

Tolko MLOSB TSL Forest Management Planning Process

Core Planning Team Meeting Minutes for August 2, 2017

Location: Forest Service Office – Birch Room - Prince Albert

Time: 12:00 – 15:30 pm

Mark Doyle, Forest Service	Dave Stevenson, Forest Service
Michelle Young, Tolko	Ron Taylor, Forest Service
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Minutes:

1. Event Definitions (Operations)
 - Review of harvesting events and how/if to incorporate into the operating plan
 - Some issues have been identified with approach (doesn't work everywhere)
 - More work needs to be done to develop a standard
 - Will need better/different communication with stakeholders
2. Review of Actions from June 21st meeting
 - All actions completed
3. Changes to Documents/Assumptions since last meeting
 - Minimum top size for pulp changed from 7 cm to 8 cm for all softwood other than Jack Pine. Jack Pine was previously changed to 10 cm.
 - In-block retention changed from 6% to 4%. Rationale document is attached as an appendix to the modelling assumptions document.
 - Seral stage targets changed from those previously submitted. Rationale document is attached as an appendix to the modelling assumptions document. **Forsite** to confirm rationale is latest version.
4. Review of Modelling Results
 - Detailed review of the modeling results – four scenarios and four sensitivity analyses
 - Preferred scenario includes NFP and 20 year deferral in interim Caribou management zone
 - Preferred scenario HVS – 197,000 HWD for 25 years, stepping down to long term level of 160,000. 91,000 SWD sawlog for 25 years, stepping down to long term level of 59,000

- Sensitivity analyses show softwood HVS is sensitive to proportion of pulp volume, and that both softwood and hardwood are sensitive to minimum harvest age
- Modeling report is mostly completed. **Forsite** to add another table showing recommended long term HVS, and confirm distance threshold for harvest patch definitions. Report to be submitted within one to two weeks.

5. VOITs – status update

- Draft VOITs were submitted July 10th, 2017
- Forest service is reviewing and will have comments to Tolko/Forsite in mid-August
- **Tolko/Forsite** to make revisions based on comments and submit revised VOITs as soon as possible

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

- No changes since last planning team meeting

7. Duty to Consult update

- Discussed schedule for public review of Volume III
- Consultation will not take place in December. Therefore, depending on when Volume III is ready for consultation, there may be a delay until January.
- Consultation can proceed without having the final document. Need to have tactical plan maps and sufficient details about the implementation strategies so that public will understand the plan

8. Status update

- Modeling report document was due June 30th, 2017 Will likely be submitted by August 15th at latest
- Volume III document is due on September 1st, 2017. This will likely be delayed until mid-October.
- **Forsite** to provide updated workplan with revised dates

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

Subsequent meetings:

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