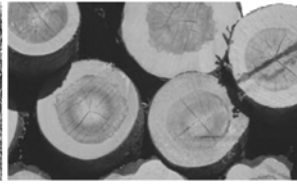




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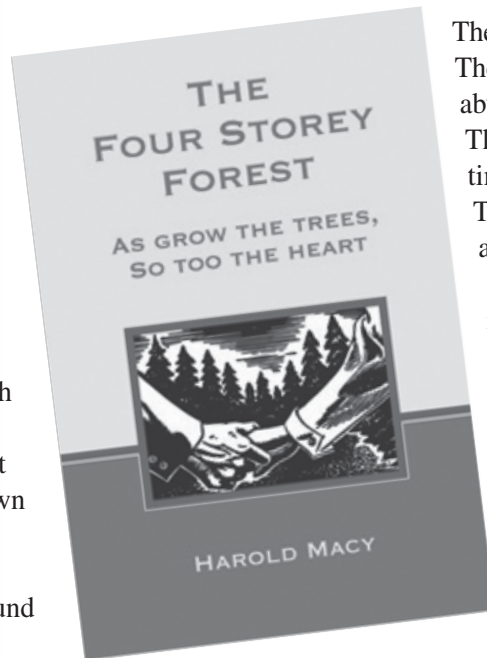
Erasing divisions between genres, between us and the forest, between the forest and God

By Harold Macy

I have had the pleasure of working in the woods for more than forty years, the last fifteen in the forests of Headquarters Creek, our family Woodlot. And in that time, I had to have learned something and this book contains much of that knowledge and experience. Often what I learned was for my own personal safety, other times it had to do with what was going on around me. There were many glaring examples of my errors in judgment as well as surprises and unexpected events.

One such incident that recurred over and over so regularly it was impossible to ignore. Spending so much time out in the forest with saw, shovel or Suunto in hand, surrounded by immense trees it became easy to believe in grander things, in stuff hard to describe or explain, in something incredibly patient and forgiving. Something that can only be called divine.

One day under the trees, words were given to me, from which this book arose:



The forest up toward light,
The forest out in grace and abundance,
The forest forward through time,
The forest inward toward God,
as sanctuary and metaphor

At the time, I had little idea how these would or could be expanded into a book, but it was evident that was their purpose. So I started. I had a lot of help writing this. Readers of my early clumsy drafts brought up questions and challenges. I quickly learned that in this business when I ask

someone to critique, it does little good to argue or debate their observations for they are the noblest of all creatures, my readers. Because this book dips back and forth between the mortal and the sublime, I sought varying opinions. My secular readers noted my use of some words and the scattering of scripture throughout the book. Passages which were poetic and suitable, but biblical nonetheless. The readers observed that there are many who have strong reactions to words like God, Creation, and religion and by including these, I run the risk of alienating

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Freedom 55

A decade or two ago, the notion of Freedom 55 was advertized as the age that we should all retire at. Chuck in the towel, put our feet up, and enjoy the spoils of our earlier efforts. Many of our members are near that age, (or older!), but for many woodlot licensees retiring their woodlot business is not attractive. Woodlots are seen by many as an interesting, diverse way to spend their retirement years. Some extra income never hurts, and the rewards of growing a future forest for one's family are great.

Woodlot holders are starting to take advantage of the new tools available to them. These include the Woodlot Licence Plan, tabular stumpage rates, and a single 4 year cutting permit for an entire woodlot. In combination, these changes may make it possible to respond quickly to market shifts, personal priorities, or natural disasters. And for some, could make the retirement years a pleasant experience.

These changes were brought about by the hard work of your Federation, and of many volunteers who give their time and knowledge to the common good. While it is rewarding to see these positive changes, there are also some risks the new freedom brings. There is a concern that Government staff will be less available to Licensees, and more inclined to simply use the stick rather than the carrot. In an



Mark Clark,
President

attempt to help licensees avoid issues in the future, Brian and Wolfram have provided an article describing some of the Risks and Responsibilities that the new freedom provides. Have a

look and see if you are ready for the brave new world.

Expansion of the Woodlot Program continues, but at a slower pace than we had hoped. Some forest districts are making excellent gains, while others seem inclined to hinder rather than support new woodlots. The tendered prices for new woodlots, and the valuable private lands being legally committed to forest management, would seem to indicate that the Government is getting good value for the crown resources being dedicated to the woodlot program.

Just a reminder that the Woodlot Product Development Council is looking for a representative from the Southern Interior. If you or someone you know would make a good councillor, please contact myself or WPDC.

I hope this Almanac find you and your family in good health, and please enjoy our beautiful Province safely and with enthusiasm this summer. ♦



Council directorship vacancies

The Woodlot Product Development Council is comprised of seven woodlot licensee directors representing the Northern Interior, Southern Interior, Coastal Forest Region and the Peace. The positions are staggered so that vacancies come up every year. The Council currently has a vacancy in the Southern Forest Region and the Peace position will need to be filled in the fall. Directors are required to participate in the planning and carrying out of the Council mandate and to lead in the delivery of key projects. Council hosts ~10 teleconferences and two meetings per year. Meetings are held in March and at the AGM in the fall. Directors are compensated for travel expenses and the AGM registration fee.

If you are interested in joining Council please contact any of the Directors or the WPDC Coordinator, Cathy McClary. ♦

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. ♦

Talk About Priorities

By Brian McNaughton

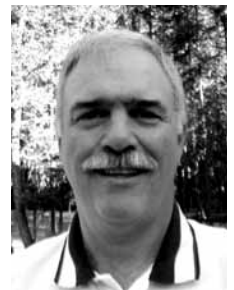
At their March 2011 meeting in Kamloops, the Directors set the Federation's priorities for 2011/12 – see the following table.

| <u>HIGH</u> | <u>MEDIUM</u> | <u>LOW</u> |
|--|---|--|
| Safety | e-FM | Tax reforms |
| Economic Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marketing - Bridges - FSC RONA - Blanket certification for WLs - Bio-energy | Revise Vision & Strategy to reflect FBCWA & WPDC working together | Incorporate incremental silviculture into WLPPR |
| Private Land Withdrawal | Woodworkers Lien Act | Provincial Trails Strategy |
| One Cutting Permit | Undercut carry forward | Harmonized Sales Tax |
| Stumpage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tab Rates - Annual Rent - Negotiate reduced ERAA amounts then write off balance against tab rates - Stand-as-a-whole & land rent) | Catastrophic Events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Memo - s. 108 | WL Surrender |
| WL Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Expansion - WLs to young people - WL surrender – Sch B into ComFor - WL canceled or surrender – re-advertise - WL sub-dividing - AAC purchase - WLs selling BCTS AAC | MFR Communications with WL licensees | Resource Road Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forest Road Process Improvement Project |
| Educate WL licensees on risks & responsibilities that come with freedom to manage (e.g. 1 CP) | Agro-forestry Initiative | Migratory Birds Convention Act |
| Professional Reliance | Rewarding volunteer efforts | Commercial Forest Reserves |
| Marketing (FSC & RONA) | Private land (non Sch. A) fire protection | Waste & Residue |
| Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation | Repl. WL document | Aboriginal Recognition & Reconciliation Act |
| Land Based Investment Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - & other program funding | Group Health/Affinity - CILA | Receiving Licences |
| AAC support - TIPSYP & VDYP | Carbon Credits/Protocols | Silviculture Discussion Paper |
| Seek FFT & other program funding | Fire Prevention/protection | |
| Capital gains wrt WL sales & transfers – Almanac notice | | |

