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## **Cliff Manning: A Career Among Trees**

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Special to the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations by Deborah Greaves

Cliff Manning's name is a familiar one in certain BC circles, especially among the membership of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA).

"I miss it," says Manning of his two years as President of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations, "because you're in the heat of it."

Cliff Manning's Woodlot #1689 is in the picturesque Burns Lake area. He feels woodlots are an ongoing challenge to all those who take them on, with the rewards measured in both money and character attributes.

Manning completed his term as president of the FBCWA in September 2009, and currently serves on the Executive as Past President. He also represents the FBCWA with the national Canadian Federation of Woodlot Owners, tackling large issues affecting woodlot licensees such as tax reform, carbon sequestering, and environmental goods and services.

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Cliff talking woodlots with some of the delegates at the 22nd AGM in Kaslo, BC.









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## **Beware of Overcut Carry Forwards**

By Brian McNaughton General Manager

In the aftermath of the mountain pine beetle epidemic, some districts are now asking woodlot licensees to prepare and submit a new Management Plan, which includes updated inventory information leading to the determination of a new sustainable Allowable Annual Cut (AAC). Woodlot licensees whose licence is in an overcut carry forward situation need to understand the implications of: Staying with your existing Management Plan and AAC, or Doing a new Management Plan and having a new AAC determined.



### **News Release**

The newly formed Wood
Enterprise Coalition will
help BC achieve its Wood
First objectives. The coalition
is a partnership between
WoodWORKS! BC,
FPInnovations and the BC
Wood Specialties Group.
For more information on the
Wood First Initiative go to
www.for.gov.bc.ca/mof/
woodfirst/

An overcut carry forward situation relates to cut control. It is created when a licensee exceeds 100% of the 5 year, cumulative AAC for a cut control period. The excess volume gets carried forward or applied to the next 5 year cut control period (or periods) until such time as all of the volume has been charged against the license's AAC.

If a new MP with a lower AAC is approved, then the new AAC is used when writing off the overcut volumes. The net effect is that it will take longer for the overcut volume to be written off against the AAC. In other words, it would prolong the length of time until the licensee can 'get back in business.' Therefore, it could be in a licensee's best interest to stick with the old AAC; i.e. not do a new MP and not get a new AAC until the overcut volume has been accounted for. In either case, the licensee will continue to be billed for annual rent as per the AAC that is set for the licence.

The easiest way to find out if your woodlot licence is in an overcut carry forward situation is to review the annual cut control statement received from the Ministry of Forests & Range. If it shows past harvest volumes being applied against this or future years' AAC, then you will want to talk with your district manager if and when the request to do a new Management Plan is received.

For your information, the Federation is working with the MFR to see if there are other options provided for under the Forest Act to address overcut carry forward in a more efficient and effective manner. The FBCWA is promoting the notion that the overcut volume should be identified in a new Management Plan and addressed as part of the AAC determination. In other words, there would be a one-time AAC set equal to the overcut volume. That would take the overcut 'off the books' ... but keep in mind it would also trigger an annual rent billing for the entire volume.

The purpose of this article is to raise awareness regarding this potential issue. Obviously each license's situation is different and will have to be addressed accordingly. Also, this article only deals with provisions of the Forest Act. Licensees may also want to consider the tax implications of the various options. •



### Goodbye!

After 35 years in the workforce and 30 years in the employ of the Provincial Government, Larry Pedersen is retiring from his current job as Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Lands. Larry is remembered by the FBCWA for his advocacy of the woodlot program.

## **Summer Update**

By Mark Clark

I hope everyone is enjoying the start of summer with an optimistic attitude and a willingness to get some good things done this year! Take the time to enjoy your family and some of the amazing recreation this beautiful Province we live in has to offer.

I'd like to invite everyone to Quesnel for our Annual General Meeting this September. There is a great program being developed, with lots of time for camaraderie with old friends and a chance to make some new ones. There are also great field tours being set up and the September colors of the forests around Quesnel will make this a memorable visit.

The Federation of BC Woodlot Associations continues to work on your behalf on the topics identified in our Priority List, amongst others. These currently include the new woodlots disposition plan. FBCWA is carefully tracking MOFR performance and offering suggestions about needed improvements. In some parts of the Province, the local woodlot associations have made great effort to promote the issuance of new woodlots to informed bidders. This has included contributing financially with payment for advertizing and even "Town Hall" room rentals. General information regarding the award process and the expected obligations a new Licencee should consider are then provided by existing Licencees to all



Mark Clark, FBCWA President

interested parties.

The One Cutting
Permit pilot is currently
active in several parts
of the Province, and we
continue to monitor the
results very closely, looking
for opportunities for our
members to reduce their
costs and streamline the

administration of their woodlots, as well as assisting the Ministry staff in these difficult economic times.

The Joint Working Group process continues to provide an excellent venue to effect change, and the FBCWA priorities are regularly used to guide our input into those discussions. Many branches of Government are invited to these meetings, to consider the input provided. One topic currently being discussed is how the MoFR will deal with woodlots in overcut situations created by harvesting damaged stands, and how the billing for Annual Rent

on unused AAC uplifts should be administered. We anticipate some resolution of these issues by the fall.

The Woodlot Product Development Council has funded the application by a group of 9 Prince George licensees to the Pacific Carbon Trust, offering the sale of 10,000 tonnes of carbon credits. These credits are to be created thru fertilization of Free Growing plantations. By July 9th, the process will identify those parties that the Pacific Carbon Trust wishes to do business with, and a letter of intent to negotiate will be signed by August 9th. If successful, a potential sale could be finalized by December 31 2010.

The results of this application will be widely available to FBCWA members to serve as a guide to other groups or the Federation as a whole.

Lastly, I would just like to remind everyone to be careful with fire, and enjoy a safe summer. ◆



# One (1) Cutting Permit - One step closer to reality

By Brian McNaughton

'Staged Implementation' is the way the Ministry of Forests & Range executive committee described the approach they want taken with regards to one (1) CP for Woodlot Licenses. This is encouraging. Where 'pilot study' means we'll try it to see if it works, staged implementation means its going to work now go make it happen.

