

Forest Stewardship Plan

Forest Operations

Of

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Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership

North Island-Central Coast Natural Resource District

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1.1 Forest Stewardship Plan

This Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) covers Forest Development Units 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 located within the Great Bear Rainforest Order Area on the coast of British Columbia.

The FSP is a landscape level plan, which focuses on establishing strategies and results for conserving and protecting timber and non-timber resource values during forest management activities. The FSP states measurable or verifiable, enforceable results and strategies that must be consistent with objectives set by government for a variety of forest values (e.g. fish, water, biodiversity, etc.). The FSP primarily takes direction from the Great Bear Rainforest Legal Order, the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) and pertinent associated regulations. The FSP is the primary referral process for notifying the public, First Nations, and government agencies as to the location of Forest Development Units (FDUs) and the strategies and results that will apply to forest management activities in the respective FDUs.

To ensure that the objectives under this FSP are achieved, Dean Channel Forest Products (DCFP) and Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership (NFLP) are committed to working collaboratively and in cooperation with other licensees, First Nations and government in shared landscape units and watersheds covered by all FDUs.

2.0 APPLICATION, TERM AND COMMENCEMENT OF TERM OF THIS FSP

This Forest Stewardship Plan may be amended from time to time as required. Possible reasons for amendments include changes in land-use designations or regulations, changes to operating areas, adaptive management lessons learned, changing economic or market conditions and/or changes in forest management due to global warming.

2.1 Application of this FSP (FRPA Section 3(4))

This Forest Stewardship Plan applies to Dean Channel Forest Products Ltd., Timber License TO614 and Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership Non-replaceable Forest License A87259 and each cutting permit and road permit issued or granted to the Holder(s).

2.2 Date of Submission

The date of submission of this Forest Stewardship Plan is July 13, 2017 (the “Date of Submission”).

2.3 Term of this FSP (FRPA Section 6(1)(a))

The term of this FSP is 5 years from the approval date.

2.4 Commencement of Term (FRPA Section 6(1)(b))

The term of this FSP commences on the date of approval of this FSP as specified by the delegated decision maker (DDM).

3.0 FOREST DEVELOPMENT UNITS

3.1 Forest Development Units in Effect on Date of Submission (FPPR Section 14(1)(b))

FDUs in effect on the Date of Submission of this FSP are: Jump Across/Labouchere, Saloompt, Bella Coola, South Bentinck, Clayton, Smitley/Noeick, Taleomy/Asseek, King Island, Sutslem/Skowquiltz and Nascall.

3.2 Forest Development Unit (FDU) Designations

Forest Development Units (FDUs) identify areas of different planned development activities in the next 5 years.

Management Unit	Landscape Units within Forest Development Unit	Applicable Great Bear Rainforest Order Area
FDU 1	Jump Across/Labouchere	Central and North Coast
FDU 3	Saloompt	Central and North Coast
FDU 4	Bella Coola	Central and North Coast
FDU 5	South Bentinck	Central and North Coast
FDU 6	Clayton	Central and North Coast
FDU 7	Smitley/Noeick	Central and North Coast
FDU 8	Taleomy/Asseek	Central and North Coast
FDU 9	King Island	Central and North Coast
FDU 10	Sutslem/Skowquiltz	Central and North Coast
FDU 11	Nascall	Central and North Coast

3.3 Maps

The maps at 1:50,000 scale appended to this document focus on the FDUs and other features of the FSP area.

3.4 Roads and Cutblocks with Assessments Complete

There are no cutblocks or roads within this FSP that are considered approved under S. 196(1) or (2) of the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA), or that are referred to in S. 110 of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation (FPPR).

Other roads shown on the FSP Maps are for reference only.

3.5 Designations in Effect before Submission of this FSP

The FSP map shows the designations and other areas listed in FPPR Section 14(3) that are in effect at the time of submission of this FSP. Parks, conservancies and other protected areas are excluded from the FSP. Other areas excluded from each FDU area are clearly indicated on the map as not being included.

Type of Designation in FDU 1	Date Designated and comments
FPPR Section 14(3)(a) Ungulate Winter Range	April 14, 2016 U-5-004 (mountain goat) and July 14, 2016 U-5-005 (black tailed deer)
FPPR Section 14(3)(b) Wildlife Habitat Areas	WHAs 5-120 to 5-541(Grizzly Bear)
FPPR Section 14(3)(b) Wildlife Habitat Areas	WHAs 5-753 -5-764 (Sandhill Crane) designated January 12, 2010
FPPR Section 14(3)(c) Fisheries Sensitive Areas	None designated
FPPR Section 14(3)(d) Lakeshore Management Areas	Letter establishing interim measure - establishment of interim management zone of 40 meters on L1 lakes within the Midcoast Forest District (August 12, 1996)
FPPR Section 14(3)(e) Scenic Areas	Moderately Sensitive and Highly Sensitive Scenic Areas established October 29, 1998. The recommended Visual Quality Classes from the Visual Landscape inventory were continued by regulation in December 2004 (GAR s.17) as Visual Quality Objectives (VQOs) within the made known Scenic Areas.