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There is a variety of information the Directors consider when deciding the Federation priorities. First and perhaps foremost there is input from their local Woodlot Association. Obviously, as directors they are there to represent their constituents' interests. The directors are also provided with the results from the latest Woodlot Questionnaire, last year's priorities and a progress report on each file, and adopted resolutions from current and past Annual General Meetings for their consideration. This year, the directors were particularly attentive to what priorities had the strongest likelihood of a successful outcome.

It's a difficult task to determine priorities for a provincial organization that represents approximately 870 Woodlot Licensees who reside across a Province that is as diverse as BC. However, what was evident throughout the entire priority setting exercise is that the Federation's strength comes from its members



Brian McNaughton, General Manager

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■ Coastal timber pricing

Improvements Needed

by John Marlow, RPF

As we enter the 2nd quarter of 2011 things seem to be gradually improving here on the coast. The updated tabular stumpage rates are now in place and continue to be very reasonable (www.gov.bc.ca/hva/ is a link to the Revenue Branch website should anyone wish to check it out).



John Marlow,
Coastal Timber Pricing
Coordinator

Those licensees with Extended Road Amortization Agreements have the option of applying for a tabular CP and this option is being utilized by many licensees. Typically Cutting Permits can be issued very quickly with little administration. I have personally just completed the administration of the first '1 CP' where logging is complete for 4 blocks and the FTA submission and waste reporting was completed post-harvest. Things seem to be working just fine.

I continue to have a seat on both the Coast Timber Pricing Advisory Committee (CTPAC) and the MPS Technical Subcommittee. CTPAC has been inactive for some time as we are in the midst of finalizing the updated stumpage equation through the MPS Technical Subcommittee.

The pending release of the new stumpage equation is the most salient point for licensees to be aware of in the world of Timber Pricing. As we go through the various iterations of the new equation, the predicted impact on stumpage continues to be in the range

of \$8.00/m³ increase solely as a result of the equation. Increase in log prices will cause further increases to stumpage. The target implementation date remains at July 1 although there are many technical issues yet to be worked-out prior to implementation. The method of implementation also has yet to be determined (i.e. immediate reappraisal of all cutting permits, or use of the new equation on new permits only).

For tabular licensees, this new equation will have no impact on current appraisals and will result in some increase in the 2012 table depending on when the new equation is released. As our table is simply a 30% factor of the average of industry rates, the later the new equation is released, the lesser impact on the 2012 table.

Those licensees who continue with MPS appraisals and are considering developing a new appraised Cutting Authority should seriously consider applying for that CP under the current equation and locking the rate in. As the anticipated increase is in the range of \$8.00 - \$10.00, the table impact will be \$3.00+/- . Licensees will need to decide if that rate is acceptable, and to save the ERAA costs for a later date, or to apply for a MPS permit now with all the associated costs (cruising, ECAS, road costing, etc.).

I can be reached anytime should licensees need clarification of these issues (jmarlow@gicable.com). Hope this summer brings success to all. ♦

Links of Interest

- 1 & 3 Month Coast & Interior Log Market Reports: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/logreports.htm>
- For daily scans of news from BC, Canada, the US and around the world focusing on Forestry, Forest Products & Business, Climate Change, Carbon & Bioenergy and Wood products and Green Building http://www.treefrogcreative.ca/Daily_Forestry_News.html
- The publication LMH67- Non Timber Forest Product Development in British Columbia's Community Forests and Small Woodlands: Constraints and Potential Solutions is now available online at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/pubs/Docs/Lmh/Lmh67.htm>



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 ♦

Tab Rate Changes

by Blain Arnett

Spring has finally arrived on the woodlot. It has been slow in arriving this year, planting start dates were delayed. We have been consistently planting our pine beetle logged areas, but we have noticed an increase in the amount of natural pine regeneration on the sites to the point where we are going to delay planting certain areas and allow for naturals in hopes that we can lower our planting costs. This is interesting as the stands logged were dead pine; have more cones opened in the standing trees releasing more seed onto the ground?

The Tab Rates in Table 6-2 have now changed from the November rates. Generally in May the Table is updated with new rolling averages of stumpage rates (to the end of March). Effective May 1, 2011 some of the new rates from are (\$/m3):

North Central: 0.80 Balsam, 0.90 Fir, 0.76 Pine, 0.89 Spruce

North East: 0.45 Balsam, 0.55 Pine, 0.86 Spruce

North West: 0.25 Balsam, 0.25 Cedar, Hemlock 0.25, 1.04 Pine, 0.84 Spruce

South East: 0.99 Bal, 1.43 Cw, 1.07 Fd, 0.92 Hw, 1.22 Lw, 1.05 Pl, 1.13 Sw

South West: 0.86 Bal, 1.87 Cw, 1.09 Fd, 0.82 Hw, 1.29 Lw, 0.86 Pl, 0.79 Sw



Blain Arnett,
Interior Timber Pricing
Coordinator

Generally spruce went down, pine is up and down, fir went up, balsam went down or stayed the same, and fir went up. The changes are small, 25 cents to 40 cents per m3. It is hard to identify a general trend. The stumpage rates are quite favorable, but market prices are still difficult.

The above rates are as of May 1, 2011. The rates in Table 6-2 do change during the year when the table is updated to allow for new

appraisal data; expect the next update with new rates in October or November. The rate applied to a *new* cutting permit will use the rates from the table at the time of permit approval. Once your permit has a rate it is fixed until July 31, 2011. All *existing* Tab Rate permits, including any new ones recently approved before July 31, will have the stumpage rate redetermined on August 1, 2011 using the latest rates in Table 6-2; the stumpage is then fixed until July 31, 2012.

