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Hi Jeff,

As per the CRB request for an update on the Bulkley State of the Forest Report, see the following as to how this request is being addressed by the District.

A conscious and deliberate move to address important analysis like the State of the Forest Report is being embedded within both the Skeena Region Cumulative Effects and Skeena Sustainability Assessment Forum (SSAF).

These assessments have been completed for select values, but have yet to be tied into a regional cumulative effects assessment and management report. Work on this is ongoing, and Skeena Region and District staff are focused on this. At a District level, we foresee a final product of the cumulative effects analysis to incorporate the elements of the State of the Forest reports to be able to give us a status across many different resource management avenues, values, and objectives. Additionally, DSS is looking to bring District specific datasets to be incorporated within this forthcoming cumulative effects analysis

This will take time.

At this time, DSS will not be putting resources towards a singly State of the Forest report that diverts activities away from the Cumulative Effect processes. We simply do not have the resource time to do that. Please be aware that for the last update of the State of the forests, the workload was substantive, both from the Skeena Stikine District and other divisions within FLNRO (hundreds of hours over an 8 month period).

In the interim, we can supply the CRB with datasets that we believe are meaningful to a State of the Forest Report, those which will be incorporated into the Cumulative Effects process.

This is a link to the SSAF reports and data sets on the CEF website: Skeena - Province of British Columbia (gov.bc.ca)

I appreciate your understanding, and can be reached at 250.876.8470 until June 29th if you would like to discuss further.

Cam