** s.10, as a **Strategy**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. At least once each calendar year for each affected First Nation with asserted traditional territory within the **FDU**:
 - i. Identify the approximate location of planned cutblocks and roads, if any, to which this **FSP** applies that are within that asserted traditional territory and not previously identified by each **Holder** to that First Nation;
 - ii. Request from that First Nation information, regarding any **Potentially Affected CHR** and the historical extent of traditional use, not previously provided by the First Nation to each **Holder**; and
 - iii. If information has been identified under s.1.b of this **Strategy**, request a meeting or communicate with that First Nation to review the access, conservation or, if necessary, protection of the **Potentially Affected CHR**;and
 - iv. Provide to the Crown any **First Nation CHR Information** not previously provided by each **Holder**;
 - b. Plant or promote natural regeneration of **Cedar** as a component of future stands on areas where:
 - i. Each **Holder** has an obligation under **FRPA** s.29(1);
 - ii. **Cedar** is ecologically suited;and
 - c. If requested by a First Nation with asserted traditional territory within the **FDU** that has historically utilized western red-cedar or yellow-cedar from that traditional territory for making paddles, masks, totems, canoes or other similar traditional use items, and to the extent of such historical use, develop **Cedar** strategies and assist that First Nation in identifying or locating **Cedar** trees and obtaining logs suitable for such purpose.

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6.11 FRPA Value: Recreation

| VALUE SOURCE: FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES ACT | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| Act s.56 | FRPA Value | November 21, 2002 |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The minister may order <ol style="list-style-type: none"> the establishment of Crown land as an interpretive forest site, a recreation site or a recreation trail, except Crown land that is subject to another enactment and is being administered by another minister, branch or agency of government, the variance of the boundaries of an interpretive forest site, a recreation site or a recreation trail, and the disestablishment of an interpretive forest site, a recreation site or a recreation trail. [Repealed 2003-55-31.] The minister may establish an objective for an interpretive forest site, recreation site or recreation trail established under subsection (1). An objective established under subsection (1) must be consistent with objectives set by government that pertain to the area. | | |

FRPA Value – Recreation

- Each **Holder** manages **FRPA** s.56 and **FPC** s.102 established sites in accordance with the **FRPA** s.56 or grandfathered **FPC** s.102 agreement for the site, as amended from time to time. See s.6.12 of this **FSP**.

6.12 FRPA Value: Resource Features

| VALUE SOURCE: FOREST AND RANGE PRACTICES ACT | | |
|--|---|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 | Order to Identify Recreation Resource Features for the Campbell River Forest District | April 12, 2006 |
| BC Reg. 582/2004 | Order to Identify Karst Resource Features for the Campbell River Forest District | June 30, 2007 |
| <p>Pursuant to Section 5 of the Government Actions Regulation of the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRP A), I hereby identify the following surface or subsurface elements of a karst system as resource features wherever they are found within the Campbell River Forest District, effective June 30, 2007.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karst caves Significant surface karst features The important features and elements within very high or high vulnerability karst terrain | | |
| BC Reg. 580/2004 | FPPR s.70(1) | January 31, 2004 |
| <p>An authorized person who carries out a primary forest activity must ensure that the primary forest activity does not damage or render ineffective a resource feature.</p> | | |

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FRPA Value – Resource Features

- Resource features include practice requirements that are not within the scope of an FSP and are mentioned here only as background information supporting this **FSP**. No objectives are specified in resource feature orders; therefore, **Results** or **Strategies** are not required. Current Orders are listed in the objective source table above. Each **Holder** will ensure that **Primary Forest Activities** do not damage or render ineffective a resource feature subject to an Order.