FPPR Section 14(3)(f) Identified L1 Lakes	None designated
FPPR Section 14(3)(g) Community Watersheds	Registered Community Water licenses are Martin River (Braden LU), Kwakutl Creek (Hunter LU), Snootli Creek, Gibbs Brook and Tastsquan Creek (both in the Nusatsum LU)
FPPR Section 14(3)(h) Old Growth Management Areas	None designated
FPPR Section 14(3)(i) Area in which commercial timber harvesting is prohibited by another enactment	Great Bear Rainforest Order, Objective 18(1) Grizzly Bear Habitat Schedule D Class 1 Habitat, dated January 29, 2016.
FPPR Section 14(3)(j)	The attached FSP maps indicate the cutting permits and road permits held or applied for by Bella Bella Asset Holdings before and on the date of FSP approval.

4.0 UNDERTAKINGS, RESULTS AND STRATEGIES

4.1 Non-Spatial Old Growth Order

A Non-Spatial Old Growth Order effective June 30, 2004 establishes landscape units, biodiversity emphasis and objectives in the province. The FDUs within this FSP are within the area to which the *Ministerial Order Great Bear Rainforest*, dated January 21, 2016 apply, therefore results/strategies in respect of the Order Establishing Provincial Non-Spatial Old growth Objectives are no longer required in this FSP.

4.2 Objectives Prescribed under FRPA Section 149

4.2.1 Objectives set by government for soils (FPPR Section 5)

Objective set by government for	Soils
Regulation	FPPR Section 5
Objective	The objective set by government for soils is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to conserve the productivity and the hydrologic function of soils.
Practice Requirement Default	The Holder(s) of this FSP will undertake to comply with the legislated requirements setting limits for soil disturbance (Section 35 of FPPR) and for permanent access structures (Section 36 of FPPR).
Applicable for all FDUs	

4.2.2 Objectives set by government for timber (FPPR Section 6)

Objective set by government for	Timber
Regulation	FPPR Section 6
Objective	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Maintain or enhance an economically valuable supply of commercial timber from British Columbia's forests, b. ensure that delivered wood costs, generally, after taking into account the effect on them of the relevant provisions of this regulation and of the Act, are competitive in relation to equivalent costs in relation to regulated primary forest activities in other jurisdictions, and c. ensure that the provisions of this regulation and of the Act that pertain to primary forest activities do not unduly constrain the ability of a holder of an agreement under the <i>Forest Act</i> to

	exercise the holder's rights under the agreement.
	Exempt as per FRRP Section 12 (21) (no Results & Strategies prepared)
Applicable for all FDUs	

4.2.3 Objectives set by government for wildlife (FPPR Section 7)

Objective set by government for	Wildlife
Regulation	FPPR Section 7
Objective and related legislation	<p>(1) The objective set by government for wildlife is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to conserve sufficient wildlife habitat in terms of amount of area, distribution of areas and attributes of those areas, for</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) the survival of species at risk,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) the survival of regionally important wildlife, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(c) the winter survival of specified ungulate species.</p> <p>(2) A person required to prepare a forest stewardship plan must specify a result or strategy in respect of the objective stated under subsection (1) only if the minister responsible for the Wildlife Act gives notice to the person of the applicable</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(a) species referred to in subsection (1), and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(b) indicators of the amount, distribution and attributes of wildlife habitat described in subsection (1).</p> <p>(3) If satisfied that the objective set out in subsection (1) is addressed, in whole or in part, by an objective in relation to a wildlife habitat area or an ungulate winter range, a general wildlife measure, or a wildlife habitat feature, the minister responsible for the Wildlife Act must exempt a person from the obligation to specify a result or strategy in relation to the objective set out in subsection (1) to the extent that the objective is already addressed.</p> <p>(4) On or after December 31, 2004, a notice described in subsection (2) must be given at least 4 months before the forest stewardship plan is submitted for approval.</p>
The following are strategies applicable to all FDUs for individual species at risk:	
<p>Marbled Murrelet (<i>Brachyramphus marmoratus</i>)</p> <p>1. If the Holder(s) of the FSP harvests timber as defined in the FPPR S.1 in the area to which the Notice given March 2, 2006 under Section 7(2) of the FPPR: Indicators of the Amount, Distribution and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of Species At Risk in the North Island – Central Coast Forest District</p>	

(the Notice) applies, the Holder(s) will comply with the Species at Risk Notice.