Three (3) forest districts; the Peace, Campbell River and Quesnel, have stepped forward to implement the 1 CP approach. Each district is expected to involve three to four woodlot licensees at the start. As things progress, more woodlot licenses will be involved and 1 CP will be expanded to neighboring districts. The 1 CP approach provides a licensee with the flexibility to operate anywhere within their approved woodlot licence plan area, providing there is AAC available and operations are done in accordance with the approved plan. The permit can be up to 4 years. So a licensee is essentially free to operate during



Brian McNaughton, General Manager

the term of the CP; i.e. start new blocks, expand existing blocks, respond to a niche markets, etc. Nearing expiry of the CP, the licensee must GPS the boundaries of all cutblocks and submit them into RESULTS. These are the areas for which a licensee bears reforestation and free

growing obligations. This approach also enables a licensee to manage take or pay implications; i.e. an astute manager will establish boundaries on all harvested areas so there is no standing timber, other than individual trees or patches reserved from harvest consistent with the WLP, which means no take or pay implications.

So why go this route? Here are a few of the benefits:

When fully implemented, it will significantly lessen the number of CPs a licensee and the MFR have to administer.

A licensee can better manage the number and frequency of RESULTS submissions, thereby being more efficient and cost effective particularly if service providers are involved. That is not to say that a licensee can't make annual or more frequent RESULTS submissions if they so desire.

Take or pay risk is reduced and can be managed.

Licensees should be able to respond very quickly to market opportunities when they arise. A log buyer wants a specific species and quality of log by a certain day ... a woodlot licensee operating under 1 CP will be able to accommodate the request.

As the 1 CP approach evolves, the focus of information sharing and consultations with First Nations should shift to management of the entire Woodlot Licence rather than block by block and road by road.

The Federation considers implementation of 1CP as one of its top priorities. Over the years, many licensees have asked the Federation to change the system so the Ministry isn't controlling the day to day operations of their woodlots. 1CP combined with Woodlot Licence Plans and tab rates is the 3 legged stool which returns control and responsibility for managing a woodlot licence back to licensee! It creates freedom to manage while making the licensee accountable.

### **FBCWA Vision**

Woodlot holders/owners will participate in a healthy and diverse forest industry with woodlot licenses and private forest lands, making significant contributions to local communities and providing a sustainable supply of forest products.

The FBCWA will have a voice in forest and economic policy.

BC's woodlots will be models of forest management excellence, and world-renowned for their social, economic, recreational, cultural, and educational contributions to rural communities. •

## **More Coast Appraisal Manual Amendments**

By John Marlow, R.P.F

The 2010 tabular rates for the Woodlot (and Community Forest) program are now in place as per the table below. In addition, the process for application and issuance of tabular cutting authorities is now becoming more familiar to both MOF staff and Woodlot Licensees (I hope). The transition to tabular rates seems to be working smoothly.

rates have arisen, there are several issues that could impact those licensees who remain on MPS appraisals due to extended Road Amortization costs:

Salvage operations –
the maximum size of an
opening allowed for tabular
salvage appraisals has been
increased to 3.0ha (from 2.0ha).



John Marlow, Coastal Timber Pricing Coordinator

# of cruise plots for future CP's.

A proposed amendment has been introduced that enabled the crown to retroactively bill licensees for stumpage where a 'changed circumstance' has occurred that would have resulted in a higher stumpage rate yet

that change was not submitted by the licensee. This amendment has received first reading in the house but is not yet approved. In light of this, licensees should ensure that the impacts of revising harvest systems or adding or deleting timber from a CP are clearly understood. If the thresholds for revision to a cutting authority are exceeded, the rate on the entire CP could be redetermined and retroactive billing would be payable on all timber harvested under that CP.

Tab rate / MPS transition – The MOF has indicated that the protocol in place at the time we moved to Tab rates applies where once the Extended Road Amortization costs are used in an appraisal, future CP and Road Permit rates will be determined using the tabular system. The MOF interprets "used" as meaning once a licensee applies for their final MPS cutting permit, the Road Amortization costs are "used" and future rates will be tabular.

Please feel free to contact me anytime in regards to any coast timber pricing issues. ◆

	Zone		
Species	Northern Coast	Southern Coast	
Balsam	1.25	0.66	
Hemlock	0.25	0.47	
Cedar	0.25	1.00	
Cypress	0.25	0.61	
Fir	0.25	0.52	
Spruce	0.25	0.62	
Other	0.25	0.64	

There have been 2 additional amendments to the Coast Appraisal Manual (CAM) this quarter ...

Amendment #7 was issued April 29 and primarily deals with changes to BC Timber Sales infrastructure.

Amendment #8 was issued on May 14 and primarily deals with timber pricing protocols in regards to 'Controlled Recreation Areas – generally ski resorts)'. There are no substantial impacts to the Woodlot Licence program as a result of these amendments.

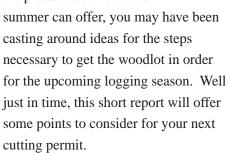
I attended a Coast Timber Pricing Advisory Committee on April 29 and a summary has been sent to coast licensees via e-mail. Although no issues affecting licensees on tabular

Stand as a Whole Pricing – this is a system similar to previous 'cruise based sales' where a rate is established for the entire stand thereby eliminating waste and residue and piece scale payments. This system is now in place for interior pine beetle salvage blocks and is being tried on the coast in a limited capacity – mostly pulp stands. Although not planned for large scale usage on the coast at present, BC Timber Sales is planning on selling approximately 50% of sales in 2011 / 2012 using this system. In light of this, the cruise manual has been revised effective June 1 to increase the cruise intensity. This will generally result in an increased

## **Woodlot** in the summer

by Blain Arnett

It is now summer, hopefully you are enjoying a break from your regular activities. Maybe you took the fly rod to your favourite lake or put the hiking boots on to explore an alpine meadow. While enjoying the pleasant activities that



Even though it is summer, right now is the time to start preparing for a winter permit as the process can take 3 to 4 months to get an approved permit. All new woodlot cutting permits will use the Tab Rate system for a cutting permit (note: if you have a road amortization agreement you will use the MPS method). The stumpage rates shown in Table 6-1a of the Interior Appraisal Manual will be the stumpage for your permit. The current rates on May 1, 2010 are in the \$0.75 to \$2.00 per m3 range for pine and spruce. Determining the stumpage rate is easy, but there is still other work required that takes time to complete before a cutting permit can be issued.

If you have an approved management plan (MP) that has an up to date inventory and AAC and an approved Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP), you can apply for a cutting permit. If you are dealing with beetle wood check



Blain Arnett, Interior Timber Pricing Coordinator

with your Woodlot Forester as there are some exceptions allowed related to the MP and WLP approvals, also determine if your AAC cut control matches the planned logging. The new cutting permit block requires a block and road location field traverse (GPS), a timber cruise is no longer

required, a site plan while not required under an approved WLP is strongly recommended for due diligence purposes. The real time stopper though is new cutblocks require a 60 day referral by the Ministry of Forests before a cutting permit can be issued (if you identified blocks in your WLP the blocks may have been referred, consult with your woodlot forester). I know its summer and it seems like a lot of time left to get a cutting permit but assuming your WLP and MP are approved, the above points just used up August, September, and October (and some of November if you are going fishing next week).