7. FRPA Measures

7.1 Invasive Plants

| MEASURE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 580/2004 | FPPR s.17 | January 31, 2004 |
| <i>For the purpose of section 47 [invasive plants] of the Act, a person who prepares a forest stewardship plan must specify measures in the plan to prevent the introduction or spread of species of plants that are invasive plants under the Invasive Plants Regulation, if the introduction or spread is likely to be the result of the person's forest practices.</i> | | |

Table 7.1 – Priority Species

| Priority | Species |
|--|--|
| Provincial EDRR (Early Detection and Rapid Response) | Black henbane, Dense-flowered cordgrass, Eggleaf spurge, English cordgrass, European common reed, Giant reed, Perennial pepperweed, Portuguese broom, Salt meadow cordgrass, Slender false brome, Yellow floating heart |
| Regional EDRR | All knapweeds (incl. <i>Centaurea montana</i>), Blueweed, Spurge laurel, Garlic mustard, Giant hogweed, Gorse, Japanese butterbur, Jewelweed, Poison hemlock, Purple loosestrife, Princess tree, Tree of Heaven, Wild chervil, Yellow flag iris |
| Containment | Bohemian knotweed, Giant knotweed, Japanese knotweed, Scotch broom |
| Control | Canada thistle, Himalayan knotweed, Himalayan balsam/Policeman's Helmet, Orange hawkweed, Scotch thistle, Sweet fennel, Tansy ragwort, All yellow hawkweeds, Yellow archangel |
| Management | Common burdock, Common tansy, English holly, English ivy, Himalayan blackberry |

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Table 7.2 – Priority Categories and Provincial Objectives for Invasive Plants⁷

| Priority Category | Category Description | Management Objective |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| Prevent | Species determined to be high risk and not yet established. | Prevent introduction and establishment. |
| Provincial EDRR | Species is high risk and is new to the Province | Eradication. |
| Provincial Containment | Species is high risk with limited extent but significant potential to spread. | Prevent further expansion into new areas with the goal of reducing the overall extent. |
| Regional Containment/Control | Species is high risk and well established, or medium risk with high potential to spread. | Prevent further expansion into new areas within the region through establishment of occurrences outside the line to control |
| Management | Species is more widespread by may be of concern in specific situations with certain high values – e.g., conservation lands or specific agriculture crops. | Reduce the invasive species impacts locally or regionally, where resources are available. |

Definitions for the purposes Measures in s.7.1 of this FSP

“**Applicable Area**” means an area of exposed mineral soil that is at least a contiguous 0.1 ha.

“**Priority Categories**” means the priority categories listed in Table 7.2 of s.7.1 of this FSP.

“**Priority Species**” means those invasive species listed in Table 7.1 of s.7.1 of this FSP.

Measure – FPPR s.17

1. For the purposes of FPPR s.17, each **Holder** will, as a **Measure**:
 - a. Incorporate known invasive **Priority Species** into development plans and report new sites as they are discovered, by
 - i. In the planning process, consulting the map display module of the Invasive Alien Plant Program (IAPP) online database for known invasive **Priority Species** (www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/plants/application.htm);
 - ii. Distribute information to staff and contractors on **Priority Species** that exist or threaten to establish within the plan area, on an annual basis;
 - iii. Monitoring areas for the presence of invasive species while conducting road and cutblock layout, road reactivation surveys, site plan fieldwork, contractor inspections, and silviculture surveys; and
 - iv. Reporting new incidences of invasive plants in the company’s spatial database and through Report-a-Weed or similar technology to the Invasive Alien Plant Program (IAPP) within 30 days of discovery;

⁷ Adopted from the definitions contained in the document titled ‘Provincial Priority Invasive Species – BC Inter-Ministry Invasive Species Working Group’ (March 2021).

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- b. Work in uninfested sites before moving to infested sites;
- c. Clean equipment within existing infestations of **Priority Species**, to the extent practicable, before moving to a new work site or region, by
 - i. Pressure-washing mud from vehicles and equipment, while preventing run-off from contaminating waterways and riparian areas; or
 - ii. Visually inspecting vehicles and equipment and removing lodged plant parts found;
- d. Inspect and ensure fill and erosion-control materials are not taken from sites infested with **Priority Species**;
- e. Direct all contractors and staff to not brush or mow **Priority Species**;
- f. Minimize unnecessary soil disturbance and maintain native vegetation, especially in areas infested with **Priority Species**;
- g. Revegetate a disturbed site that is an **Applicable Area** as soon as possible with weed-free Common No.1 Forage Mixture or better; and
- h. Promptly control infestations of **Priority Species** resulting from **Primary Forest Activities**, if in the infestation is a knotweed species, or in the **Prevent, Provincial EDRR** or **Provincial Containment Priority Categories**, or after consultation with a Provincial Invasive Species Specialist if in the Regional Containment/Control priority category.