2. The Holder will do so not harvesting Marbled Murrelet habitat described as the following forest types:
 - a) in areas under the FSP where a detailed survey has not been conducted:
 - i. Amount: The total amount of currently suitable nesting habitat in the non-contributing land base at the time the Notice was dated plus the present amount in old growth management areas and a maximum net mature contributing Timber Harvest Land Base impact of 1,434 ha.;
 - ii. Distribution: where the suitable nesting habitat occurs on the land base;
 - iii. Attributes: age class 8 and 9 which is height class 4 or greater; or
 - b) In areas under the FSP where a detailed survey has been conducted:
 - i. Amount: Class 1, 2 or 3 marbled murrelet habitat which was present in the non-contributing land base at the time the Notice was given plus the amount present in old growth management areas and a maximum net mature contributing Timber Harvest Land Base impact of 1,434 ha.;
 - ii. Distribution: where the suitable nesting habitat occurs on the land base;
 - iii. Attributes: Class 1, 2 or 3 marbled murrelet habitat, as described in *Standards Methods for Identifying Marbled Murrelet Habitat in British Columbia Using Air Photo Interpretation and Low-level Aerial Surveys*.

Queen Charlotte Goshawk (*Accipiter gentiles laingi*)

1. If the Holder(s) of the FSP harvests timber as defined in the FPPR S.1 in the areas to which the Notice given March 2, 2006 under Section 7(2) of the FPPR: Indicators of the Amount, Distribution and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of Species At Risk in the North Island – Central Coast Forest District (the Notice) applies, the Holder(s) will comply with the Species at Risk Notice.
 - a) Where and when an active nest is found in the Holders development area under this FSP:
 - i. Amount: The amount up to a maximum of 277 ha. of which no more than 128 ha. will be in the THLB; and
 - ii. Distribution: The suitable habitat around known active nests within the range of the species as described in the accounts and measures of IWMS 2004; and
 - iii. Attributes: As described in the Notice.
2. For the purpose of subsection (1) the proposed habitat will be first identified contiguous to the nest site in the non-contributing land base, and if there is not sufficient habitat in that area, then identified in the contributing land base, with attributes and distribution as described in the Notice.
3. Nest surveys will be completed by a qualified professional for proposed development areas when there is a high likelihood of a nest site being located in an area proposed for development. A high likelihood is based on there being an existing known nest site in the development area, during field work a bird is identified or other information is made available to the Holder that would determine

a nest is in the area.

Coastal Tailed Frog (*Ascaphus truei*)

1. If the Holder(s) harvests timber as defined in the FPPR S.1 in the areas to which the Notice given March 2006 under Section 7(2) of the FPPR: Indicators of the Amount, Distribution and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of Species At Risk in the North Island – Central Coast Forest District (the Notice) applies, the Holder(s) will comply with the Species at Risk Notice.
 - a) Where and when a natal stream is found in areas under this FSP:
 - i. Amount: The amount up to a maximum of 1549 ha. of which no more than 183 ha. will be in the THLB; and
 - ii. Distribution: The suitable habitat within the range of the species that is presently occupied by the species as described in the accounts and measures of IWMS 2004; and
 - iii. Attributes: As described in the Notice.
 - b) Stream surveys will be completed by a qualified professional for proposed development areas to identify and map Coastal Tailed Frog natal streams. Detailed prescriptions to conserve and protect natal stream habitat will be developed using site specific information and documented in the Site Plan.

Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias fannini*)

1. If the Holder(s) harvests timber as defined in the FPPR S.1 in the areas to which the Notice given March 2006 under Section 7(2) of the FPPR: Indicators of the Amount, Distribution and Attributes of Wildlife Habitat Required for the Survival of Species At Risk in the North Island – Central Coast Forest District (the Notice) applies, the Holder(s) will comply with the Species at Risk Notice.
 - a) Where and when an active nest(s) is found in areas under this FSP:
 - i. Amount: The amount up to a maximum of 240 ha. of which no more than 36 ha. will be in the THLB; and
 - ii. Distribution: The suitable habitat around known active nests within the range of the species described in the accounts and measures of IWMS 2004; and
 - iii. Attributes: As described in the Notice.
2. Nest surveys will be completed by a qualified professional for proposed development areas when there is a high likelihood of a nest site being located in an area proposed for development. A high likelihood is based on there being an existing known nest site in the development area, during field work a bird is identified or other information is made available to the Holder that would determine a nest is in the area. Surveys will be completed during nesting season.

Ungulate Winter Range

Pursuant to Section 7(3) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation*, a person required to prepare a forest stewardship plan is exempt from the obligation to prepare results or strategies in relation to the objective set out in Section 7(1) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation* for black-tailed deer winter range and for mountain goat winter range in the Mid Coast Timber Supply Area.