Please feel free to forward any comments, phone calls and emails of your concerns or issues, let me know what your local market prices are. I can be reached at 250-964-4105 or at greggcreek@shaw.ca and remember now is the time to start marketing your winter wood, phone your local mill and ask what the buying plans are for winter. ♦

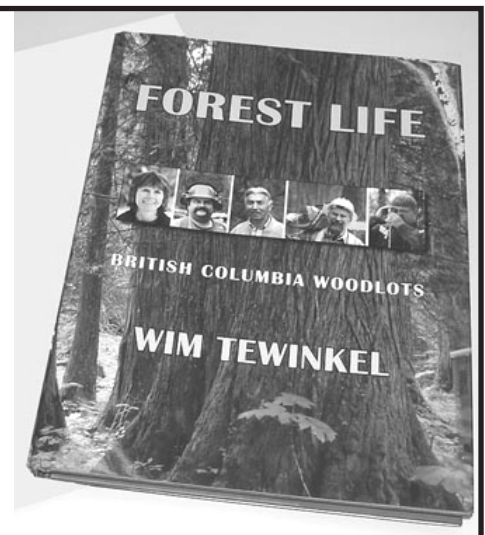
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“Forest Life” makes a great gift

Are you looking for a great gift idea? Look no further! Forest Life: British Columbia Woodlots by Wim Tewinkel showcases and celebrates BC’s woodlots, woodlot licensees, and their families.

Through beautiful photos and a few words, this book captures the seasonal beauty of coastal and interior woodlots and portrays the landscapes and diversity of our forests as well as the stewardship of those who manage them.

You can order it from www.woodlot.bc.ca for only \$39.95, or woodlot licensees can buy it from their woodlot associations for only \$20.00 ♦



them. More David Suzuki—less Genesis, Jeremiah and Isaiah. So then I gave my drafts to some Christian friends for their opinion who said “nice that you use those words, but do you have to talk about being an unrepentant socialist, or say things like “...the corporate wet dream of international capitalism ruining our forests...” or “...the running dog lackey oppressors of the working class.” Fair comments that I had to deal with.

Booksellers may have a hard time figuring out which shelf to place this book. It is both creative non-fiction and fiction and they eventually merge. Is it ecology? Spirituality? Social manifesto? Memoir? Yes. Yes. Yes. Erasing divisions between

genres, between us and the forest, between the forest and God is the goal of the book. And the book’s dedication will give many woodlotters a real chuckle.

Books may be purchased by cheque (\$20 + \$4 postage & shipping) directly from me:

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Or online with PayPal from the publisher
www.poplarpublishing.ca ♦



ADVANCE REVIEWS FOR THE FOUR STOREY FOREST

Harold Macy has done something remarkable in *The Four Storey Forest*. Part autobiography, part spiritual journey, part historical fiction, and part arboreal adventure, this is a four-pillared exploration of life as it is lived by the people and the forests of north-central Vancouver Island. As a portrait of both a man and his place, it is brave, original, humorous, sometimes stern, but always wise.

Jack Hodgins, CM, DLitt, FRSC, author of *Spit Delaney’s Island* and *The Master of Happy Endings*. www.jackhodgins.ca

The Four Storey Forest concerns Harold Macy’s 400-hectare wood lot in the Comox Valley, with a forester’s emphasis on silviculture and cutblocks. It is also the story of the extraction of non-timber forest resources. It is an astute critique of consumer culture and a manifesto for sustainable life on forested land in the twenty-first century.

Richard Mackie, author of *Island Timber* and *Mountain Timber*.

The metaphors help the non-forester understand ecological processes by comparing them with human systems, at the same time helping the reader understand the mystery of the human condition by relating it with things in nature. I swing between the vernacular of an unsophisticated rural culture and profound, insightful poetry. This is a book I will read again and again, to celebrate the people and land I know

Shawn Morford, PhD (UBC Forestry), Benchmark Consulting.

The book is a unique combination of spiritual journal, forestry manual, political commentary, local almanac and historical fiction. It includes local humour, homespun talks, sad stories of forest fires and world wars, and deep insights into religion and global environmental issues. The deepest story, however, is the level of spirituality that includes talk of relationship with God, prayer and hymn singing, and the inter-relationship of all aspects of Creation. It is part Wendell Berry and part Rudy Wiebe.

Gareth Brandt, Professor of Practical Theology at Columbia Bible College, Abbotsford, BC; author of *Under Construction: Reframing Men’s Spirituality*.



Harold Macy has lived in Merville, halfway up the east side of Vancouver Island BC, for more than thirty years. During that time he has worked for the BC Forest Service Research Branch, been a silviculture contractor for a local forestry company, fought wildfires, had rain in his lunch pail heli-logging up in the mid-coast inlets, and for many years was the forester at the UBC Oyster River Research Farm, where he wrote and delivered on-line and weekend courses in small scale forestry and agroforestry.

A portion of the proceeds from this book will be donated to Menonite Central Committee BC for community forestry projects in developing countries. See <http://bc.mcc.org/> for more information.

Woodlot Challenges

By Julia Kowalsky

As I was pondering what I should say about the challenges of looking after the family woodlot since Cliff died in 2006, I realized that I should give a brief explanation of how I came to be here in Fort St. John.

In December 1973 as I was winging my way across the Sahara desert watching the sun rise, never in my wildest dreams did I think that 33 years later I would be looking after 500+ ha of crown land in Northern British Columbia. My brother was a regional forester with the Nigerian Government and I was going to spend Christmas with him. At that time, he had working for him a certain young CUSO volunteer called Cliff Kowalsky who, in 1971 had graduated in forestry from UBC. And I guess you could say that the rest is now history.

I think that the first real challenge for the family was to continue and complete the logging programme Cliff had initiated on the woodlot in 2005/6. He was happy that several loads had been delivered to Canfor before he died. He reckoned that I could carry on and see the completion of the project! He even told me that I



wouldn't have to go logging again that year!

At first there was a sense of panic, followed by an extremely sharp learning curve. However, Sandy Long, a good family friend said, "Julia, remember, we're talking about trees it's not rocket science." This gave me some comfort, but I wasn't very good at rocket science in school either!

I found that people, whether in the ministry, forester friends, or consultants were very patient. They willingly answered my question, sometimes the same ones over and over, offered advice and steered me in the right direction.

Over time I came to realize that I had heard, and surprisingly understood many of the terms, protocols and procedures being used from listening to Cliff talking shop with his colleagues. 30 years of osmosis was

standing me in good stead.

I was relieved when that logging season was completed successfully. However, I then found out that Cliff had ordered thousands of trees to be planted that summer in the blocks. Help! In past years Cliff had used the boy scouts, but there were fewer troupes around. I phoned John at Canfor and was put in contact with one of the contractors who was planting for them. A crew of French Canadian girls planted those few blocks in less than 2 days and did an excellent job. The trees that year were of good stock and are now at least three feet high.

