

# Toiko MLOSB TSL Forest Management Planning Process

## Core Planning Team Meeting Minutes for June 21, 2017

**Location:** Forest Service Office – Birch Room - Prince Albert

**Time:** 9:30 – 12:00 am

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

### Minutes:

1. Review of Actions from April 25th meeting
  - All actions completed
2. Review of Forest Development Report final comments
  - Approval process for revised utilization standards (10 cm for pine) was discussed. These will be approved through the FMP and then included in the license document.
  - **Toiko/Forsite** to add a paragraph that describes the “variable” cut-to-length process used operationally that results in virtually tree length utilization.
  - **Forsite** to make the other minor text changes as indicated.
3. Review of Modelling Assumptions Document final comments
  - **Forsite** to make minor text corrections, and add YOO to Planning File.
  - Discussed 40 year fire cycle and seral stage targets. Cam explained that more rigorous analysis completed for PA FMA indicates a 50 year fire cycle that gives similar old/very old requirements to those put forward by MLOSB. **Forsite** to revise modelling assumptions document to reference 50 year fire cycle
  - Discussed schedule/budget implications of proceeding with modelling or delay until government review of Sakaw proposal is completed (June 30<sup>th</sup>). **Toiko/Forsite** to discuss further and weigh risk of FMP not being approved vs delay to schedule.
4. Review of changes to planning inventory.
  - Rob provided an overview of Lane’s initial comments and how they were addressed with the exception of one item that would have increased forested area by 60 hectares.

## 5. In-block retention

- Tolko may put forward 4% incremental in-block retention (for modelling) instead of the 6% currently in the document (both assume a gross retention level of 9%). This will depend on the outcome of the government review of Sakaw proposal. Note that the intent is not to change the FMP standard.

## 6. VOITs – status update

- Draft VOITs have been prepared and presented to the PAG. Michelle is making a few relatively minor changes. Some of the targets are waiting for outputs from the forest estate modelling.
- **Tolko/Forsite** to submit an initial version for review as close to June 30<sup>th</sup> as possible, recognizing that there may be a few changes once forest estate modelling is completed.

## 7. Modeling Report – status update

- A model has been built and is running with some preliminary scenarios. Some changes may be required pending final decisions on in-block retention and seral stage targets.
- It is anticipated that the modelling report will be submitted sometime later in July (current workplan indicates June 30<sup>th</sup> submission date) partially because of the delay on finalizing NFP assumptions.
- Forest Service review of the modelling report will take approximately one month, and should be completed by the end of August. Forsite offered to sit down with Forest Service staff to assist in the review.

## 8. Buffalo River Dene Nation/Birch Narrows First Nation update & action plan

- No changes since last planning team meeting, still waiting for Buffalo River to provide meeting date and provide information on their area of interest
- Birch Narrows was part of the Buffalo River community, but split off a few years ago
- All correspondence/meetings are being organized through the Buffalo River FN lawyers.

## 9. Duty to Consult update

- There will be a notification only once the Volume 2 is completed
- Volume 3 consultation will be similar to that for Volume 1, including public sessions and funding for 2 people from each community to attend them.

## 10. June 19<sup>th</sup> PAG meeting

- Well attended meeting and included review of changes to landbase, caribou management, seral stage targets, proposed VOITs
- Also included a mill tour.

### 11. September PAG field trip dates

- Island Forests is Sept 13<sup>th</sup>, Sakaw is September 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Tolko will work with PAG to set a date that does not conflict with the above

### 12. Workplan and meeting schedule

- No changes to workplan, although it is noted that there may be slippage (< 1 month) for the modelling report
- July meeting rescheduled to afternoon of August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tolko will provide lunch.

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

### Subsequent meetings:

August 2, 2017	1:00 pm	Forest Service office
August 23, 2017	9:30 am	Forest Service office
September 27, 2017	9:30 am	Forest Service office
October 25, 2017	9:30 am	Forest Service office
November 29, 2017	9:30 am	Forest Service office
December 20, 2017	9:30 am	Forest Service office