Once you get your cutting permit approved the stumpage rate will be the Tab Rate for your zone from Table 6-1a at the time of approval; the rate will be shown in a rate letter from the Ministry of Forests for your new timber mark. The rate for your permit will be fixed until next July 31. The stumpage rate for all Tab Rate permits is 'redetermined' on August 1 of the year. Your permit may be good for 2 to 4 years, the stumpage is 'fixed', but it will change each August 1 and stay 'fixed' until the following July 31.

Table 6-1a does change a couple times during the year to allow for lumber market factors and other appraisal stuff to work through the stumpage rate calculations. While the Table 6-1a rates change your cutting permit stumpage rate does not change, except on August 1 when the rate is 'redetermined'. You and your neighbour may have permits with different rates depending on the date of approval. Last year the rates in Table 6-1a changed on November 5, 2009 and May 1, 2010; a permit approved in October 2009 would have a different rate than one approved in January 2010. The good thing about the Tab Rate system is you can reasonably predict your stumpage and do a bit of log marketing prior to getting a cutting permit. When you are marketing your wood you will find a timber cruise summary is still very useful to a log buyer, although it is not a requirement for the cutting permit. Our stumpage rates are relatively low right now; maybe lumber prices get strong this fall to create a good log selling opportunity. Good luck with your planning and enjoy the rest of the summer.

Please feel free to forward any comments, phone calls and emails of your concerns or issues. I can be reached at 250-964-4105 or at greggcreek@shaw.ca and remember sawmill log requirements change quickly make sure the log buyer knows who you are and what you have to sell, be ready. •

## "A woodlot is just like farming, but a lot more fun."

Manning said his current role in Forest Protection was enhanced by the effective communication skills developed as a woodlot licensee. He feels he was given his leadership role because of his experience with the forest, as well as his business skills.

"Few in Government Forestry really understand the issues relating to the forest industry and the costs of their decisions - or lack of decisions," said Manning.

"Really, if you have never run your own business, and come to understand the real costs, you will not get the big picture. And attitude is the biggest part of most everything."

Manning's woodlot is in the Nadina Forest District. Among the many BC Interior woodlots severely impacted by the Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic, woodlot licence #1689's annual allowable cut sank from 1690 cubic metres per year to 138.

"I requested the cut be set at a zero level for at least 5 years," Manning said of his woodlot. "I'm hoping for another 10 years, to



Cliff Manning - long live Woodlot!

allow the land and wildlife to adjust from the increased harvest level. All areas harvested were reforested with a variety of species, to help reduce future impacts from insects attacking a single species. I reforested with Lodgepole Pine, Spruce, Douglas Fir, Larch (Western and Siberian) and some Hemlock. Pine, Spruce and Aspen are the only native species on the woodlot or in the area; the other species were planted in minor amounts, so as to not impact MOF stocking requirements."

Manning said that his accomplishments as President of the FBCWA are those of the entire executive.

"I'm part of a team, nothing more," said Manning. He said those who deserve accolades "are people like Lisa Marak, managing communications, General Manager Brian McNaughton, without whom we wouldn't have much, and the electronic submissions people."

Cliff Manning took on the presidency of the FBCWA while the Mountain Pine Beetle ravaged forests across the horizon, lumber markets were down and costs of production up. FBCWA general manager Brian McNaughton spoke highly of Manning's term as president.

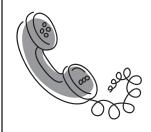
"Cliff stayed in the moment and kept the affairs of the Federation well grounded, even though he was living it too," said McNaughton in March. "Yet, much of the time, he put the interests of the Federation ahead of his own."

Manning has passionate reasons for leading.

"Someone needs to stand up for what they believe in," Manning says. "We all can be part of the team, but someone must stand up and deliver the message and take the heat from the membership. Our membership is diverse across the province, but ... we all want what's best for the land."

"Cliff worked so hard and was so engaging as president," said Brian McNaughton, "he inspired the volunteers around him, already working hard, to do even more."

The Woodlot Directory is now available. Woodlot Licensees provide contact information in the directory for other licensees who want to network and who may be traveling through their area. Licensees can order a copy through Cathy McClary. ◆



Telephone Support for using the Woodlot for Windows AAC program is available to all woodlot licensees or their representatives.

Contact Mike Bandstra ph: 250-847-4822; fax: 888-273-0209; email: mbandstra@forsite.ca ◆

Manning recalled changes he saw in the forest industry during his term.

"Likely one of the longest-running issues has been that of the stumpage and the enactment of the tabular rates for woodlots," he said. "Secondly, the Electronic Forest Management system. The government pushed it hard, to get everything into their systems, off-loaded costs on us, then pulled back the funding from the gross electronic filing systems of theirs. They expect us to continue at our expense."

Regarding challenges currently faced by small-scale forestry operations in BC and across Canada, Manning is concerned about log markets and the consolidation of the forest industry. Over the next decade, Manning feels "green trees will hold value or more value, if mills still exist and there is competition."

"I personally believe," Manning said, 'that forestry companies that have sold their mills and walked away from their wood should give up their tenure and let it be divided into woodlots. Let the small entrepreneurs of BC have the chance to manage their own forests."

On the future of small-scale forestry in BC, Manning said he wished he had a crystal ball.

"Green and alive trees have a future. Small-scale forest managers need to be diverse, be creative, take risks, enjoy challenges and accept pressure."

As the industry changes over the next decade or so, Manning feels "agro-forestry and biomass products from dead wood will likely be our future until our next rotation is ready for harvest, only if woodlot licensees hold on and wait. And if the government doesn't tax us to death on annual rent for the woodlot or private land taxes."

As a hands-on team leader in wildfire management, Cliff Manning is as passionate about protecting trees as he is about allowing them to grow. Manning feels the province of BC should be covered in woodlots, and hopes young people will be interested in the small-scale forestry career that each licence provides.

"A woodlot is a long term licence to manage a piece of Crown land," he said.

"It's just like farming, but growing a crop over a longer term and a lot more fun."

"BC Woodlot managers," said
Manning, "want to do the best Forest
Management in BC on their licences.
We want to be an example to the
public, of the proper management of
Crown Land to the best of our abilities
and to use the land as our means for
an income."

