

**MLOSB TSL
Forest Management Planning Process**

Core Planning Team Meeting Minutes for Sept 22, 2016

Location: Forest Service Office – Birch Room - Prince Albert

Time: 9:30 – 12:00 pm

Mark Doyle, Forest Service	Gord Vaadeland, CPAS
Michelle Young, MLOSB	Rob Kennett, Forsite
Bill Thibeault, Forest Service	Cam Brown, Forsite (Minutes Author)
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Minutes:

1. Review of Past Action Items:
 - Forsite/MLOSB has still to finalize ToR document with PAG (updates made).
 - Forsite to determine% of TSL that is cut annually (PAG question).
 - All other past action items have been addressed.

2. Volume 1 Document
 - a. Signed version is completed and available on EA website. Posted on www.MLOSB-TSL.ca as well.

3. Public Meetings Summary (Vol 1)
 - a. There was a desire to refine language for the responses to harvest block size issues to focus on NFP principles. **Cam** to update and send to Nadine.
 - b. Gord indicated that he sees public and FN wanting to connect with companies about forest management issues but when given the chance, they don't show up. Appears to be a disconnect. [The recent meetings had good representation from public and FN trappers, but little from FN leaders/council].
 - c. Gord raised the issue of proactive communication with the public around increasing opening size and pointed out how effective social media can be. Cam suggested Gord post links to <http://lessonsfromnature.ca/> as a means to get some good information out.

4. Modeling Assumptions (Rob reviewed assumptions for determining the net landbase)
 - a. Roads, trails and utility corridors
 - i. Agreement on right of way widths to be modeled. **Rob** to edit table to make it clearer. Spatial data to be put on webmap. <http://services.forsite.ca/1186-2/>
 - ii. Seismic lines will not be removed as they are all regenerating or already regenerated.

- b. Riparian Buffers
 - i. Manual review of water features was completed by MLOSB staff and each lake/stream were assigned either a 90m, 30m, or 15m riparian buffer.
 - ii. Spatial data to be put on webmap for review. **Nadine** to review with Ron Hlancy.
- c. Steep slopes (inoperable areas to be excluded)
 - i. Steep areas identified using data in the SVFI: "TOPO_CLASS" values of S (steep). Data to be posted to the webmap for review.
- d. Isolated Stands
 - i. Contiguous patches of productive forest less than 5 hectares in size, and greater than 100 meters from other contributing forest will be considered isolated and removed. Assumption is consistent with PA FMP.
- e. Inventory Update for 1995 fire
 - i. This fire was a recent event in the photos used to create the new SFVI.
 - ii. The new SFVI classified 6,444 ha as non-forest (BSH, GRS, OTH, OMS, TMS) where previous UTM inventory classified as forested (in fire bdy).
 - iii. A summary of the areas by stand type and polygons size was provided along with a simple map image.
 - iv. **MLOSB** is going to fly a cross section of these stands in a helicopter and report back. The current intent is to bring much of this area back into the forested landbase because the expectation is that it is regenerating to JP. A large area was called BS leading in the UTM inventory so the heli flight will help to determine what is there (JP/BS mix?). Data to be posted to the webmap for review.
- f. Abiotic Disturbances
 - i. The areas of historical flooding and blowdown are not to be removed from the landbase as they are expected to contribute in the future. Temporary beaver dams can be removed and blowdown will regenerate. These areas are also very small and not worth including in the analysis.
- g. Reforestation
 - i. Harvested areas will be regenerated to their initial stand type (no conversion, no incremental treatments) assuming a C density. More detail to follow in SGR next meeting.
- h. Non Commercial Stands
 - i. Stand will be removed from the net landbase if
 1. \leq 25% crown closure at maturity (minimum harvest age)
 2. Not capable of reaching 15 m in height or 60 m³/ha within 100 years
 3. Tamarack leading

5. Status of Other Projects

- a. Yield tables / development report

- i. Ready to be generated but awaiting net landbase determination to get weighted average site index values)
 - b. Silviculture Ground Rules
 - i. **Forsite** is working on these and will be engaging Vicki in discussion in the next few weeks.
 - c. VOITs
 - i. Forsite is working on these – 70% complete remainder is mainly associated with outputs from model runs):
 - ii. VOITs and SFI evidence package indicators were matched to show how Tolko has already been meeting some of the VOITs through their forestry certification.
 - iii. We do not yet have direction from Fish and Wildlife Branch about which 3 species we are to model in this TSL but the current thinking is to model caribou, moose, and fisher. Discussion of including marten and/or elk occurred because they are important species to portions of the TSL area. **Forsite** to contact Gigi and get her recommendation. It may be worthwhile to model four species because of the distinct differences between Sled and Bronson/Makwa.

6. PAG Update

- a. Meeting planned for the first week in Nov in Meadow Lake.

7. Workplan

- a. Timelines were not met over the summer and need to be updated. **Cam** to update workplan the week of Sept 26 and send to Mark.

Webmap for spatial data review: <http://services.forsite.ca/1186-2/>

Subsequent meetings:

October 19, 2016		Dropped
November 9, 2016	930 am	Forest Service office
December 21, 2016	930 am	Forest Service office