

BVCRB-Bulkley Valley Community Resource Board

Final Minutes

Date: Mon. June 15, 2020, Skype for Business, most are on line, 2 people dialled in.

Present: Bob Mitchell, Christoph Dietzfelbinger, Ted Vanderwart, Matt Sear, Sue Brookes, John Fisher and Curtis Paul, Jeff McKay

Absent: Ron Vanderstar, Bryan Swansberg, Eric Becker

Chair: Matt

Recording: Sue

Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2020 Skype for Business - 7pm, possibly Town Hall

Matt called the meeting to order 7:15pm.

Motion to approve May 19 meeting minutes, seconded and approved.

ACRONYMS:

BC Timber Sales BCTS

Forest Stewardship Plan FSP

Sustainable Forestry Initiative SFI

Timber sales licences TSL's

Forest Development Unit FDU

Wildlife Tree Retention Area WTRA

Timber Supply Area TSA

1 Curtis Paul, Babine - Bulkley, BC Timber Sales (BCTS), Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) and Operating Plan:

Curtis is a planning forester and is familiar with the LRMP. He gave us a brief history of the BCTS, descriptions of the operating areas of the Bulkley and how within those areas the values of the LRMP drive their planning objectives and certain harvesting methods. Curtis presented for about 1.5hr.

From the slides:

- BCTS is now under the provincial department named: FLNRORD
- all operations have achieved Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) certification
- BCTS has 2 main goals 1) sell their portion to generate direct revenue for the province and 2) continuous improvement
- discussion on 2 classes of tree stands: one classified as a marginal saw log, defined by less than 24 m height, and/or a spatially defined layer (There is still saw log in those stands just a higher component of fibre that isn't)
- TSL's (timber sales licences) get auctioned to specific or 'qualified' logging companies, they are then logged and timber is sold by the licensee. BCTS doesn't know the destination mill for timber, they sell it 'on the stump' but hold silviculture liability for every block
- A member asked philosophically should BCTS know where their wood is going? Bidders do need to be qualified as 'eligible' but other certifications or best practices of mills and/or value added industry is not known
- waste assessment - the licensee needs to submit a waste assessment before being released from their obligations to the TSL
- FDU (Forest Development Unit), this is a legal description inside of an FSP
- consistent monitoring comes in various forms, there is a conformance technician for each TSA (3) Bulkley, Morice, Lakes, working 4 days a week - at any given time there are 3 - 5 ac-

tive logging shows, field visits are determined by the complexity of the block and other factors

- slide 18, Ranch FSR, spatially it's marginal timber, missed old and aged timber targets, older than 250 yrs old, so in this case they are managing seral stage forestry using a vegetation resource inventory
- the Copper drainage - in this area you might have individual trees 400 - 600 years old but stands are generally a range of maturity
- slide 20, concerning strategy in a landscape corridor, there are lots of pressure to remove these landscape corridors or limits but these corridors were critical in consensus building during the LRMP process. Curtis is hopeful that maintaining the corridor limits are enough to meet wildlife requirements and forest health
- wind throw assessments do happen but don't always warrant action
- WTRA (Wildlife Tree Retention Area) is 7% in cut blocks less than 100 ha
- some discussion about retention rates
- more discussion on a number of techniques applied in grizzly bear habitat. An important one is cluster planting which has changed the stocking standard
- a web based GIS platform has all BCTS blocks on it - is this publicly available?
- the LRMP has visual quality objectives for Serb creek is presumably because it's a recreational destination. It seems like the land use may have changed since the LRMP but maybe not - you can hike thru to Cariboo Mtns and there are snowmobilers. This area's concern has to do with grizzly bears and fish. Curtis has a difficult job managing visuals from lookouts along hi-way 16. He is also flying to get views of the block.
- Mulwain Creek - originally in LRMP planning it was thought one or the other block would be actively logged, not both concurrently. This may not be obvious in reading the LRMP, market forces may trump and demand concurrent logging.
- Copper west - LIDAR shows 35m high stands, Hemlock
- from the Round Lk rise off hi-way 16 you get a couple viewpoints of Deep Creek S.
- how do you model visual impact? LIDAR, first hand observation, various software packages.
- feel free to contact Curtis direct for any inquiries
- feedback - maps could have legends, scale, etc. - Curtis did send a map earlier which did have this.

2 Financial Report:

- brief summary provided by Ron

3 Next Meeting:

AI*** Ron - can you confirm whether it's possible to have our September meeting in Town Hall?

AI*** Matt to try to secure Bob Love for September

4 Other News

- how do we recruit more people on the board?
- Wed morning at 10 am there is a virtual community open house, Telkwa Coal has started the EA process again. Bob will send the link.

5 Update of the LRMP, winter RAMP

6 Wildlife Habitat Management Areas (WHMA's)

AI*** Matt to contact Eric and get some news, agenda item for next meeting. We will table this till the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.