

**Bulkley Valley
Community Resources Board
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Re: Review and Comment Period of Development within Proposed FDU's established in the Bulkley FSP

Dear Mr. David:

Thank you for the referral package dated September 14, 2008, for BCTS Timber Sale Licences in the Bulkley TSA. The Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) has reviewed this referral package and has the following comments:

- The blocks located in the vicinity of Torkelson Lake/Babine Lake/Smithers Landing lie within Integrated Resource Management and/or Enhanced Timber Zones. No further comment.
- TSL A82774 lies within the Babine Special Management Zone (SMZ) bordering the Babine River Park. From the information provided, it appears that BCTS is developing significant block sizes within an area designated for smaller harvest units. Without additional information, it is difficult for the BVCRB to determine whether these blocks are adhering to the LRMP. It would be helpful to be provided the Site Plans for these proposed blocks to better review them. The information provided appears to indicate developments outside the prescribed management requirements of the LRMP.
- TSL A82782 lies (partially) within the Babine SMZ, High Value Grizzly Bear habitat and the Nilkitkwa Landscape Corridor. As with the previously mentioned TSL A82774, this development appears to be a very large unit overlying LRMP zonations requiring small patch units or alternate silviculture systems. To more completely review this block against the LRMP, it would be helpful to be provided the Site Plan for this TSL. The information provided appears to indicate developments outside the prescribed management requirements of the LRMP.

One additional comment regarding the referral package is that it would be helpful if future maps be provided with the LRMP zonations shown. This would be a relatively simple GIS exercise and would greatly facilitate the review of the blocks of interest.

Thank you for the referral package and the BVCRB looks forward to receiving the additional Site Plan information for TSL's A82774 and A82782 to complete our review.

Yours truly,

Greg Storie
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board