Slowly I was beginning to enjoy the challenges before me. Our three children, who had worked closely with Cliff in the bush over the years, were good encouragers and offered plenty of advice.

Another challenge in those early days was learning all the terms and acronyms used in the industry, as well as the many changes that had been instituted by the Ministry of Forests over the years since Cliff had his first woodlot in 1992. Things had become more complicated. I guess you could say, for an amateur, there seemed to be far too many hoops to jump through, too many i's to dot and t's to cross.

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 cjmclary@shaw.ca.

There are 5 major pipelines on the woodlot. I have always believed in consultation before the fact rather than confrontation after, but when we paid a visit to the woodlot one summer and found right of ways widened, and marking stakes all over the place I am afraid I became more that a little agitated. Things did end well after a few phone calls, meetings on site and taking folks to task. However, the excuse that “We thought the woodlot had been returned to the crown” didn’t sit very well. I was only a phone call away!

In 2008 the pesky pine beetle reared its ugly head and gave us another challenge. This diversion of nature wasn’t in the original management plan! Fortunately the woodlot has a good mixture of spruce and pine so there are still trees standing. We had to make some hard decisions as to what to do with all the pine on the woodlot. I felt it was very necessary to keep uppermost in our thoughts the health of the forest. Jeff and Mike from IFS walked us through the process of marking out blocks to be cut, applying for uplifts, filling in cutting permit forms, overseeing the logging etc.

During this period, after reading a section pertaining to road usage in the Forest and Range Practises Act, I felt brave enough to challenge the Ministry on their reasoning behind having to take tenure on existing roads so that we could haul beetle wood to the mill. There were many e-mails and phone calls back and forth with the District office. Needles to say after an edict from a person in authority I realized that I was going to have to accept what I could not change!

Over the past 5 years there have been many other challenges too, with trappers, folks felling dead pine across

roads, others helping themselves to at least half a logging truck load of wood from a log deck, waste assessments and finding old pipelines that were not marked on any maps. BUT I have also had the privilege of working with, and talking to many skilled and knowledgeable people to ensure the health of the woodlot.

Cliff had many wishes for the woodlot, but one that was dear to both of us was to make it a place of learning. I sent for some of the teaching kits from the Woodlot Federation and plan to take my class of students up there in June to show them what sustainable, renewable forestry looks like. Also I would like to explain to the children why sometimes it is necessary to take out a fairly large area of trees to keep the forest healthy.

My education is far from complete and I know I still have many more things to learn. Just keeping up with deadlines and the changes in regulations can be daunting. I will have many more challenges ahead, and, yes Sandy, some days I do feel that I am studying rocket science. However, I have a telephone list of people I can call and I know they will willingly answer my questions. When I retire from teaching, and have the time, I am thinking of writing a book on woodlots and giving it the title of “Woodlots for Widows and Dummies.” ♦

• *Editor’s Note. This enlightening presentation was originally made to the Peace District Woodlot Association from local woodlot licensee Julia Kowalsky who has been managing her woodlot since her husband, Cliff passed away in 2006.*

NOTICES:

- The Joint FBCWA/WPDC Annual General Meetings will be held from September 22-25, 2011 at the Harrison Hot Springs Resort & Spa. The theme: “Woodlots International Success Stories” aligns with 2011 being the International Year of Forestry as proclaimed by the United Nations. Register early for discounted rates!
- For the first time ever, the FBCWA Scholarship will not be awarded in 2011 because the Scholarship Committee did not receive any applications. For families who have students entering post secondary education in 2012 you are encouraged to apply for the Scholarship. Watch for further details in the Winter issue of the Almanac. ♦

Please note:

The opinions expressed in the Almanac do not necessarily reflect those of the Federation, the Council, or their members.



Beware of the risks & responsibilities

that come with the freedom to manage

By Brian McNaughton with input from Wolfram Wollenheit

The forest economy has been in hibernation for the past few years but as it awakens so too will woodlot licensees who are looking to get 'back in business' and sell some wood.

For those woodlot licensees intending to commence harvesting and operations, in addition to tabular stumpage rates and implementation of the 1 CP concept there have been other changes about which you should be aware. Also, some time ago government changed to a results-based model. This essentially removed district offices from 'assisting licensees' and placed the emphasis on the 'result!' So now a visit from a government official is more than likely to be from someone doing compliance & enforcement (C & E) inspection. The bottom line is that licensees need to plan carefully and be diligent about their operations. To that end, this article is intended to raise awareness. It provides some helpful tips but should by no means be considered a comprehensive guide to commencing harvesting or road construction operations.

Preliminary Considerations

Before starting up, ask yourself and make sure you have the correct answers the following questions:

- Is your Woodlot Licence is still valid?
- Is your Management Plan is still valid?
- Do you have an approved Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) or Forest Development Plan (FDP)?
- Are your accounts with government (e.g. stumpage, annual rent) current?
- What is your cut control situation? Do you have AAC available against



which to charge harvested volumes? If your licence is in an overcut carry forward (penalty) situation, then an exemption must be requested and approved before harvesting commences.

- Do you have any active, postponed or 2-year extending CPs? Take or pay still applies to MPS & old CVP permits. Although unlikely, take or pay could still be applied to tab rates permits (Amendment #13 of the Provincial Residue & Waste Manual). So a woodlot licensee will want to ensure there is sufficient AAC available to charge harvest volumes against so they don't run into cut control penalty situation. In other words, a licensee want to make sure they don't harvest all AAC under 1 CP or tab rate permits then have no AAC left to charge the volume from expiring MPS or CVP CPs against.

Pre-harvest Planning

Ensure all CPs and RPs are planned in accordance with the approved WLP (or FDP).

Engineering

Be diligent with your block and road layout, even if you are going to be operating under 1CP. Pay close attention to any critical factors that have to be considered such as fisheries and riparian management, wind-throw, terrain stability, VQO, private boundary, leave tree specifications, etc. Make sure the boundaries and road locations are clearly marked and that the operator has good maps and prescriptions.

Pre-harvest Mapping (define harvest areas)

Don't forget to do a pre-harvest map! Section 33(2) of the Woodlot Planning & Practices Regulations requires a woodlot licence holder to prepare a map before harvesting timber from an area where the holder is required to establish a free growing stand. The map must show the biogeoclimatic ecosystem classification, including the site series listed within that classification, and the stocking standards that apply to the area. This map must be shown to the district upon their request. From a due diligence perspective, doing this map is a good idea. It assists with planning, supervision, volume and area tracking, etc. It's also particularly important when operating under 1 CP so you and your logger know where to go logging!