7.2 Natural Range Barriers

| MEASURE SOURCE: FOREST PLANNING AND PRACTICES REGULATION | | |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.18 | January 31, 2004 |
| <i>For the purpose of section 48 [natural range barriers] of the Act, a person who prepares a forest stewardship plan must specify measures to mitigate the effect of removing or rendering ineffective natural range barriers.</i> | | |

Measure – FPPR s.18

1. For the purposes of **FPPR s.18**, as a **Measure**, each **Holder** will:
 - a. Each year under the term of this **FSP**, identify any areas within the **FDU** that are subject to or adjacent to agreements under the *Range Act* in respect of grazing livestock;
 - b. Inform each of the affected holders of agreements under the *Range Act* of planned harvest and road construction within or adjacent to their agreement; and
 - c. Where the affected holder of an agreement under the *Range Act* indicates that the planned harvest and road construction will remove or render ineffective a natural range barrier:
 - i. Design cutblocks and roads to mitigate the effect of the removal or ineffectiveness; and
 - ii. Carry out **Primary Forest Practices** only if the **Primary Forest Practices** are consistent with the design in s.1.c.i of this **Measure**.

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8. Stocking Standards

Definitions for the purposes of s.8 of this FSP

“**Assessment Area**” or “**AA**” means an unmappable area within a standards unit with a uniform site series or phase.

“**Standards Unit**” or “**SU**” has the same meaning as in **FPPR** s.1(1)

8.1 Application

1. These stocking standards apply to:
 - a. areas harvested under this **FSP** within the **FDU**; and
 - b. areas identified in a cutblock site plan as the “net area to be reforested”, as that term is defined in **FPPR** s.1(1).

8.2 Application to Cutblocks Where Harvesting Began Before Term Commences (Act s.197(5)) and declaration was not received by MFLNRO within RESULTS

1. See s.3.2.1.e of this **FSP**.

8.3 Situation or Circumstances that Determine Whether Free Growing is Assessed on a Block Basis

| BACKGROUND INFORMATION: SITUATION OR CIRCUMSTANCES THAT DETERMINE WHETHER FREE GROWING IS ASSESSED ON A BLOCK BASIS | | |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Authority | Category/Source | Effective Date of Objective |
| BC Reg. 14/2004 | FPPR s.16(1) | January 31, 2004 |
| <i>A person required to prepare a forest stewardship plan must ensure that the plan specifies the situations or circumstances that determine when section 44 (1) or section 45 will apply to an area.</i> | | |
| BC Reg. 580/2004 | FPPR s.44(1) | June 25, 2012 |
| <i>A person who has an obligation to establish a free growing stand must establish, for areas that have been identified under section 16 (1) [stocking standards] as areas to which this section will apply, a stand that:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) meets the applicable stocking standards set out in the forest stewardship plan for the area, by the applicable regeneration date specified for the area, and (b) meets the applicable stocking standards and free growing height set out in the forest stewardship plan for the area by a free growing date that is no more than 20 years from the commencement date, unless the minister permits a later free growing date. | | |

1. **FPPR** s.44(1) applies in all situations or circumstances under this **FSP** where a free growing stand is required to be established under **FRPA** s.29.

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8.4 Stocking and Related Standards for Stands to which Free Growing Obligations Apply

1. There may be relatively uniform conditions or mosaics (ecosystem complexes), transitional ecosystem sites, and varying site conditions within the net area to be reforested, for each cutblock. The net area to be reforested will be stratified into areas of similar characteristics for the purposes of stocking standards, or **Standards Units** (SUs). A **Standards Unit** will be assigned the applicable stocking standard from Appendix 1.1, based on the dominant ecosystem site series and, if applicable, phase. Management intent will also govern the choice of a stocking standard. The stocking standard includes species, target and minimum stocking levels (TSS and MSS), minimum intertree distance (MITD), and free growing heights.
2. Optionally, to accommodate unmappable site series components in a **Standards Unit**, elements of a stocking standard may be assigned at an **Assessment Area** level.