Of the pine beetle aftermath,
Manning said "we'd like to harvest
a bit at a time every year, but in the
centre of the province woodlots are
decimated for the next fifty years.
We're talking with government about
a rental system, so our children's
children at least may be able to see a
return," said Manning. "We're looking
at alternative forms of revenue as well
as rent paid to the government, rather
than just managing trees. We've been
stuck in the groove too long."

"Everyone in the province needs a woodlot," said Manning, "What better opportunity to manage a piece of British Columbia? A woodlot provides fantastic opportunities to share hiking trails, camping and to learn about spacing and tree planting. My own

plantations are my future. I've spaced them, monitored the growth of the trees. In the future we'll fertilize them if we have to."

Manning feels most woodlot licensees are adaptable and resourceful, that they'll find ways to manage the new crops and biosystems with their working forests.

"This all comes down to "Family Forestry"- family-managed forests," Manning said. "There is no finer place to raise a family than our woodlots, with their involvement. Look at our coffee-table book, Forest Life. That tells it all."

The Woodlot Product
Development Council
will have a Director
Vacancy this fall. If you
want to volunteer for a
rewarding position on
Council to help guide
how the levy is spent,
contact Cathy McClary
or any of the Council
Directors. •

### Purpose of the WPDC

The primary purpose of the WPDC is to ensure that levy fees are spent on woodlot licensee priorities to benefit and promote the woodlot industry throughout BC. Funds are collected through powers granted to Council under the Farming and Fishing Industries Development Act. •

## **Member Reflections**

### Assessing the Future Value of a Woodlot

By Fred McKersie

During a lifetime when a licensee's family, personal and business priorities develop, so do the priorities of their woodlot licence. After years of committed time and efforts, the investments that the woodlot licensee has devoted into their woodlot is able to provide for some future value. With the Provincial changes in the abilities to transfer licences, there are growing opportunities to sell and transfer the already existing woodlot licences to new and interested licensees. It is very important to realize that there are many options other than surrendering your existing woodlot licence back to the BC Government.

Unless a woodlot licensee has been fortunate enough to go through the necessary steps to process the transfer of an already existing woodlot licence from on person or company to another, it may seem very overwhelming and confusing to try and figure out what the selling value might be. Here are a few ideas on where to begin on getting a fair market value for your woodlot.

Narrowing down what price you can expect has a number of factors including: current lumber markets, the existing and future Allowable Annual Cut (AAC), quality and species composition of the remaining timber, how much silviculture liability remains and the costs associated to fulfilling those obligations.

In my opinion, the most important



thing to remember is that you are selling and transferring an investment. Your potential customer will want to consider what future revenues they will be able to receive given the amount of efforts and resources they are going to invest.

If at all possible, be prepared with all of your critical information before you begin advertising the sale of your woodlot. You do not want to place yourself in a situation of urgency when you are negotiating with your customers. You will need to be organized and confident in your responses to your potential customer's questions and concerns.

First, you must consider how much the current AAC is, when the next mandatory timber re-inventory has to occur and what the next AAC will be for this and the next cut control period.

Then you should have a general summary of the areas that you have harvested as well as the openings with any silviculture liability.

The biggest obstacle that I have encountered when it comes to

successfully selling existing woodlot licences is the private land. If your woodlot licence is dependant to the Schedule A component, then the current woodlot licensee either has to sell the associated private land or be willing to be patient and wait for their suitable customer(s) to have a parcel of land that is equal to, or greater in value to what is already attached to the woodlot licence. This is where a qualified Registered Professional Forester may be of benefit. The MoFR believes in the concept of "no net loss". You may not necessarily have to trade the same size of private land, but rather, you may be able to provide rationale that demonstrates that the overall quality of the tree species and incremental growth of the new, (but maybe smaller) parcel of land(s) is equal to that of the existing

### Please note:

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Schedule A land. You will need to discuss each individual situation with the appropriate Forest Districts and Regions to ensure that you are actually comparing "apples to apples", (or "trees to trees" as it may be).

Now that you have a general idea of what the potential revenue of the next cut control period(s) will be, compared to the costs that will have to be invested in order to achieve the already existing and future silviculture liabilities, you should compare what your expected price is to what the market values have been for other similar woodlot licences that have recently sold. Networking to find what the various industries are offering for sawlogs and fibre through their various purchasing programs will help you remain familiar with the market trends.

These are only a few tools that a woodlot licensee can use to help them try and determine what their woodlot licences may be worth.

You may want to consider speaking to a competent woodlot Forester that will be able to provide you with efficient advice and recommendations while keeping your interests confidential. Your Forester may also be able to pass along to you the people that have approached them looking for the contacts to any woodlot licensees that are interested in selling their woodlot licences.

I would like to offer those of you who are considering passing along your woodlot legacies the very best of luck. The opportunity to manage one of BC's replaceable land based timber tenures is unique and all other options should be considered before the woodlot licence is surrendered back to the Crown. •

## **Future Directions**

The Quesnel Woodlot Association is hosting the

### FBCWA's 23rd & WPDC's 13th Annual General Meetings



## September 16-19, 2010

Register by
August 16, 2010
for the discounted rate.
For more information see
the registration brochure
included with this issue of
the Almanac or visit:
www.woodlot.bc.ca

Editor's note: Although not currently a woodlot holder Fred is responsible for managing a number of woodlots in the Fort St. James area and was involved with several woodlot sales recently.

The Woodland Almanac is always looking for creative submissions for "Member Reflections" related to small-scale forestry. We'd like to hear from you on stories from the woodlot or see your photos from the block.

"Member Reflections" can also be used to share obituaries on licensees who are no longer with us. If you'd like to submit an article or photo, contact Cathy McClary at cjmcclary@shaw.ca.



### We have a winner!

Congratulations to our latest fleece vest winner: Wayne Boudreau of Quesnel whose name was entered in the draw for completing the annual woodlot questionnaire.

## **Links of Interest**

1 & 3 Month Coast & Interior Log Market Reports: <a href="http://www.for.gov.bc.ca.hva/logreports.htm">http://www.for.gov.bc.ca.hva/logreports.htm</a>

FREP Extension Note #8: Coarse Woody Debris Backgrounder shows by biogeoclimatic subzones the densities of big CWD pieces found on harvested sites compared to tree retention patches. Such CWD is particularly valuable for habitat, soil health and biodiversity. In general the density of big CWD is lower on harvested areas compared to natural areas with retention patches. http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/frep/publication/extension\_notes.htm

FREP Extension Note #9: forest and Range Evaluation Program Riparian Protocol – Why these indicators? There are 15 indicator questions used to assess the functioning condition or 'health' of a stream reach.