Site Plans

It is recommended that woodlot licensees prepare a site plan for each area to be harvested, especially where a free growing obligation will be incurred. If you're operating under a

Woodlot Licence Plan, the site plan doesn't need to be signed and sealed by a professional or approved by the district manager (if the site plan is for a block under a FDP, then signing, sealing and DM approval is required). However, it is a good idea to have site plans for difficult areas be signed and sealed by a professional forester. This is called professional reliance and demonstrates due diligence should something go wrong. Any other assessment such as fisheries or terrain stability that is beyond the licensee's capability and experience should be delegated to the appropriate professional as well.

Appraisals

- All WL CPs are tab rate unless licensee has an ERAA and opts for an MPS permit. If a CP application is submitted without the inclusion of costs from an Extended Road Amortization Agreement (ERAA), it will be automatically on tab rates. It is possible for a coastal woodlot licensee to have at the same time permits with MPS and tab rates. At this time the same does not apply to the interior, but the Federation is working on having the interior treated the same as the coast.
- MPS appraisals require cruising, appraisal, etc., whereas tab rate permits require only a tabular rate form (species and approx. volumes).
- MPS appraisals submissions must be signed and sealed by a professional whereas a tab rate appraisal submission needs only to be signed by the licensee or their agent.
- For a 1 CP application you only need to submit the block name (no map).
- For a tab rate CP application, you must traverse the block and include a map with the submission.

Notification

Regardless of whether the operations are under an MPS permit, tab rate permit, 1 CP or road permit, a woodlot licensee must provide notifications as follows:

- S. 74 of the WLPPR requires a

licensee to notify the district manager before commencing or re-commencing operations under a cutting permit or road permit where the area is greater than 1ha.

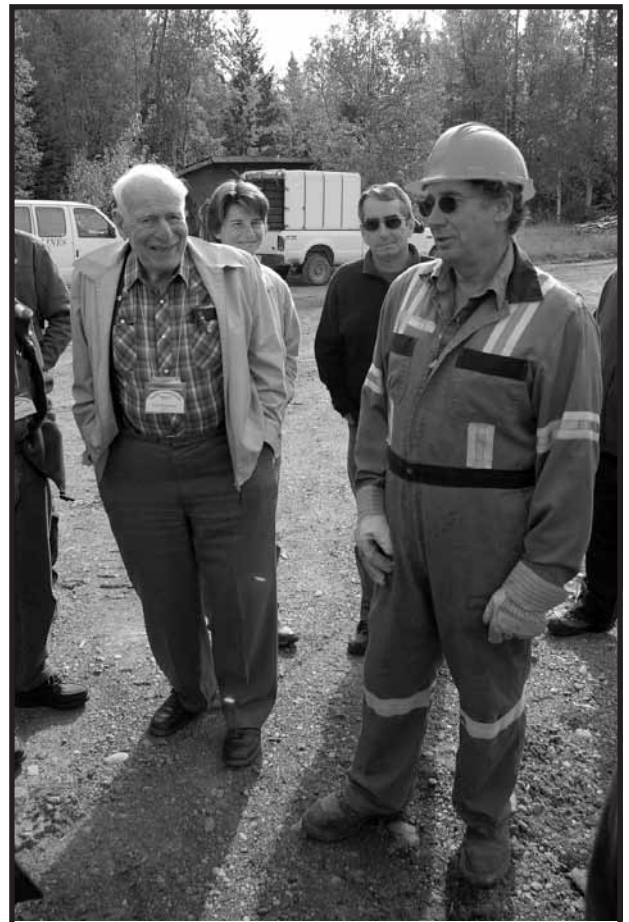
- S. 73 requires a woodlot licence holder, at least 48 hours before commencement of road construction or deactivation in a community watershed, to notify affected water licensees or their representative.
- The Wildfire Regulation states a licensee must provide contact information prior to March 1st if you intend to undertake industrial operations between March 1st & Nov. 1st. Obviously if you decide to operate after the March 1st deadline, you still have an obligation to report.

Wildfire Regulation

- Ensure that you have an appropriate water deliver system and equipment on site.
- Upon completion of operations, don't forget to conduct a fire hazard assessment as per wildfire regulation and conduct fire risk abatement. Keep the assessment on file for future scrutiny.

Waste & Residue (Take or Pay)

- Waste & residue assessments are required (including tab rate CPs) after harvesting.
- Amendment #14 to the Provincial Waste & Residue manual makes ocular surveys the default survey method unless otherwise required by the District Manager.
- Amendment #13 – For tab rate permits, standing timber on WLS will not normally be assessed as waste. This is not a definitive rule.



Len Bawtree, Lifetime Member of the FBC-WA, Nancy & John Pezel participating in the field trip at last year's AGM. Hope to see you at this year's AGM in Harrison Hot Springs on September 22-24, 2011

A DM could still bill waste on a tab rate permit if circumstances warranted.

Reporting

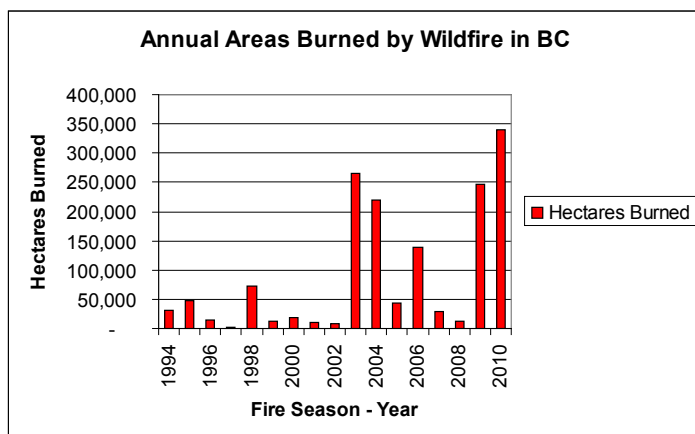
Annual reporting is required by April 30 each year; i.e. RESULTS submissions. However, licensees have the option to make RESULTS submission at any time during the term of the permit.

The last and perhaps best piece of advice... if you aren't sure about something, check with your local district office or ask one of your WL colleagues. The key with freedom to manage is to get it right in the first place. Making, then having to fix big mistakes, is costly and time consuming! ♦

BC's NSR Crisis & Woodlot Licences

By Al Waters and Paul Galliazzo

The amount of not satisfactorily restocked (NSR) forest land in BC has been escalating in recent years as a result of mortality caused by the mountain pine beetle and drastic increases in the area burnt by wildfires since 2003. The matter has been the subject of a few articles in major newspapers and is being debated in the BC legislature as part of the discussion to pass the government's budget. In response to the situation the Resource Practices Branch of the Forest Service is preparing a report on the amount of NSR on Crown forest land in BC based on available information.