4.2.4 Objectives set by government for water fish, wildlife and biodiversity in riparian areas (FPPR Section 8)

Objective set by government for	Water, Fish Wildlife and Biodiversity in Riparian Areas
Regulation	FPPR Section 8
Objective	The objective set by government for water, fish, wildlife and biodiversity within riparian areas is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to conserve, at the landscape level, the water quality, fish habitat, wildlife habitat and biodiversity associated with those riparian areas.
	Undertaking Under FPPR Section 12.1(2)
Practice Requirement Default	When constructing a road or harvesting timber under this FSP, the Holder undertakes to comply with section 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52(2), and 53 of the FPPR, except for L1 lakes (Letter establishing interim measure - establishment of interim management zone of 40 meters on L1 lakes within the Midcoast Forest District (August 12, 1996)) that will apply.
Applicable for all FDUs	

Strategy	Retention of Trees in a Riparian Management Zone FPPR s.12(3)
	<p>(1) In respect to sections 8 and 12(3) of the FPPR, to address the retention of trees in a riparian management zone (RMZ), the Holder of this FSP will:</p> <p>(a) Ensure that prior to harvesting; retention levels within the RMZ's are determined by a Qualified Professional through a riparian assessment that considers:</p> <p>i) All of the factors listed in Schedule 1, section 2 of the FPPR as that section was on the date of submission of</p>

	<p>this FSP and</p> <p>ii) Potential site specific safety and operational issues.</p> <p>(b) Design cutblocks and roads in a manner that is consistent with the retention levels as determined by a Qualified Professional as described in (a).</p> <p>(c) Plan and conduct primary forest activities consistent with the results and recommendations of the assessment (a) and design (b).</p>
Applicable to all FDUs	

4.2.5 Objectives set by government for fish habitat in fisheries sensitive watersheds (FPPR Section 8.1)

Objective set by government for	Fisheries Sensitive Watershed
Regulation	FPPR Section 8.1
	No “fisheries sensitive watersheds” continued under section 180(f) or section 180(g) exist within the area under the FSP. Accordingly no Result or Strategy has been specified for this objective.
Applicable to all FDUs	

4.2.6 Objectives set by government for water in community watershed (FPPR Section 8.2)

Objective set by government for	Community Watershed
Regulation	FPPR Section 8.2
Strategy All FDU	The Holder(s) of this FSP will not harvest or construct road within a designated community watershed.

4.2.7 Objectives set by government for Wildlife and Biodiversity (FPPR Sections 9 & 9.1)

Objective set by government for	Wildlife and Biodiversity
Regulation	FPPR Section 9 and 9.1

Objective	<p>Objectives set by government for wildlife and biodiversity - landscape level – Objective 9</p> <p>The objective set by government for wildlife and biodiversity at the landscape level is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests and to the extent practicable, to design areas on which timber harvesting is to be carried out that resemble, both spatially and temporally, the patterns of natural disturbance that occur within the landscape.</p> <p>Objectives set by government for wildlife and biodiversity - stand level – Objective 9.1</p> <p>The objective set by government for wildlife and biodiversity at the stand level is, without unduly reducing the supply of timber from British Columbia's forests, to retain wildlife trees.</p>
Practice Requirement Default	<p>The Holder(s) of the FSP will undertake to comply with the default practice requirements outlined in section 64 and 65 of the FPPR.</p> <p>The Holder(s) of the FSP will undertake to comply with the default practice requirements outlined in section 66 and 67 of the FPPR.</p>
Applicable to all FDUs	

4.2.8 Objectives set by government for Visual Resources (GAR 17)

Objective set by government for	Visual Resources
Regulation and Objectives	<p>Moderately Sensitive and Highly Sensitive Scenic Areas established October 29, 1998. The recommended Visual Quality Classes from the Visual Landscape inventory were continued by regulation in December 2004 (GAR s.17) as Visual Quality Objectives (VQOs) within the made known Scenic Areas.</p>
Strategy	<p>Where the Holder(s) of the FSP constructs a road or harvests timber within known scenic areas, the Holder(s) will comply with the established visual quality objective set out in the categories of visually altered forest landscape described in FPPR S.1.1.</p>
Applicable to all FDUs	

4.2.9 Objectives set by government for Cultural Resources (FPPR Section 10)

Objective set by government for	Cultural Resources
Regulation and	The objective set by government for cultural heritage resources is to

Objectives	conserve, or, if necessary, protect cultural heritage resources that are (a) the focus of a traditional use by an aboriginal people that is of continuing importance to that people, and (b) not regulated under the <i>Heritage Conservation Act</i> .
Result	The strategy is as per 4.3.1 Part 1, Division 2 – First Nations Objective 3(1).
Applicable to all FDUs	

4.3 Great Bear Rainforest Order Objectives

All FDUs are covered by the objectives in the *Ministerial Order Great Bear Rainforest, Part 1 General and Part 2 Central and North Coast*, dated January 21, 2016. The Great Bear Rainforest Order replaces the 2013 Central North Coast Land Use Orders.