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/frep/publications/extension\_notes.htm

### **FBCWA Award Winner for 2010**

We are very pleased to announce that Brody Myers of Fairmont, BC is the winner of the FBCWA Scholarship Award. This is the tenth year of this annual award given to a student who is related to a woodlot licensee &/or a Private Forest Land Owner and is attending or planning to attend post secondary education, preferably in a forestry-related area of study.

Brody is the son of Art Myers, Woodlot Licence #1561. He is currently completing grade 12 at David Thompson Secondary School in Invermere and plans to attend the University of Alberta to pursue a degree in Forestry.

Brody has been involved in the family woodlot since childhood. In his application, Brody states "On our many trips to the woodlot, I helped my father with block layout, cruising, pine beetle surveys, stocking surveys, slash

burning, skidding and bucking; all were key elements that have given me experience in a field I intend to pursue. The combination of these experiences has instilled in me the importance of respecting the environment and given me a professional background to a diverse career".

Read Brody's essay "How does expanding the woodlot license program benefit British Columbia?" in this issue of the Almanac (page 17).

The committee that judged the applications was impressed with the quality of all the applications. Thank you to all who applied.

The funding for this \$1000 award was generated through the "Silent Auctions" at the FBCWA AGMs.

Please continue to support this worthwhile cause at this year's AGM in Quesnel. ◆

### Photo correction:

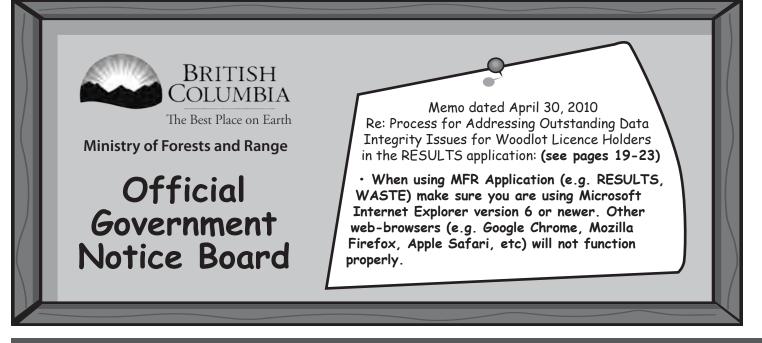
OOPS! No that was not a blank look on Corky Evans face in the spring 2010 issue of the Almanac! Unfortunately this entire photo of Corky presenting his speech to the delegates at the AGM in Nelson was missing. With apologies to Corky.



At the AGM in September 2009, former provincial cabinet minister Corky Evans spoke from the heart on the need to reform current methods of forest management.

### **FBCWA Priorities:**

The following are the Federation's priorities as decided by the Board of Directors at their March meeting in Prince George. These priorities guided the development of the budget and work plan which can be viewed on page 14-15



## 2010 Joint WPDC/FBCWA Work Plan and Budget

Approved April 1, 2010

Portfolio	Activity item	Budget \$	Contact	Comments
FBCWA B	USINESS	\$156,100	Jefano	V III
224.12	FBCWA Exec Travel	6,500	Programme and the second	For President & Executive travel/expenses not associated with committees.
	Teleconference Port line charges	4,500	Mark Clark	15 conference calls/year with Telus
	FBCWA/WPDC Insurance FBCWA Directors Expenses	3,100 12,000	Nancy Pezel Mark Clark/Nancy Pezel	For directors insurance not covered by FIA  Expenses are based on 1 director from each association to attend the directors budget meeting in Feb/March. Local woodlot associations are expected to pay for their directors to attend the AGM.
	GM Professional Fees	90,000	Mark Clark	Professional fees based on 15 days/month x \$500/day
	GM Expenses and Disbursements	15,000	Mark Clark	Expenses of \$12,500 & Disbursements of \$2,500
	Support Contracts	25,000	Mark Clark	Contracts for e-business (\$12,000), Safety (\$2,000), FIA/FBCWA Communication (\$1,000) and Non-committed Misc (\$10,000) at the discretion of the Exec.
TIMBER P	PRICING	\$56,000	Dean Daly/ Miles Fuller	
INTERIOR		\$28,000		
	Interior Professional Fees	18,000	Miles Fuller	Professional fees based on 3 days/month x \$500/day
	Interior Consulting Expenses	5,000	Miles Fuller	Expenses for FBCWA travel (flights, accommodation, mileage, meals, taxis) and office supplies.
	Tabular Rate Review Team/Annual Rent	5,000	Miles Fuller	Profesional Fees 10 days x\$500/day. Potential need to negotiate new annual rent model, assess SAAW pricing.
COAST		28,000		
	Coastal Professional Fees Coastal Consulting Expenses	7.7	Miles Fuller Miles Fuller	Professional fees based on 3 days/month x \$500/day Expenses for FBCWA travel (flights, accommodation, mileage, meals, taxis) and office supplies.
	Tabular Rate Review Team/Annual Rent	5,000	John Marlow	Profesional Fees 10 days x\$500/day. Potential need to negotiate new annual rent model, assess SAAW pricing.
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LEGISLA	Leg / Reg Travel Expenses	1000	Mark Clark	Expenses/travel costs associated with FRPA, WL Expansion, Off-loading responsibilities, RESULTS etc.
	Tenure Rights	2,000	Fred Newhouse	Travel Expenses for meetings with First Nations and stakeholders
	Oil & Gas Issues	1,500	Don Rosen	For expenses related to Oil & Gas issues for licensees.
MARKET	ING	\$0		Discussion on direction for future marketing trends
AGRO-FO	DRESTRY	\$2,500		To support Agro-forestry projects delivered to wis.
WOODLO	T AAC SUPPORT	\$4,500	Mike Bandstra	Woodlot for Windows program telephone support.
NATIONA	L/EXTERNAL AFFAIRS	\$4,750	Cliff Manning	
	CFWO travel	2,000		Expenses for 1 representative to national meetings.
	CFWO dues	1,500		Annual dues
	Administration FBCWA AGM travel	1,000		Office Expenses related to National/External Affairs. Expenses to represent the CFWO at the AGM.