The Forest Service tracks the amount of confirmed NSR in BC through the RESULTS computer application by requiring licensees and BCTS to submit information on the areas they harvest where there is an obligation to establish a free growing stand. The Forest Service also enters information into RESULTS on backlog areas harvested before 1987 and areas damaged by fire and pests where a silviculture survey shows the area is NSR and reforestation is carried out. RESULTS indicates that over the last 10 years there has been a 37,000 hectare increase in the amount of NSR that licensees are responsible to reforest. This includes NSR on major licences, community forest agreements and woodlot licences.

Realizing that woodlot licensees have been struggling to enter information into RESULTS, the information on all cutblocks harvested by woodlot licensees in Quesnel was extracted from the Forest Tenure Administration system along with the silviculture and forest cover information from RESULTS. Quesnel was picked as a forest district with close to 70 woodlot licensees that are held by a good cross section of forest professionals and non-professional. From this massive spreadsheet it was possible to see which woodlot licence cutblocks have been reported in RESULTS as being satisfactorily restocked by the regeneration date.

The data indicates that there are 5,900 hectares of NSR on Quesnel WLs that may not have been regenerated by the due date and potentially an even greater amount of harvesting that has virtually no information reported in RESULTS.

Paul Galliazzo, the Quesnel WL Association President was surprised to hear that RESULTS indicates there are 241 hectares of overdue NSR on his WL. "I know everything was planted on my woodlot, and I was just out there brushing," exclaimed Paul. After checking RESULTS Paul discovered that although he had declared each cutblock to be regenerated, (and several to be free growing), the forest cover information was still indicating the cutblocks were NSR. It is expected that many woodlot licensees who have reforested may still have NSR showing in RESULTS due to the challenges, frustrations and costs associated with electronic data submission. However, the Quesnel Forest Service now has the spreadsheet and similar spreadsheets are being prepared showing the performance of every woodlot licence in the province. **Now is the time for every woodlot licensee to get their reforestation and RESULTS submissions in order so the good silviculture on woodlot licences will not be misrepresented by incorrect or missing information in RESULTS.**

As a final note, having your reforestation reported in RESULTS could prove to be beneficial in receiving government funding under FPRA s. 108 should wildfire destroy the regeneration on areas where you are required to establish a free growing stand. For more information contact Al Waters at: 250-658-3419 or alanwaters@shaw.ca or Paul Galliazzo at pgalliaz@cfcbc.com ♦

1 A similar report for all community forest agreements shows that their RESULTS reporting is not much different than on woodlot licences.

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. ♦

NTFP National News:

Buyer's views to sellers networks

By Evelyn Hamilton, Wendy Cocksedge, and Tim Brigham,
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The Non Timber Forest Products Network of Canada's latest newsletter provides valuable information on non-timber forest resources from across Canada (<http://www.ntfpnetwork.ca/en/node/89>). The newsletter is a joint production of Natural Resources Canada and Royal Roads University's Center for Livelihoods and Ecology and contains a mix of articles which may be of interest to woodlot managers. Topics include:

- Ethical purchasing. Wild products are a rapidly expanding part of a wider ethical and sustainable products market.

An article from BC on consumer drivers related to wild products provides insights into the increasing consumer demand for local products. The article summarizes a survey of attendees at "Shop the Wild" events in Victoria which showed 203 of the 220 people surveyed bought local products. Wild products were purchased every week by 11% of the respondents, every month by 20% and every 6 months by 41%. About 93% of respondents reported they bought wild harvesting because they makes a positive contribution to local communities.

- NTFR inventory and management. The development of inventory methods specific to NTFPs, including standardized coding that complements on-going inventories, contributes to the knowledge required to sustainably manage and maintain these resources. These methods have been developed and tested in a series of projects across central BC. By better understanding the site



and forest stand conditions required for productive NTFP patches, it is possible to develop predictions of potential habitat and recommendations for adapting silvicultural practices to maintain or enhance the NTFP habitat (e.g.

spacing or thinning prime areas). This article from BC provides sources for information on the autecology and ethnobotany of NTFPs, including on-going research projects,

literature and contacts. For an example, see the interim report for Burns Lake at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/library/FIA/HTML/FIA2010MR290.htm>.

- Haida Gwaii co-op. The Haida Gwaii Culinary Co-op, located in Queen Charlotte City, is doing innovative work with dehydrating wild and cultivated foods. The co-op originally started with a focus on chanterelle mushrooms, but is now exploring the development of a wide range of cultivated and wild food products. Adding value through new dehydration technology extends harvesting and marketing options, and provides greater returns to wildharvesters and farmers alike. (See <http://www.hgccfoods.ca>)

- Quebec research & development. Included are a number of articles from Québec, a province with a growing and dynamic NTFR program that focuses on creating a diverse network of entrepreneurs interested in accessing and developing local, national and international markets. The information on training and support for the sector in Quebec provide valuable lessons for BC. ♦

My two cents worth: a licensee's opinion

By Tom Bradley

In June 2010 on our travels through Scotland, we passed through the small city of Wick and found a working example of the sort of “build it with wood” approach we mostly only talk about in BC. The promo tells us that the 50,000 sq ft TESCO Wick was one of the United Kingdom's first timber framed superstores. This store opened in November 2006. By January 2009, TESCO had 4 more like it in the UK. Now let's be honest: TESCO thrives by out-competing the small merchants of city cores and by shipping in merchandise of all kinds from around the globe. Whether they are truly green is a subject of discussion. Whatever. They are building large, functional and beautiful buildings out of FSC certified wood. Very interesting from our perspective. More pictures and information can be found at: <http://www.woodfor.com/WoodTESCO/> ♦



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- The Wildfire Regulation Section 4 requires Woodlot Licensees to provide an official (fire control center, woodlot forester, etc) with a 24 hour a day contact telephone number if the person proposes to carry out an industrial activity on or after March 1 and before November 1 of that year.



Woodlot Licensees are invited to apply for the Minister's Awards of Excellence for Woodlot Management

associated with site productivity gains, improved utilization and administrative streamlining.

A woodlot licensee may be nominated by a woodlot association, another licensee, an individual, Ministry staff or the Federation. Annually one woodlot licensee from the Coast, Southern and Northern Interior Regions will be recognized and awarded \$2500.00. The application deadline is December 31. For more information: www.woodlot.bc.ca (Min Award) ♦

Underplanting:

How to make a mixed wood

By Richard Kabzems, Bruce Rogers and Craig DeLong (Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations)



Why should a woodlot owner consider planting spruce under aspen? Under the right conditions, underplanting can create or maintain spruce- aspen mixtures which maximize the productivity of the site, create future opportunities by diversifying tree species composition, and provide resilience to climate variation, insects and pathogens. It mimics natural stand development, and maintains forest cover. It is a low cost approach compared to clearcutting, planting, and competition control to establish spruce.