The definition of “applicable First Nation” as used in this section will mean to be the First Nation that has identified a traditional territory over an area in a FDU where the Holder is planning forest operations.

The following strategies address the Great Bear Rainforest Order.

4.3.1 Part 1, Division 2 – First Nations

Objective for first nation information sharing and engagement

Objective 3(1)	For the purpose of implementing and achieving the intent of the objectives in this land use order conduct First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations.
Strategy all FDUs	The FSP Holder will conduct First Nation Engagement using the following strategies; Where Formal Agreements Exist 1. First Nation engagement will be as agreed upon by signatories of engagement agreements or other agreements pertaining to First Nation information sharing and engagement, between the applicable First Nations and the FSP Holder. Without Formal Agreements 2. Where there is no bilateral guidance, process, protocol or agreement between the Holder and an applicable First Nation, and the First Nation does not wish to engage to develop such bilateral guidance, process, protocol or agreement, before undertaking development, the Holder will make all reasonable efforts to meet annually: a) with the designated representatives of applicable First

	<p>Nations;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">b) share an overview of planned and proposed activities across the entire territory;c) provide 1:20,000 scale maps of specific areas where activities are proposed;d) work to identify, understand and discuss respective interests and concerns; ande) ask the applicable First Nations whether or not they wish to see detailed follow-up as described in Section (3).f) If during the information sharing process the Applicable First Nation wishes to enter into a protocol agreement with the Holder, the Holder will undertake to work with the First Nation to develop such an agreement. <p>3. If requested by the First Nation as per Section (2e), before submitting applications for operational Crown authorizations, the Holder will make all reasonable efforts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Provide overview and site level maps to the applicable First Nation showing the proposed development that the Holder plans to submit for Crown authorization;b) Meet with designated representatives of applicable First Nations to review and discuss further details on planned and proposed activities including strategies adopted to address concerns identified during the initial (annual) meeting or correspondence;c) Share more detailed information that has been collected during the assessment and development of the planned and proposed activities in context of the interests or concerns that the applicable First Nation has regarding the proposed and planned activities;d) Modify or adjust proposed and planned forest development activities to address the identified new information, interests and concerns;e) Prepare a summary of the engagement process, including the date, participation and method of any applicable communication and a description of identified issues and how they were resolved. <p>4. In the event that the meetings have not occurred, the Holder will prepare a summary of the efforts made to meet and/or review the information and provide the summary described in section 3(e) along with the application to the District Manager and the</p>
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	<p>designated representatives of the Applicable First Nation.</p> <p>5. All Reasonable efforts will include the timeframe as follows:</p> <p>For Section (2) efforts, a period of 60 days commencing on the first date at which attempts to meet or share information have been made; and</p> <p>For Section (3) efforts, a period of 30 days commencing on the first date at which attempts to meet or share the requested follow-up information have been made.</p>
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4.3.2 Part 1, Division 3 – Biodiversity

