

MLOSB TSL
Forest Management Planning Process

Core Planning Team Meeting Minutes for Jan 4, 2017

Location: Forest Service Office – Birch Room - Prince Albert

Time: 1:30 – 4:00 pm

Mark Doyle, Forest Service	Gord Vaadeland, CPAWS
Michelle Young, MLOSB	Rob Kennett, Forsite (Minutes Author)
Bill Thibeault, Forest Service	Cam Brown, Forsite (Minutes Author)
Nadine Penney, Forest Service	Amy Slack, Forest Service

Minutes:

1. MLOSB Corporate Name Change

- Michelle advised that there has been a name change for the organization to “Tolko Industries Ltd., Meadow Lake OSB Division”
- All documents going forward will have the new name and logo.
- **Forsite** will update the project website to reflect the changed name/logo.
- **Nadine** will check the Environmental Assessment site to ensure the name has been changed
- It is believed that previously completed documents do not need to be changed. **Michelle** will advise if that is not the case.

2. Buffalo River Dene Nation

- Tolko received a letter dated November 14, 2016 from Buffalo River FN located in Dillon, indicating that the FMP process would impact their Treaty No. 10 and Aboriginal rights, and that they would like a meeting.
- Neither Tolko or the Forest Service had previously advised this FN about the FMP
- Gord indicated that this group has been very active in the Caribou discussions.
- A meeting has been set for January 25th, 2017 in Dillon, with both Tolko & Forest Service attending.

3. Public Information Sessions for September / Workplan

- Mark requested that Planning Team meetings be held on the first Wednesday of each month from now until the public meetings that are scheduled in September
- Mark requested that the Workplan be updated prior to August with the dates, locations, and invitations for these meetings.

- After some discussion, it was agreed that it would not be necessary to update the workplan provided that **Tolko/Forsite** provide ongoing communications to keep everyone “in the loop”.
- **Forsite** to update the PAG TOR on the website to indicate “Final”, and to provide a copy to the Forest Service.

4. November 24th, 2016 PAG Meeting Update

- Better attendance than anticipated
- Reviewed input received at Public Information Sessions
- Presentation of modelling assumptions completed to date (landbase netdown, growth and yield)
- PAG appreciates the communication
- Next meeting may include a mill tour

5. Modelling Assumptions Document / Natural Forest Patterns

- Rob provided an overview of the landbase netdown, growth and yield, and NFP analysis. Only significant discussion points will be documented in the meeting minutes.
- In-block retention: general agreement that 6% was appropriate for this analysis, with the understanding that this could be revisited if / when additional information is available from the provincial work that is in progress.
- **Event Sizes:** The NFP analysis has shown that almost 60% of the TSL is currently in the 8000+ ha range.
 - i. Given the small area of the TSL, it is not known if this is truly representative, plus there is general acceptance that it will not be socially acceptable to target such large events
 - ii. Nadine indicated that it is important to target a variety of sizes, and that is recognized that targeting the 8000 ha+ sizes is not desirable
 - iii. **MLOSSB** will propose targets that are operationally feasible. Further discussion will occur once these are developed. There is an expectation that fires will still help create some larger openings on the landbase.
- **Seral Stage Targets:** The Makwa/Bronson area has a serious deficiency of older stands relative to the FMP standard of 5 % & 15%
 - i. Similar to the event sizes discussion, it is not known if the targets are applicable given the current age class distribution and small size of the TSL.
 - ii. Other options were discussed, including 1) meeting the targets at the TSL level with variation at the individual unit level, and 2) Adjusting the targets
 - iii. Nadine indicated that there is precedence (Island Forests & Mistik) for proposing alternative targets, and provided targets that are currently being discussed for the Island Forests. It was also noted that alternate targets should not just be an “accounting exercise”.
 - iv. **Tolko/Forsite** will review options and provide recommendations for further discussion.

- **Caribou:** The range plan is unlikely to be ready in time for inclusion in the Timber Supply analysis.
 - i. Gord indicated that work completed to date is indicating that linear disturbance is the main constraint. This is mainly an operational issue that does not impact timber supply.
 - ii. More discussion is required, but initial thinking is that modelling the maximum 35% disturbance limit on the Green/Sled block will be sufficient.
- **Other Species to Model:** This was not discussed at the meeting. However, there is an outstanding action from the September planning team meeting for **Forsite** to contact Gigi and get her recommendation as there is some interest in marten and elk, rather than moose and fisher that are currently being contemplated.

6. Project Status

- Reviewed project schedule / key submission dates
- Planning Inventory File was to be submitted by Dec 30th. It is essentially complete, but has not been submitted. **Forsite** will submit within the next few days.
- Development Report. Only minor edits left to complete, will be submitted by January 27th as per workplan.
- Modelling Assumptions. On track to submit by Feb 28th as per workplan. Main outstanding items are the event sizes/seral targets, Caribou, and other wildlife.
- SGR's and Transition Rules. In progress, expect to meet the Jan 27th submission date.

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

Subsequent meetings:

February 7, 2017	1:30 pm	Forest Service office
March 15, 2017	10:00 am	Forest Service office