Under a mature aspen canopy, the planted spruce have better growing conditions, particularly for light. Young aspen stands are dense, but after about 30 years of age they gradually open up, increasing the amount of light available on the forest floor. A complete aspen overstory reduces the cover and vigour of shrubs, herbs and grasses which can be serious competitors to small white spruce. The risk of growing season frost and overwinter injury, and damage due to white pine weevil are less for spruce growing under mature aspen.

Careful planning and site selection are required to achieve the potential benefits of this approach. The spruce need to be planted 20 to 40 years before the aspen would be harvested. The understory of the aspen stand should have very little shrub cover,

with an average moisture regime.

Beware the hare. Damage resulting from hare browsing of planted spruce can be a serious limitation to the use of underplanting. If hare populations are high, all the planted seedlings can be completely browsed in the first year. Hare damage problems can be reduced by not planting during times when the hare population is increasing and by not planting in close proximity to dense young stands of aspen or other high quality hare habitat.

Plan ahead for the aspen harvest. The spruce need to be tall enough to stay above aspen regeneration to reach their maximum growth, and benefit from the removal of the aspen overstory. The spruce should be at least 4 m tall at the time of harvest. Based on results from the BC Peace, and trials in Alberta established by the Canadian Forest Service in the 1960's, it will take about 20 years after planting to achieve this height. To ensure the spruce are not windthrown after the aspen harvest, openings need to be smaller than three tree heights of the surrounding forest. Alternatively, wind buffers can be created by leaving unharvested aspen as 10 m wide

wildlife patches oriented at right angles to the prevailing winds.

Plant good quality spruce stock at 1400 to 1600 stems per hectare. Avoid planting within 1 m of aspen stems that may be harvested. A boot screef is usually sufficient when planting under mature aspen. Using a brush saw to create planting trails if some shrub cover is present can reduce the vigour of shrubs sufficiently for the spruce to

get established. If the access corridors for harvest equipment are known, then no spruce need to be planted where machinery will travel during the aspen harvest.

For more information contact: Richard Kabzems at Richard.Kabzems@gov.bc.ca

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Quadra Island woodlot licensee wins award

CAMPBELL RIVER – Woodlot licensee Grant Hayden is one of four recipients of the inaugural Minister’s Award of Excellence for Woodlot Management, Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations Minister Steve Thomson announced today.

Hayden has managed a woodlot on Quadra Island since 1998, and is known for his community involvement, volunteering his time and equipment to assist with the building and maintenance of trails and other island projects. Hayden’s innovations include a special rake for excavators that helps remove brush and creates plantable spots. Hayden has also managed to protect new western red cedar and Douglas fir seedlings from deer.

Hayden’s dedication to his woodlot goes above and beyond the regular duties of a licensee.

The Minister’s Awards of Excellence for Woodlot Management were first announced in 2010, with \$8,500 being distributed across three forest regions. Hayden was the award recipient for the Coast forest region and receives \$2,500. The winners for the Southern Interior and Northern Interior forest regions will be announced in the near future.

Finalists were evaluated by a team with representation from the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations and the ministry.



Quotes:

Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations –

“Grant’s commitment to excellent forest management and innovation is something to celebrate. Keep up the great work, Grant!”

Mark Clark, president, Federation of B.C. Woodlot Associations –

“Grant’s woodlot licence is a prime example of how a woodlot licensee’s diligence and dedication achieves sustainable forest management while accommodating public interests. This award is richly deserved. Grant – on behalf of your woodlot friends and colleagues from across B.C. – congratulations!”

Quick Facts:

- Woodlot licences are small, area-based tenures that combine private land with up to 800 hectares of Crown land on the Coast and 1,200 hectares in the Interior, and are managed by

- individuals, groups or First Nations.
- Woodlots are replaceable tenures, usually awarded for an initial term of 20 years.
- British Columbia has about 860 active woodlots. Each woodlot generates jobs in planning, harvesting, road construction and maintenance, reforestation, silviculture and small-scale timber processing.

Learn More:

Visit the Federation of B.C. Woodlot Associations at: www.woodlot.bc.ca

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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Tenures, Competitiveness & Natural Resource Operations Innovation Division

To: Regional Executive Directors

District Resource Managers

From: Duncan Williams, Executive Director, Tenures

Tenures, Competitiveness and Innovation Division

Re: Guidance Document to Deal with the Two Available Options Regarding Overcut Carry Forward Volumes of Timber Harvested as a Result of Catastrophic Eventsⁱ on Woodlot Licences

Introduction

Some woodlot licences are in an overcut carry forward situation due to excess harvesting as a result of the Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) attack or other catastrophic event. As a result, there is no allowable annual cut (AAC) available for harvesting until such time as the overcut carry forward volume has been addressed.

This document provides further guidance regarding the interpretation of, and application of, the September 22, 2009 memo entitled, “*Guidance When Dealing with a Catastrophic Event Necessitating Increased Harvesting on Woodlot Licences*” (see attached). The document is also intended to:

- Allow woodlot licensees a choice in how to deal with an overcut carry forward situation resulting from a previously authorized, rapid increase in the volume of timber harvested (VTH) as a result of a catastrophic event and return the woodlot licence to a sustainable harvest (AAC) level;
- Ensure annual rent, the fire preparedness levy and the Woodlot Product Development Council (WPDC) levy (known collectively as “the rents”) applicable to the harvested

volumes are fully accounted for and collected; and

- Encourage efficient use of the resources of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Ministry of Finance, and of woodlot licensees, while addressing mid-term timber supply (stewardship) issues.

The direction in this document should be used when a licensee has obtained authority to harvest at an accelerated rate via a Cut Control Limit Exemption (CCLE), also known as a Regional Manager’s Exemption (RME), harvested some or all of the allowed volume, and now faces a period of no harvesting due to carry forward provisions of the *Forest Act*, Section 75.7 (carry forward of excess *harvest* volume).

Returning to a Sustainable AAC - General Procedures

The following steps should be followed:

1. The district manager determines that the catastrophic event is over or close to being over and the need for a rapid harvesting of attacked or dead timber is finished.

2. The licensee chooses how to deal with the overcut carry forward volume of timber harvested. The options are:

- a) **Status quo** - allow the overcut carry forward volume to be addressed via the current and successive cut control periods using the normal provisions of the *Forest Act*; and if necessary, have a new sustainable AAC and MP determined for future operations; or
- b) **Reconciliation** - the overcut carry forward volumes are reconciled, all rents are paid, and a new sustainable AAC and MP are determined for future operations.

3. The district manager determines the impact of the catastrophic event and harvesting upon the previous inventory, and past efforts to keep the inventory up-to-date. A decision is made whether a new MP (including a re-inventory and AAC calculation) is required, what information is required, and the appropriate timeline.