8.4.1 Species

1. Species selection to determine compliance with **FPPR** s.44(1) of the **FPPR** will be based on the ecosystem classification and be evaluated at the **SU** or **AA** level. Species which are ecologically suitable and commercially valuable for each site series are listed in Appendix 1.1. All listed species are preferred.

8.4.2 Stocking (Even-Aged Stocking Standards)

8.4.2.1 Target Stocking Standards

1. Target Stocking Standards (TSS) are listed in Appendix 1.1; and
2. TSS is assigned at the **SU** level.

8.4.2.2 Minimum Stocking Standard

1. Minimum Stocking Standards (MSS) are listed in Appendix 1.1; and
2. MSS is assigned at the **SU** level.

8.4.2.3 Minimum Horizontal Intertree Distance

1. Minimum intertree distances (MITDs) are listed in Appendix 1.2, along with application conditions; and
2. MITD may be assigned at the **SU** or **AA** level.

8.4.2.4 Regeneration Date

1. The regeneration date is 6 years.

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8.4.2.5 Minimum Free Growing Height

1. The minimum free growing heights listed in Appendix 1.1 will be used to demonstrate that the trees are adapted to the site, are growing well and can reasonably be expected to continue to do so, and
2. Minimum free growing height may be assigned at the **SU** or **AA** level.

8.4.2.6 Damage Criteria at Free Growing

1. Damage criteria at the time of the free growing assessment will be assessed as indicated in FS 660, Section 22.

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9. Signature(s) (FRPA Act s.5(3))

CERTIFICATION OF SIGNING PROFESSIONAL

I certify that the work described herein fulfills the standards expected of a member of the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals and that I did personally supervise the work.

FSP signed

Bruce Vinnedge, RPF
Senior Silviculture Forester

Date

LICENSEE SIGNATURE

Doug Underhill, RPF
GM, Planning and Process Improvement

Date

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Appendix 1 – Stocking Standards

The stocking standards IDs (SSIDs) in RESULTS are:

Even-aged conifer management: **1076713**

Species selection will occur at the Standards Unit level based on the dominant site series in the SU or AA. Ecologically suitable species for each site series are listed in the table below. Appendix 1.1 defines even-aged stocking standards for use in RESULTS. LMH 28 height guidelines were used, since the 78% of the FDU is within the North Island-Central Coast Natural Resource District, and the remaining 22% is in the southern portion of the Coast Mountain Natural Resource District.

Appendix 1.1 – Species Selection and Stocking Targets

| BEC | Site Series | TSS | MSS | Species Selection | Minimum Free Growing Heights |
|--------|-------------|------|-----|--|----------------------------------|
| CWHds2 | 01 | 1000 | 500 | Fd, Cw, Hw ² | Fd-2.25, Hw-1.0, Cw-1.5 |
| | 02 | 400 | 200 | Fd, PI | Fd-1.5, PI-1.25 |
| | 03 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Fd, Hw ² , PI | Cw-1.5, Fd-2.25, Hw-1.5, PI-2.0 |
| | 04 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Fd, PI | Cw-1.5, Fd-2.25, PI-2.0 |
| | 05 | 1000 | 500 | Cw, Fd, Hw ² , Se ⁶ , Ss | Cw-1.5, Fd-2.25, Se-1.0, Ss-2.25 |
| | 06 | 1000 | 500 | Cw, Fd, Hw | Cw-1.5, Fd-2.25, Hw-1.0 |
| | 07 | 1000 | 500 | Cw, Fd, Hw, Ss | Cw-2.0, Fd-3.0, Hw-2.5, Ss-3.0 |
| | 08 | 1000 | 500 | Cw, Ss | Cw-2.0, Ss-3.0 |
| | 09 | 1000 | 500 | Cw, Ss | Cw-2.0, Ss-3.0 |
| | 11 | 400 | 200 | Cw, PI | Cw-1.0, PI-1.25 |
| | 12 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Ss | Cw-1.0, Ss-1.0 |
| CWHms2 | 01 | 1000 | 500 | Ba ⁶ , Cw, Fd, Hw ² | Ba-0.75, Cw-1.0, Fd-2.25, Hw-1.0 |
| | 02 | 400 | 200 | Fd, PI | Fd-1.5, PI-1.25 |