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COMMUN	ICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS	10,770,472	Lisa Marak	a Score Control of Score
	Press Release Distribution	100000	Lisa Marak	4 press releases/year
	Profiles & Expenses	- 61008	Lisa Marak	Profiles for 1 area of province
	Woodlot Connector	1 2 9 2 3	Lisa Marak	Design, writing & distribution of 6 electronic issues
	Promotional Materials	17,010	Lisa Marak	Education DVD/Carabineers/bookmarks, etc.
	Coffe Table Book	200000	Lisa Marak	Storage & Distribution
	Education Program	200 C	Lisa Marak	Updates, materials and promotion
	Trade Shows	3.01.03	Lisa Marak	Registration Fees & Expenses
	Communications Coordinator Fees		Lisa Marak	Fees to complete communication activities 4 days/month x \$320/day + expenses
	Shipping & postage	500	Lisa Marak	
	Special Projects	2,000	Lisa Marak	Funding to cover special events & projects
	Website maintenance	3,000	Cathy McClary	Fees related to updates & maintenance of website.
ANNUAL	GENERAL MEETING	\$12,000		
	AGM grant	3,000	Cathy McClary	Seed money to help association with AGM expenses
	AGM Coordinator Fees	5,000	Tom Bradley	To assist AGM committee
	AGM Travel Expenses	4,000	Nancy Pezel	For FBCWA Executive Directors and/or smaller associations who request financial help prior to their directors' attending the AGM.
SAFETY		\$2,500	Shawn Flynn	Travel & expenses for representing the FBCWA on Forest Safety Council
STRATEG	SIC PLANNING	\$0	Lisa Marak	5 Year review of the Strategic Plan due 2011/12
FBCWA T	OTAL	\$284,850		
WOODLO	T PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT COU	NCIL		
	Directors' Expenses	18,000	Mike Larock	Includes 2 Council meetings per year, AGM registration, teleconferences for 7 Directors.
	Accountant	5,000	Steven Wright	Professional fees for annual review of accounts and monthly bookkeeping updates.
	Coordinator Professional fees	40,000	Mike Larock	Professional fees based on 10.4 days/month x \$320/day
	Coordinator Expenses	3,500	Mike Larock	Expenses includes travel, communication expenses and office supplies.
	Questionnaire	2,000	Wilf Chelle	For the production & mailing of 825 questionnaires. No funding was allotted for phone surveys
	Annual Report	2,000	Ainslie Jackman	Production and distribution of joint annual report by reques to licensees and 100 copies to AGM.
	Woodland Almanac	14,000	Ainslie Jackman	Expenses for the production and distribution of 1250 copie 4 times a year to be offset by Almanac ad revenue estimated at 15% of direct costs.
	Woodlot Calendar	500	Cathy McClary	Expenses for generic calendars ordered by licensees.
	Woodlot Stewardship Recognition Program	4,500	Chris Elden / Jeff Mattes	Costs to recognize woodlot licensees such as video profiles, AGM registrations, local events.
WPDC TO	TAL	\$89,500		ALLESS STORM EDIOCENS AND DESCRIPTION
	T DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS	\$25,000	Mike Larock /	\$15,000 for submitted projects and \$10,000 for UNBC

## Woodlot owners helping to track tree-killing caterpillar in Boundary area

By Art Stock, Forest Entomologist, Southern Interior Region, Ministry of Forests and Range

Boundary area woodlot owners are helping the British Columbia Ministry of Forests and Range (MFR) track an outbreak of the tree-killing Douglas-fir tussock moth.

The Douglas-fir tussock moth is a native insect in the low-lying, dry belt Douglas-fir regions of southern B.C. True to its name, the moth feeds primarily on Douglas fir trees, and occasionally on ponderosa pine or western larch. Ornamental spruce and pine may also be affected in urban areas.

Outbreaks of the moths usually occur every 10 years, lasting between two and four years. During outbreaks, tussock moth caterpillars devastate trees, ranging from loss of new needles on branch tips all the way to complete defoliation and tree death. When outbreaks are severe, trees can be killed in one or two years, with most deaths occurring in the first two years of an outbreak cycle. During times like these, trees can be covered in thousands of voraciously feeding little caterpillars.

In addition to affecting our forests, the tussock moth can also affect our health. Nearly one in five people display symptoms of tussockosis, an allergic response to the thousands of tiny hairs covering each female moth, tussock moth caterpillar, egg mass and cocoon. Itching is the most common complaint, but other



symptoms include rashes, watery eyes and sneezing. People with a general history of allergies may be more susceptible.

Due to the severe impact the Douglas-fir tussock moth can have, the Ministry of Forests and Range conducts an annual aerial overview to track visible damage, but defoliation is often difficult to see in the early stages of an outbreak. Because of this, the Ministry often relies on first-hand reports from home and woodlot owners, as well from Ministry permanent sample sites.

Permanent sample sites are used to monitor larval populations of the Douglasfir tussock moth, as well as other damaging insects. At each site, moth traps have been installed to assess adult moth populations as an "early warning" monitoring tool. There are nine permanent sample sites in the Boundary area. The Ministry of Forests and Range also conducts egg mass surveys in the fall at known defoliation locations to estimate population trends.

Moth traps, supplied by the Ministry, were assembled

and installed by eight Boundary woodlot owners in the summer of 2009, allowing this early warning system to be extended across a much broader area.

In 2009, only one woodlot and one permanent sample site had significant numbers of moths. Subsequent ground checks failed to find any major occurrence of other moth life stages. This may be good news, but isn't unusual – tussock moth life stages are notoriously hard to find on the ground, which makes these traps even more useful.

The Ministry of Forests and Range is planning to conduct surveys this year, but the hope is that local woodlot owners will continue to help out by keeping their eyes open for signs of the insects. •



### FBCWA Scholarship Winner

## How Does Expanding the Woodlot License Program Benefit British Columbia?

By Brody Myers

Expanding the

woodlot license program will benefit British Columbia by transferring the program from large corporations to smaller, family-run businesses. As this happens, we will see more youth involvement and further education of the next generation as smaller companies and families become involved in woodlots. Insurance of future. experienced laborers will be assured because of the program. Confidence will be passed from the professionals to the apprentices at a young age, and a better understanding of the entire job will be acquired.

As a result of the expansion, woodlots will have a reasonable distribution among British Columbian residents, and job diffusion among the province will ensue. As a larger number of smaller woodlots are given out, harvesting of timber and reforesting per parcel of land will become more labor intensive, further boosting employment opportunities. This means that employees will have complete understanding of all the aspects of the job. The outcome is improved structure, higher efficiency, greater respect for the environment, and most of all, exceptional management.