Objectives for ecological representation

<p>Objective 4</p>	<p>(1) Maintain landscape level biodiversity as follows:</p> <p>(a) For each Site Series Group in the order area, maintain a distribution of forest stand ages that will achieve the Old Forest Representation Targets listed in Column “A” in Schedule G by no later than 2264;</p> <p>(b) For each Site Series Group in the order area, retain an amount of Old Forest equal to or greater than the order area Minimum Old Forest Retention Levels listed in Column “B” in Schedule G and;</p> <p>(c) For the purposes of (1)(a) and (1)(b), for each Site Series Group in a Landscape Unit, retain a minimum of 30% of the total forest area of the Site Series Group as Old Forest;</p> <p>(2) Despite (1)(c), harvesting of Old Forest in a Site Series Group in a Landscape Unit may occur where less than 30% of the total forest area of the Site Series Group in the Landscape Unit is Old Forest, provided that:</p> <p>(a) within the Landscape Unit area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) alteration or harvesting is required for road access, other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern, where there is no practicable alternative; or (ii) the lesser of 20% of the total forest area or the Minimum Old Forest Retention Level specified in Schedule F is maintained as Old Forest; and <p>(b) The aggregate area of Old Forest in the order area harvested under (2) (a) following the date of establishment of this order does not exceed 18,650 hectares;</p> <p>(3) Ensure that for each Site Series Group listed in Schedule L, in the Landscape Units listed in Schedule K, up to 5% of the area required to meet the minimum Old Forest requirements specified in (1)(c) or (2)(a)(ii) can be met in forest that is not Old Forest where this results in an improved ecological outcome.</p>
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	<p>(4) Where there is not enough Old Forest available to meet the targets in (1)(b) and (1)(c), or as a result of (2), the FSP Holder will recruit forest to meet the Old Forest requirements by no later than 2264.</p> <p>(5) Despite (1)(c) and (2)(a)(ii), for each Site Series Group listed in Schedule L, up to 5% of the area required to meet the minimum old forest requirements specified in (1)(c) or (2)(a)(ii) may be met in Old Forest in a higher level Site Series Group in the same variant.</p> <p>(6) Despite (1)(c), (2) (a)(ii), and (5), for each site series group listed in Schedule M, and despite (1)(a) for each Site Series Group in the CWHxm2, CWHdm and CWHmm1 biogeoclimatic variants, up to 5% of the combined area of each Site Series Group in the Thurlow, Fulmore, Gray and Estero Landscape Units required under (1)(c) and (2) to meet the target for that Site Series Group may be met in an equal or higher level Site Series Group listed in Schedule M in any of the four Landscape Units.</p>
<p>Strategy all FDU's</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The FSP Holder(s) will coordinate with other Holders of FSPs and a G2G Operational Implementation Committee (OPIC), to the extent practicable, to obtain results consistent with the Order area objectives, in Landscape Units and between and among Holders of FSPs. For this strategy, the "extent practicable" is defined as "capable of being put into practice, doable and feasible". 2. For the Order Area, the Holder(s) of the FSP will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Use the non-binding table "Implementation Guidance Table – Old Forest Targets by Landscape Unit" as an aid or starting point in the achievement of the legally specified site series group old forest requirements for the Order area. b. Reach agreement on specifying targets or specifying proportions of the Order area ecological representation and managed forest objectives, the flexibility in 4(2)-4(6), and allocate to the Landscape Units; and update targets on an agreed period or as required. c. If fair and effective agreement cannot be reached: will apply the Implementation Guidance Table until agreement is reached and notify the other Holders; or will request the Minister to act under FPPR s 19. 3. For the lands to which the Order applies in each Landscape Unit in which the Holder(s) of the FSP holds tenures with active planning or operations, the Holder(s) of the FSP will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Apply the strategy outlined in 1 and 2 above. b. Reach agreement on targets or proportions of ecological representation and managed forest, the flexibility in 4(2)-4(6),

	<p>identify drawdowns and small surpluses, and procedures for managing Landscape Reserves, between and amongst Holders of FSPs; and update targets annually or as agreed, including a process of incorporation for any new inventory or field classification.</p> <p>c. If fair and effective agreement cannot be reached: in the interim, the Holder may proportion the LU representation targets by total forest area, and proportion the minimum old, between Holders of FSPs, identifying small surpluses, and inform the other Holders, and may not develop Landscape Reserves established by other Holders; or, the Holder(s) of the FSP may request the Minister to act under FPPR s 19.</p>
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Objectives for Landscape Reserve Designs