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| BEC | Site Series | TSS | MSS | Species Selection | Minimum Free Growing Heights |
|--------|-------------|------|-----|---|--|
| | 03 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Fd, Hw, Pl | Cw-1.0, Fd-2.25, Hw-1.0, Pl-1.0 |
| | 04 | 1000 | 500 | Ba ⁶ , Cw, Fd, Hw ² , Se ^{6,10} , Ss ¹¹ | Ba-1.0, Cw-1.25, Fd-3.0, Se-1.25, Ss1.25 |
| | 05 | 1000 | 500 | Ba ⁶ , Bl ⁶ , Cw, Hw, Ss ¹¹ | Cw-1.0, Ba-0.75, Bl-0.75, Hw-1.0, Ss-1.0 |
| | 06 | 1000 | 500 | Ba ⁶ , Cw, Fd, Hw, Se ^{6,10} , Ss ¹¹ | Ba-1.25, Cw-1.25, Fd-3.0, Se-1.25, Ss-1.25 |
| | 07 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Se ^{6,10} , Ss ¹¹ | Ba-1.0, Cw-1.25, Se-1.25, Ss-1.25 |
| | 08 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw | B1-1.0, Cw-1.25 |
| | 10 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Pl | Cw-0.75, Pl-1.25 |
| | 11 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Hw, Ss | Cw-0.75, Hw-0.75, Ss-2.0 |
| CWHvh2 | 01 | 1000 | 500 | Ba ⁴ , Cw, Hw, Pl, Ss ⁴ , Yc | Ba-1.5, Cw-1.5, Hw-2.0, Pl-1.5, Ss-2.0, Yc-1.5 |
| | 02 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Hw, Pl, Yc | Cw-1.0, Hw-1.25, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 03 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Hw, Pl, Ss ⁴ , Yc | Cw-1.0, Hw-1.25, Pl-1.25, Ss-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 04 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Hw, Yc, Ss | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Hw-1.75, Ss-4.0, Yc-2.0 |
| | 05 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Hw, Yc, Ss | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Hw-1.75, Ss-4.0, Yc-2.0 |
| | 06 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Hw, Yc, Ss | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Hw-1.75, Ss-4.0, Yc-2.0 |
| | 07 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Hw, Yc, Ss | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Hw-1.75, Ss-4.0, Yc-2.0 |
| | 08 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Hw, Ss | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Hw-1.75, Ss-4.0 |
| | 09 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Hw, Ss | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Hw-1.75, Ss-4.0 |
| | 11 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Hw, Pl, Yc | Cw-1.0, Hw-1.25, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 12 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Pl, Yc | Cw-1.0, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 13 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Hw, Pl, Ss, Yc | Cw-1.0, Hw-1.25, Pl-1.25, Ss-2.0, Yc-1.0 |
| | 14 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Hw, Pl, Ss | Cw-1.0, Hw-1.25, Pl-1.25, Ss-2.0 |