Brody Myers, 2010 Winner FBCWA Scholarship

One of the most significant goals of the program is to improve the percent yield of productivity per land parcel; with focused employees, a small outfit is highly likely to succeed. A small organized company is more likely to appreciate the surrounding habitat than a large based corporation. This issue is a rapidly increasing topic of debate and the forestry industry is quite often questioned. This topic must be addressed, and one way of achieving the goal of being an environmentally friendly industry, is initiating the woodlot expansion program. At the same time, more and more people will come to appreciate the higher standards of harvesting that are being met.

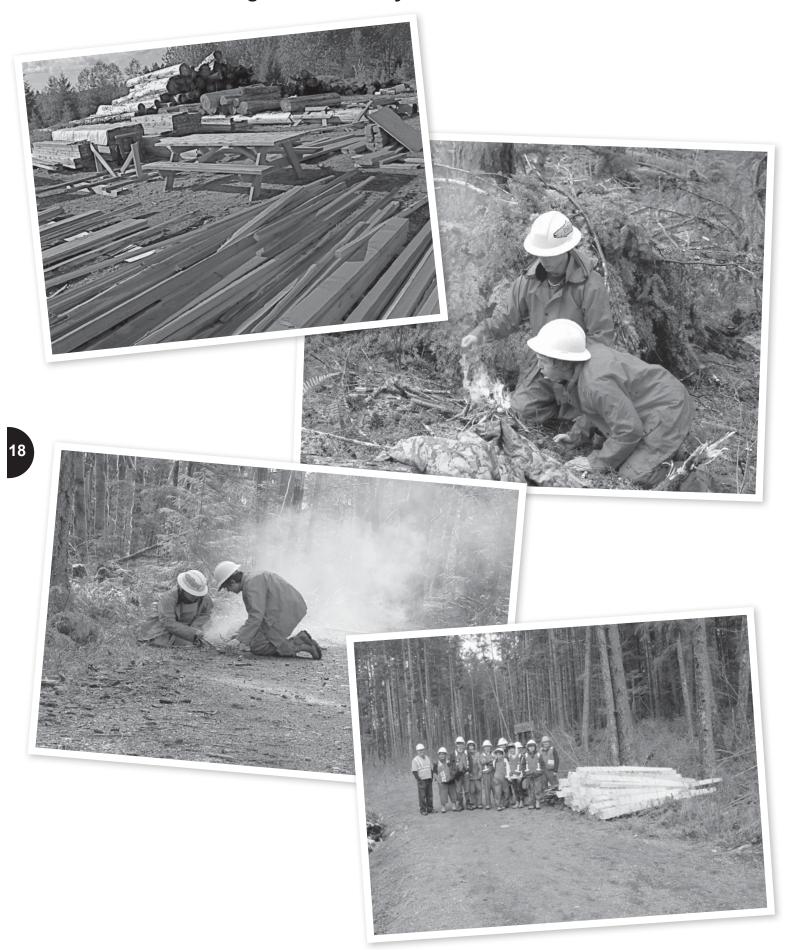
As more British Columbians want to become directly involved in smallscale forestry operations, high value private land areas become available for resource harvesting. These types of locations are beneficial to the province because of their proximity to communities, timber has a suitable age class distribution, and most already have accessible roads. Private land that is included in woodlot licenses expands the provinces forest land base and removes such land from development. This includes subdivisions, golf courses and other consumptive uses. The total forest yield, therefore, should increase

as the woodlot program expands.

Different uses of the forest resources are expected beyond timber value. Camping, hiking, cattle range, mushroom picking, motorcycling/
ATV's, hunting and fishing, should be activities enjoyed by other people than just the woodlot licensee, provided these non-timber uses have been approved by the ministry. Another benefit to the woodlot licensee is the opportunity to recreate on the woodlot and spend family time. It is important to share the land with other users, especially on Crown woodlots.

As a result of the woodlot expansion program in B.C., we will see increased local employment opportunities, heightened productivity levels, educational benefits, and most of all, exceptional forest management. Over a long term basis, persistent work, proper management, and dynamic employees will result in successful businesses province wide.

## Students working on Shawn Flynn and Dave McBride's woodlot.





Ministry of Forests and Range

Tenures Branch Compliance & Enforcement Branch Forest & Range Investments & Practices Branch

**MEMORANDUM** 

File: 19720-01

April 30, 2010

### BY EMAIL

To:

District Managers

From: Dave Haley, Woodlot Licence Forester, Tenures Branch

John Harkema, Senior Provincial C&E Forester

Compliance & Enforcement Branch

Caroline MacLeod, Forest Practices Business Analyst Forest & Range Investments & Practices Branch

Re:

Process for Addressing Outstanding Data Integrity Issues for Woodlot Licence Holders in the RESULTS Application

### **Introduction**

Regulations under both the *Forest Practices Code of BC Act* and the *Forest and Range Practices Act* require woodlot licensees to report annual silviculture accomplishments to the Ministry of Forests and Range (MFR). Prior to 2002, annual silviculture reporting was largely paper-based and data was entered into the MFR corporate information management systems by district staff. Between 2002 and 2007, MFR contracted data service providers to enter paper-based silviculture information (historical data) into the Reporting Silviculture Updates and Land Status Tracking System (RESULTS). As of January 1, 2007, electronic reporting of silviculture information is mandatory for all woodlot license holders.

Since responsibility for submitting information to RESULTS shifted to the licensees, the accuracy, completeness and quality of the information has increased considerably when compared with past practices and historical information. We are very thankful for the Woodlot Licensees' continuous effort and cooperation that has allowed us to collectively achieve the success we have shown to date and the level of data integrity.

That being said, MFR does recognize that for a variety of reasons there may be issues with historical data (data from before January 1, 2007) in RESULTS. To address these issues, MFR has provided a four-point approach:

- 1) Initially populate the RESULTS database with the most efficient data source;
- 2) Complete a wide-reaching data clean-up project;
- 3) Provide training and support services to licensees and MFR staff;
- 4) Provide a documented approach to address outstanding data issues that are identified subsequent to the data clean-up project (see attached business map).

Since extensive work has already been done with Items #1, #2 and #3, the following section provides a documented approach to address any outstanding data issue referenced in Item #4 (above).

### **Approach**

- 1) Licensee identifies/discovers an issue with RESULTS data (i.e. missing information, incomplete information, incorrect information, etc.).
- 2) Licensee determines whether or not the issue falls within the "critical" missing historical data element category.

A "critical" issue is defined by the MFR as a data constraint that <u>prevents a licensee</u> from completing future annual silviculture accomplishment reporting (basic compliance reporting) as well as <u>data elements required by legislation</u>. MFR district staff and licensee determine who can supply the most current and up-to-date information required to remedy the situation (e.g. site plan, map, disturbance history, etc.)