<p>Objective 5</p>	<p>(1) For each Landscape Unit in the order area, prepare a Landscape Reserve Design that:</p> <p>(a) addresses the Minimum Old Forest Retention Levels specified in Objective 4(1)(c) and 4(2), the Old Forest Representation Targets specified in Objective 4(1)(a) and 4(1)(b) and the Managed Forest area specified in objective 6(1)(a); and</p> <p>(b) to the extent practicable simultaneously contributes to the protection and stewardship of:</p> <p>(i) Aboriginal Heritage Features, Aboriginal Forest Resources, and Aboriginal Tree Use; and</p> <p>(ii) Red-Listed Plant Communities and Blue-Listed Plant Communities, habitat important for species at risk, ungulate winter range, and habitat for regionally important wildlife, including, but not limited to mountain goats, grizzly bears, northern goshawks, tailed frogs, and marbled murrelets;</p> <p>(2) For the purposes of (1)(a), when preparing a Landscape Reserve Design, the provisions in Objective 4(3), 4(5) and 4(6) shall apply;</p> <p>(3) No commercial timber harvesting is permitted within a Landscape Reserve Design.</p> <p>(4) For the purposes of (1):</p> <p>(a) complete Landscape Reserve Designs within five years of the date of establishment of this order in those Landscape Units where harvesting is occurring or planned to commence within 5 years; or</p> <p>(b) complete Landscape Reserve Designs prior to declaring areas or prior to the issuance of a road permit, Timber Sale License or other cutting authority by the Timber Sales Manager</p>
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	<p>in those Landscape Units where harvesting is currently not occurring or is not planned to commence within 5 years.</p> <p>(5) Despite (1)(a), for each Site Series Group in a Landscape Unit, a percentage of the Old Forest Representation Targets specified in Objective 4(1)(a) equivalent to 75% of the Average Operational Landbase Netdown for that Site Series Group is not required to be spatially defined until 2264.</p> <p>(6) Holders of licenses or tenures with an allowable annual cut of less than 20,000 cubic meters per year are exempt from (1) and (4).</p> <p>(7) For the purposes of (1), where because of harvest history or landscape characteristics or where not practicable to meet Minimum Old Forest Retention Levels in a Landscape Reserve Design:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) forest that is not Old Forest may be included in the Landscape Reserve Design; and(b) establish Temporary Old Forest Reserves outside of the Landscape Reserve Design, with an area sufficient to meet the Landscape Unit Minimum Old Forest Retention Level. <p>(8) Despite subsection (3), thinning and silvicultural treatments are permitted in Landscape Reserve Designs to expedite restoration to Old Forest structural characteristics.</p> <p>(9) Old Forest in a Site Series Group within a Temporary Old Forest Reserve established under (7) (b) may be harvested when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) in the Type 1 Restoration Landscape Units referenced in Objective 7(1)(a), there has been sufficient recruitment of Old Forest in that Site Series Group to meet Old Forest Representation Targets within a Landscape Reserve Design; or(b) in any Landscape Unit not referenced in Objective 7(1)(a), an equivalent area of younger forest in that Site Series Group in a Landscape Reserve Design in that Landscape Unit becomes Old Forest. <p>(10) A Landscape Reserve Design may be altered or modified to address new information provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) a Qualified Professional develops an alternative Landscape Reserve Design;(b) the alternative Landscape Reserve Design meets the requirements of (1) and (5); and(c) any area removed from the altered Landscape Reserve:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) where none of the flexibility provisions in Objective 4(3), 4(5)
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	<p>and 4(6) apply, is replaced with an equivalent area of forest in the same Site Series Group, and that is in the same seral stage or has similar stand structural characteristics; or</p> <p>(ii) where a flexibility provision in Objective 4(3), 4(5) or 4(6) applies, is replaced with an equivalent area of forest, consistent with that flexibility provision.</p>
<p>Strategy all FDU's</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Holder(s) of the FSP will participate in designing LRDs and Restoration Zones that are consistent with Order objectives, and will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Design a single LRD with all Holders of FSPs in the Landscape Unit (including those that are exempt from leading an LRD), and with Applicable First Nations following Landscape Reserve Design Methodology and Framework. b. Complete LRDs within the Order's timelines, and designate Restoration Zones within the Order timelines, unless there are no planned operations within the Landscape Unit. c. Agree as necessary on methods for altering or modifying LRDs (eg. Order Part 1 ss 5(3), 5(10) and related LRD guidance), that will be consistent with meeting proportional targets and avoiding undue constraints between Holders of FSPs. 2. In applying GBRO Objectives subsections 1 – 4 in relation to operational planning, site plans or development areas, the Holder of the FSP will use inventory level information for SSG and VRI targets, and the system will: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. be consistent with guidance for the completed LRD for application of the methods; b. apply an appropriate minimum type size (eg. 2.0 ha, per LRD, or less if necessary for red/blue); c. update the Landscape Unit target sets annually or as agreed; d. be consistent with agreements in subsection 3(b) and 3(c), for target apportionments and managing Landscape Reserves established by other Holders. 3. The operations of the Holder(s) of this FSP will be consistent with meeting the agreed upon target allocations or specified proportions of the ecological representation targets and the managed forest targets, in: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The landscape units in which the Holder(s) of the FSP operates and in the LRD when completed; b. the areas of the timber harvesting rights granted by the government to the Holder of the FSP and c. areas to which the LUO applies.

Objectives for Managed Forest and Natural Forest

Objective 6	<p>(1) Identify and maintain in the order area:</p> <p>(a) an area of Managed Forest of 550,032 hectares that is or will be available for timber harvest; and</p> <p>(b) a Natural Forest area that continues to grow older over time subject to natural disturbance and non - forest tenure activity, and has an area of 3,108,876 hectares.</p>
Strategy all FDU's	<p>(1) The Holder(s) of the FSP will comply with meeting the Managed Forest and Natural Forest area targets or proportion of those targets, in:</p> <p>a. the landscape units in which the Holder(s) of the FSP operates within;</p> <p>b. consistent with harvest rights granted by government under the Holders licence(s); for</p> <p>c. the areas to which the Land use Order applies.</p>