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| BEC | Site Series | TSS | MSS | Species Selection | Minimum Free Growing Heights |
|--------|-------------|------|-----|---|---|
| | 15 | 1000 | 500 | Cw, Hw, Ss | Cw-1.5, Hw-2.0, Ss-3.0 |
| | 16 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Hw, Pl, Ss | Cw-1.5, Hw-2.0, Pl-1.5 Ss-3.0 |
| | 17 | 1000 | 500 | Cw, Hw, Ss | Cw-1.0, Hw-1.25, Ss-2.0 |
| | 18 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Ss | Cw-1.0, Ss-2.0 |
| CWHvm1 | 01 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hw, Ss ⁴ , Yc ⁶ | Ba-1.75, Cw-1.5, Fd-3.0, Hw-3.0, Ss-3.0, Yc-1.5 |
| | 02 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Fd, Hw, Pl, Yc | Cw-1.0, Fd-2.0, Hw-2.0, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 03 | 800 | 400 | Ba ² , Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hw, Pl, Yc ⁶ | Ba-1.25, Cw-1.0, Fd-2.0, Hw-2.0, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 04 | 1000 | 500 | Ba ² , Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hw, Ss ⁴ , Yc ⁶ | Ba-2.0, Cw-1.5, Fd-3.0, Hw-3.0, Ss-3.0, Yc-1.5 |
| | 05 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hw, Ss ⁴ , Yc ⁶ | Ba-1.75, Cw-1.5, Fd-3.0, Hw-3.0, Ss-3.0, Yc-1.5 |
| | 06 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hw, Ss ⁴ , Yc ⁶ | Ba-1.75, Cw-1.5, Fd-3.0, Hw-3.0, Ss-3.0, Yc-1.5 |
| | 07 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hw, Ss ⁴ , Yc ⁶ | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Fd-4.0, Hw-4.0, Ss-4.0, Yc-1.5 |
| | 08 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Hw, Ss ⁴ , Yc ⁶ | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Hw-4.0, Ss-4.0, Yc-1.5 |
| | 09 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Hw, Ss ⁴ , Yc ⁶ | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Hw-4.0, Ss-4.0, Yc-1.5 |
| | 10 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Ss ⁴ , Yc ⁶ | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Ss-4.0, Yc-1.5 |
| | 12 | 1000 | 500 | Cw, Hw, Hm, Pl, Yc | Cw-1.0, Hw-2.0, Hm-2.0, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 13 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Pl, Yc ⁶ | Cw-1.0, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 14 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Hw, Pl, Ss, Yc ⁶ | Cw-1.5, Hw-3.0, Pl-2.0, Ss-3.0, Yc-1.5 |
| CWHvm2 | 01 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bp ³ , Cw, Fd, Hm ⁶ , Hw, Yc | Ba-1.75, Bp-2.25, Cw-1.5, Fd-2.25, Hm-2.5, Hw-2.5, Yc-1.5 |
| | 02 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Fd, Hm ⁶ , Hw, Pl, Yc | Cw-1.0, Fd-1.5, Hm-1.75, Hw-1.75, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 03 | 800 | 400 | Ba ⁶ , Cw, Fd, Hm ⁶ , Hw, Pw, Pl, Yc | Ba-1.5, Cw-1.0, Fd-1.5, Hm-1.75, Hw-1.75, Pw-2.5, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 04 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Fd, Hm ⁶ , Hw, Pw, Yc | Ba-1.5, Cw-1.0, Fd-1.5, Hm-1.75, Hw-1.75, Pw-2.5, Yc-1.0 |