Examples of <u>critical</u> historical data elements:

- Missing Standard Units (SU);
- Missing or Erroneous Elements of stocking standards, i.e. species, densities, minimum heights;
- Missing Disturbance (usually harvesting);
- Missing Forest Cover;
- Missing Planting;
- Missing Milestones;
- Missing Tenure in FTA; and
- Missing Opening in RESULTS.

Examples of <u>non-critical</u> historical data: updates are considered best practice to record good forest management activities but are not mandatory.

• Missing Historical Silviculture Activities that were never entered into RESULTS, i.e. brushing, spacing, survey, site prep.

In this context, it is important to distinguish between non-critical historical data versus future reporting requirements. As an example, although a historical brushing activity may be missing from RESULTS, this does not mean that there is no requirement to report future brushing activities to RESULTS as per the requirements of the Woodlot Licensee Guide to the Submission of Silviculture Reporting Requirements to RESULTS. Please refer to the guide for details on future reporting requirements.

- \* Note that the type of information required will depend on the nature of the identified issue, e.g. missing disturbance reporting will also require denuded forest cover update if not already supplied. FG milestone will require updated FG forest cover.
- 3) With the information to address the issue at hand, there are three options to consider (see attached business map):
  - a. Option 1. Licensee addresses the issue directly. This is by far the most efficient method as supplying all the proper supporting documentation, forms and maps to district often requires more time than doing the update yourself.
    - i. If the issue is with attribute information (text/number fields): Almost all attributes can be updated online directly into RESULTS, with no data uploading tools or special software required. In this case, the licensee would add/correct the missing/incorrect information directly in RESULTS.
    - ii. <u>If the issue is related to spatial information:</u> **USUALLY**, spatial information can only be submitted to RESULTS via ESF using an XML/GML format that meets MFR schema requirement. In this case, the licensee would convert their spatial information (shape file) into the correct XML/GML format, likely using specialized software.
      - **SOMETIMES** licensees may use the "Copy Exhibit A" functionality and avoid using specialized software and the ESF. This functionality only applies to openings with a single SU, or single forest cover polygon and where the cut block shape exists in FTA and is exactly the same as the resulting opening in RESULTS.
  - b. Option 2. The licensee hires a data service provider to address the issue and make the necessary submission(s) on their behalf.
  - c. Option 3. The licensee works with district staff to resolve the data issue (contacts the MFR District Woodlot and/or RESULTS Coordinator and/or District Data Integrity Specialist).

The district may have to confirm with the licensee that the information in the district opening files is the most current and up-to-date <u>or</u> the licensee may be required to provide the information themselves in order to facilitate the update. Once the work is complete, the MFR will notify the licensee.

Note that due to the reduced MFR budget and varied expertise in districts across the province, woodlot clients may experience delays with resolution of issues. The MFR is fully aware that certain missing historical data will prevent licensees from being able to complete totally successful submissions. MFR staff (including compliance and enforcement staff) will consider the impact of missing historical data on the ability of the woodlot licensee to fully report information into RESULTS, when considering whether a licensee has fulfilled their reporting requirements.

### **Communication Flow**

The purpose of this section is to direct clients to the proper resources for assistance and to ensure that issues are dealt with in a timely fashion. We recommend that clients follow the steps below in communicating to the various resources available. Many of the issues can easily be resolved within our own organization or at the district level. Contacting HQ staff prior to making any attempts to resolve with your peers or with district staff may result with undue delays. We are also trying to bring system and data expertise back in the districts, and for that reason, it is important that district staff are kept in the loop and are actually the ones to seek out assistance from HQ as much as possible.

- 1) Peers;
- 2) District Woodlot Coordinator;
- 3) District RESULTS Coordinator (see list below);
- 4) Data Integrity Specialist Team;
- 5) APPHELP Once all of the above are exhausted, it is critical that you contact APPHELP as an alert will be created and the issue will be tracked. If APPHELP staff are unable to resolve the issue, they will assign to the appropriate database analyst and/or business expert. Please do not contact branch staff directly; and
- 6) HQ Business Experts.

### Resources

District Woodlot Coordinator: Contact District

District RESULTS Contact: <a href="http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/Contact\_List.pdf">http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/Contact\_List.pdf</a>
Data Integrity Specialist Team: Contact District (contact Dave Andersen for roster)

APPHELP: FORHISP.APPHELP@gov.bc.ca

Online Business Documentation: <a href="http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/business.htm">http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/business.htm</a>
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Online User Access Policy: <a href="http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/accesspolicy.htm">http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/accesspolicy.htm</a>

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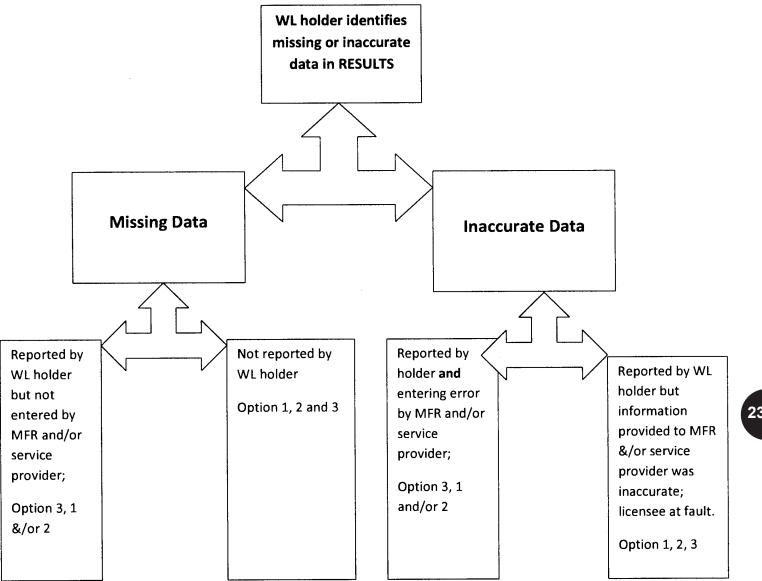
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### ATTACHMENT TO CLARIFY OPTIONS WHEN DEALING WITH MISSING OR **INACCURATE WOODLOT LICENSE INFORMATION IN RESULTS**

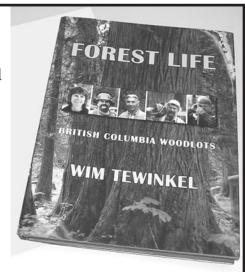


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