Considerations include the magnitude of the CCLE (i.e. size of the overcut carry forward volume) and whether harvesting has significantly affected the current inventory and base AAC. If impacts are minimal, an immediate re-inventory, new AAC and new

management plan (MP) may not be necessary. However, where impacts are significant, a new AAC will be required to ensure a new, sustainable level harvest level is set. In these cases, the overcut carry forward volume impact must be dealt with as the first step towards establishing a new AAC and creating an opportunity for limited, new harvesting.

4. If a new MP is needed, then:

- a) Licensee updates the inventory (if necessary);
- b) Licensee calculates a new AAC; and
- c) Licensee prepares a new MP (which includes the new inventory information and the proposed new AAC) and seeks approval from the district manager.

If a new MP is not needed, the current MP (including the current/base AAC) remains in effect until either the licensee proposes a new AAC and MP or the district manager requires a new AAC/new MP.

Returning to a Sustainable AAC - Detailed Procedures

For the Status Quo Option:

No immediate changes are required, the base (pre-beetle) AAC remains in place in FTA and decreases the overcut carry forward volume of timber harvested (VTH) each year. The rents continue to be invoiced yearly using the base AAC.

When sufficient years have passed, the overcut carry forward VTH will be reduced by the sum of the base AAC. Depending on the size of the overcut carry forward, and the size of the base AAC, this could take several years or cut control periods.

It is important that the reduction of the overcut carry forward volume is completed prior to any new AAC being entered into FTA. Entering a new (usually lower) AAC prior

to the completion of the reduction extends the time period of little or no harvesting opportunity. In other words, when following the status quo option, a new MP with updated AAC should not be completed until the overcut volume equals zero, unless other forest management reasons appear during this time period.

For the Reconciliation Option - Choosing to Reconcile within One Year of a Cut Control Period

The following procedures apply:

1. The licensee and the district manager (using Paragraph 5.02 of the woodlot licence agreement document for guidance) determines whether a new MP is required by considering the:

- a) status and accuracy of the current inventory of standing green timber (coniferous and, if applicable, deciduous);
- b) status of reforestation obligations/achievement of free-growing stands (RESULTS or other acceptable records);
- c) need for new inventory on the remaining attacked stands, giving consideration to any available secondary structure of the stands; and
- d) a timeline for the completion of the re-inventory and submission of the new MP.

2. A new AAC is calculated by the licensee that has the following components:

- a) The current or new inventory, as decided in (1.) above;
- b) The volume of timber harvested under the CCLE or the RME, obtained from the Harvest Billing System (HBS); and
- c) Note: see the MP template available at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/woodlots/wlstand-management.htm>.

3. The new proposed AAC will consist of one number, which is made up of two components:

- a) A forward looking, sustainable, operational AAC, projected over the next 250 years using the latest version of Woodlot for Windows (or other equivalent model); and
- b) A one-time, one-year, current, catastrophic AAC, which is equal to the VTH in excess of the sum of the AACs from the previous CCP(s).

4. The new, total AAC - as part of a new MP - is submitted to the district manager for approval.

5. The district manager determines if the new AAC is acceptable, and, if so, approves the MP.

Note: the above procedure assumes that the harvesting takes place in one CCP and then that the calculation occurs in the first year of the next (second) CCP. If the calculation takes place later in the next (second) CCP, then one (or more) year(s) of the base (pre-beetle) AAC must be deducted from the VTH to obtain the one-time catastrophic AAC.

6. FTA is updated to reflect the new total AAC. The rents are then invoiced by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

7. This new invoice is to be paid in a one-time, lump sum and it is to be paid within 21 days of the issue of the invoice to the Ministry of Finance. It cannot be spread out over several years of a CCP.

8. Upon full payment of the invoice, the catastrophic AAC component will no longer be applicable (i.e. it will be considered as “spent”) and only the forward looking, sustainable operational AAC component will be available for harvest.

9. FTA will again be updated to reflect

only the sustainable, operational AAC available for harvest and the rents will then reflect this change in the next billing year.

Note: if this option is chosen, it is important that the sequence shown above is followed. It is important that the reconciliation of the overcut carry forward volume is completed prior to the new AAC being entered into FTA. Entering the new (usually lower) AAC prior to the completion of the reconciliation extends the time period of reconciliation.

Independent Advice

It is **strongly recommended** that woodlot licensees obtain independent advice when considering which of the two options to choose. Each option may have significant effects on items such as:

- cash flow;
- opportunity to return to harvesting in the short or mid-term;
 - compare the advantages and disadvantages of an immediate return to harvesting versus delaying harvesting to increase the standing timber volume;
- income tax situation;
- funds available for the conducting of re-inventories;
- funds available for the achievement of free-growing stands on harvested areas; and
- other aspects of woodlot management.

Each option has advantages and disadvantages, and it is up to each individual licence holder to consider

how each option will affect their management of their woodlot licence.

If there are any questions, please contact Dave Haley, Woodlot Licence Forester, Forest Tenures Branch, at (250) 746-1448.

Duncan Williams
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ⁱ In the memorandum, catastrophic event means mountain pine beetle epidemic, wildfire, or other event which dramatically changed the inventory of green, standing timber.

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- the local Woodlot Associations and woodlot licensees. With that in mind, please support your local association and attend its meetings.

As a quick update on what seem to be the most often asked about issues (based on the emails and phone calls I receive):

Private land: The decision respecting private land withdrawal is still on its way to Cabinet for a decision. No timeline has been set.

Professional Reliance: Mike Larock (ABC FP), Dave Haley and myself have been collaborating on professional reliance for WLs. We are working on a matrix that identifies woodlot activities subject to professional reliance and proposes courses of action that do not increase the cost or workload to licensees.

Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation: As a result of feedback from the Federation and other organizations that represent forest tenure holders, there have been some

new developments regarding the Open Burning Smoke Control Regulation. While nothing has been finalized yet it appears local smoke management planning may address many of the Federation's concerns. This is still an active file and a work in progress.

BRIDGES: The Bridges marketing project is progressing well. We expect to have a preliminary version of the market web site being tested this summer. It could/should be up and running by late summer or early fall.

1 Cutting Permit: Implementation of 1 CP across the Province continues with the Joint Working Group addressing issues as they arise. Questions are most often about First Nations information sharing and consultation, the application of 1 CP over WLs with existing cutting authorities in place, and RESULTS reporting.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you in September at the Federation's AGM at Harrison Hot Springs. ♦



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The home is heated by a certified wood stove with electric baseboards as a backup source. A newly drilled well (2007) supplies the home with fresh spring water, and an auxiliary gravity fed culvert system is available for future potential animal and exterior watering systems.

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South ½ - District Lot 4598 and North East ¼ - District Lot 4599

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