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| | 05 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bp ³ , Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hm, Hw, Yc | Ba-1.75, Bp-2.25, Cw-1.5, Fd-2.25, Hm-2.0, Hw-2.5, Yc-1.5 |
| | 06 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hm ⁶ , Hw, Yc | Ba-1.75, Cw-1.5, Fd-2.25, Hm-2.0, Hw-2.5, Yc-1.5 |
| | 07 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hm ⁶ , Hw, Yc | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Fd-3.5, Hm-2.5, Hw-3.5, Yc-2.0 |
| | 08 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw, Fd ⁵ , Hm ⁶ , Hw, Yc | Ba-2.25, Cw-2.0, Fd-3.5, Hm-2.5, Hw-3.5, Yc-2.0 |
| | 09 | 800 | 400 | Ba, Cw, Hm, Hw, Pl, Yc | Ba-1.5, Cw-1.0, Hm-0.75, Hw-1.75, Pl-1.75, Yc-1.0 |
| | 10 | 400 | 200 | Hm, Pl, Yc | Hm-0.75, Pl-1.25, Yc-1.0 |
| | 11 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Hm, Hw, Yc | Cw-1.0, Hm-0.75, Hw-1.75, Yc-1.0 |
| CWHws2 ¹³ | 01 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl ⁶ , Cw, Hw, Hm ⁶ , Pl, Sxs | Ba-0.75, Bl-0.75, Cw-1.0, Hw-1.0, Hm-1.0, Pl-2.0, Sxs-0.75 |
| | 02 | 600 | 400 | Cw, Hw, Pl | Cw-0.75, Hw-0.75, Pl-1.25 |
| | 03 | 800 | 400 | Cw, Hw, Hm ⁶ , Fd ⁵ , Pl | Cw-1.0, Hw-1.0, Hm-1.0, Fd-1.5, Pl-2.0 |
| | 04 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl ⁶ , Cw, Hw, Hm ⁶ , Sxs | Ba-1.0, Bl-1.0, Cw-1.25, Hw-1.25, Hm-1.25, Sxs-1.0 |
| | 05 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl ⁶ , Cw, Hw, Sxs | Ba-0.75, Bl-0.75, Cw-1.0, Hw-1.0, Sxs-1.0 |
| | 06 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl ⁶ , Cw, Hw, Sxs | Ba-1.0, Bl-1.0, Cw-1.25, Hw-1.25, Sxs-1.0 |
| | 07 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl ⁶ , Cw, Hw, Sxs | Ba-1.0, Bl-1.0, Cw-1.25, Hw-1.25, Sxs-1.0 |
| | 08 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl ⁶ , Cw, Sxs | Ba-1.0, Bl-1.0, Cw-1.25, Sxs-1.0 |
| | 10 | 400 | 200 | Cw, Pl | Cw-0.75, Pl-1.25 |
| | 11 | 800 | 100 | Ba, Cw, Hw, Sxs | Ba-0.75, Cw-1.25, Hw-0.75, Sxs-0.6 |
| MHmm1 | 01 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bp ³ , Cw, Hm, Hw, Se, Yc | Ba-0.6, Bp-1.25, Cw-1.0, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Se-1.0, Yc-1.0 |
| | 02 | 400 | 200 | Ba, Hm, Hw ⁵ , Se, Yc | Ba-0.6, Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Se-0.75, Yc-0.75 |
| | 03 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bp ³ , Hm, Hw, Yc | Ba-0.6, Bp-1.25, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Yc-1.0 |
| | 04 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Hm, Hw, Yc | Ba-0.6, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Yc-1.0 |

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| | 05 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Hm, Hw, Yc | Ba-0.6, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Yc-1.0 |
| | 06 | 800 | 400 | Ba, Hm, Hw ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Yc-0.75 |
| | 07 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Hm, Hw ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Yc-0.75 |
| | 08 | 400 | 200 | Hm, Hw ⁵ , Yc | Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Yc-0.75 |
| | 09 | 800 | 400 | Hm, Hw ⁵ , Yc | Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Yc-0.75 |
| MHmm2 | 01 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl, Bp ³ , Cw, Hm, Hw, Se, Yc | Ba-0.6, Bl-1.0, Bp-1.25, Cw-1.0, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Se-1.0, Yc-1.0 |
| | 02 | 400 | 200 | Ba, Bl, Hm, Hw ⁵ , Se, Yc | Ba-0.6, Bl-0.75, Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Se-0.75, Yc-0.75 |
| | 03 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl, Bp ³ , Hm, Hw, Se, Yc | Ba-0.6, Bl-1.0, -Bp-1.25, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Se-1.0, Yc-1.0 |
| | 04 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl, Hm, Hw, Yc | Ba-0.6, Bl-1.0, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Yc-1.0 |
| | 05 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Bl, Bp ³ , Hm, Hw, Se, Yc | Ba-0.6, Bl-1.0, Bp-1.25, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Se-1.0, Yc-1.0 |
| | 06 | 800 | 400 | Ba, Hm, Hw ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Yc-0.75 |
| | 07 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Hm, Hw ⁵ , Se, Yc | Ba-0.6, Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Se-0.75, Yc-0.75 |
| | 08 | 400 | 200 | Hm, Hw ⁵ , Yc | Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Yc-0.75 |
| | 09 | 800 | 400 | Hm, Hw ⁵ , Se, Yc | Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Se-0.75, Yc-0.75 |
| MHwh1 | 01 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw ⁵ , Hm, Hw ⁵ , Ss ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Cw-1.0, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Ss-1.5, Yc-1.0 |
| | 02 | 400 | 200 | Ba, Cw ⁵ , Hm, Hw ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Cw-0.75, Hm-0.75, Hw-1.0, Yc-0.75 |
| | 03 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw ⁵ , Hm, Hw ⁵ , Ss ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Cw-1.0, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Ss-1.5, Yc-1.0 |
| | 04 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw ⁵ , Hm, Hw ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Cw-1.0, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Yc-1.0 |
| | 05 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw ⁵ , Hm, Hw ⁵ , Pl, Ss ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Cw-1.0, Hm-1.0, Hw-1.0, Pl-2.0, Ss-1.5, Yc-1.0 |
| | 06 | 800 | 400 | Ba, Cw ⁵ , Hm, Hw ⁵ , Ss ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Cw-0.75, Hm-0.75, Hw-0.75, Ss-1.0, Yc-0.75, |
| | 07 | 1000 | 500 | Ba, Cw ⁵ , Hm, Hw ⁵ , Ss ⁵ , Yc | Ba-0.6, Cw-0.75, Hm-0.75, Hw-0.75, Ss-1.0, Yc-0.75 |

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| | 08 | 400 | 200 | Cw ⁵ , Hm, Hw ⁵ , Yc | Cw-0.75, Hm-0.75, Hw-0.75, Yc-0.75 |
| | 09 | 800 | 400 | Cw ⁵ , Hm, Hw ⁵ , Ss ⁵ , Yc | Cw-0.75, Hm-0.75, Hw-0.75, Ss-1.0, Yc-0.75 |

Notes for Appendix 1.1:

- 1 – Suitable in the northern portion of biogeoclimatic unit.
- 2 – Suitable on cool aspects.
- 3 – Suitable on warm aspects, nutrient medium to very rich soils.
- 4 – Suitable on nutrient medium sites.
- 5 – Suitable at lower elevations or warm aspects.
- 6 – Suitable at upper elevations or cool aspects.
- 7 – Suitable on fresh sites.
- 8 – Elevated microsites only.
- 9 – Viable option where ungulate browse is a factor.
- 10 – Suitable in eastern portion of biogeoclimatic unit.
- 11 – Suitable in western portion of biogeoclimatic unit.
- 12 – Suitable in the southern portion of biogeoclimatic unit.

General Species Notes

Bp – Initial regeneration of Bp (noble fir) is restricted to nutrient medium sites or better. Northerly aspects are to be avoided. Initial regeneration of Bp will not comprise more than a 20% component, to mitigate risk.

Fd – Suitable in the southern portion of the CWHvm biogeoclimatic subzone.

Pw – Use seed which has been selected to be resistant to *Cronartium ribicola*. Use major gene resistant stock when available, especially below 1000 m elevation. Pw will be planted at not more than 200 trees per ha, evenly distributed. Use caution regarding the use of Pw for browse resistance, since ungulates may select other crop trees, increasing the reliance on Pw for stocking.

PI – Refers to Plc. The use of PI to meet the MSS is limited to 20%.

Ss – If Ss is from seed sources selected for high resistance to *Pissodes strobi*, the use of Ss to meet the MSS is unlimited in areas of moderate and high risk of spruce weevil damage; otherwise, the use of natural Ss to meet the MSS is limited to 20% in moderate-high spruce weevil risk areas.

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Appendix 1.2 – Minimum Horizontal Inter-Tree Distance

Minimum Horizontal Inter-Tree Distance (MITD) will be assigned at the Assessment Area level as per the table below.

| MITD (m) | Site Series |
|----------|--|
| 1.6 | (i) < 20 metres from road centreline; (ii) immediately adjacent to any: (A) stream – riparian area; (B) natural non-productive area; (C) unplantable slash; or (iii) on any: (A) talus site, landslide or avalanche track (B) hygric or wetter site; (C) very harsh site where protected microsites are critical; (D) area extensively utilized for elk, deer or other wildlife habitat or browse (heavy elk use areas) for survival and to utilize slash; or (E) microsites that are preferable given the tree species or damaging agents, to those sites existing at regular 2.0 meters spacing. |
| 2.0 | All other sites. |

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Appendix 2 – Current References at Time of Approval (Non-Legal FSP Content)

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