Objectives for Restoration Zones and Restoration Landscape Units

Objective 7	<p>(1) Restore landscape level biodiversity in Landscape Units with extensive past forest development activity by:</p> <p>(a) Within Landscape Reserve Designs in each Type 1 Restoration Landscape Unit listed in Schedule H, designating a minimum of 30% of each Site Series Group as a Restoration Zone within two years of the date of establishment of this order, or as soon as practicable thereafter; and</p> <p>(b) Within Landscape Reserve Designs in each Type 2 Restoration Landscape Unit listed in Schedule H, designating a minimum of 30% of each Site Series Group as a Restoration Zone prior to any development activity that will result in more than 30% of the Landscape Unit area being within Site Series Groups containing less than 30% total Old Forest.</p> <p>(2) For the purposes of subsections (1)(a) and (1)(b), when designating a Restoration Zone within a Landscape Reserve Design, the provisions in sections 4(3), 4(5) and 4(6) shall apply.</p> <p>(3) The boundaries of a Restoration Zone may be altered or modified to address new information, provided that:</p> <p>(a) a Qualified Professional develops an alternative Landscape Reserve Design;</p> <p>(b) the alteration or modification is required to address an operational access, infrastructure or safety issue and there is no practicable</p>
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	<p>alternative;</p> <p>(c) the alteration or modification maintains or improves ecological outcomes;</p> <p>(d) any area removed from the Restoration Zone:</p> <p>(i) where none of the flexibility provisions in sections 4(3), 4(5) and 4(6) apply, is replaced with an equivalent area of forest in the same Site Series Group, and that is in the same seral stage or has similar stand structural characteristics; or</p> <p>(ii) where a flexibility provision in section 4(3), 4(5) or 4(6) applies, is replaced with an equivalent area of forest, consistent with that flexibility provision;</p> <p>(e) any area removed from the Restoration Zone for safety reasons that does not also maintain or improve ecological outcomes must be replaced with an equivalent area of forest, consistent with the flexibility provisions in sections 4(3), 4(5) and 4(6); and</p> <p>(f) the boundary alteration for an individual Restoration Zone in a Landscape Unit does not exceed 10 hectares in a calendar year.</p> <p>(4) Despite subsection (3)(f), a boundary alteration for an individual Restoration Zone in a Landscape Unit may exceed 10 hectares per year provided that a documented rationale for the alteration is prepared by a Qualified Professional.</p>
<p>Result or Strategy all FDU</p>	<p>1. The Holder(s) of the FSP does not operate in any of the Restoration Landscape Units listed in Schedule H, therefore the objective does not apply.</p>

4.3.3 Part 2, Division 2 – First Nations

Objective for first nation information sharing and engagement

<p>Objective 3(1)</p>	<p>(1) For the purpose of implementing and achieving the intent of the objectives in this land use order conduct First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations.</p>
<p>Strategy all FDU</p>	<p>The strategy is as per 4.3.1 Part 1, Division 2 – First Nations Objective 3(1).</p>

Objective for the identification of Aboriginal Forest Resources and Aboriginal Heritage Features

<p>Objective 4(1)</p>	<p>(1) In Development Areas, through field reconnaissance or field assessments and First Nation Engagement as appropriate in areas proposed for road building or harvesting, identify Aboriginal Forest Resources, Aboriginal Heritage Features, Historical Culturally Modified</p>
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	Trees, Contemporary Culturally Modified Trees, Monumental Cedar and Cultural Cedar Stands.
Strategy all FDUs	<p>The FSP Holder(s) will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Request information during First Nations Engagement, regarding the location of any known individual or groups of Aboriginal Forest Resources, Aboriginal Heritage Features, Historical Culturally Modified Trees, Contemporary Culturally Modified Trees, Monumental Cedar, and Cultural Cedar Stands. 2. Seek to define desirable attributes for field identification of Monumental Cedar through Engagement with Applicable First Nations. 3. Field identify and record the location of Aboriginal Forest Resources, Aboriginal Heritage Features, Historical Culturally Modified Trees, Contemporary Culturally Modified Trees, Monumental Cedar and Cultural Cedar Stands, through field reconnaissance or field assessments as appropriate and agreed to by Applicable First Nations through First Nations Engagement.

Objective for Aboriginal Forest Resources

Objectives 5	<p>(1) Maintain or enhance Aboriginal Forest Resources in a sufficient quantity and manner necessary to support Applicable First Nations' present and future stewardship and use of those resources.</p> <p>(2) Despite subsection (1), Aboriginal Forest Resources may be harvested or altered in order to meet silvicultural obligations, provided there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations.</p>
Strategy all FDUs	<p>The FSP Holder(s) will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain or enhance Aboriginal Forest Resources, as listed in Schedule J of the Order or established through information sharing, in a sufficient quantity and manner necessary to support Applicable First Nations' present and future stewardship and use of those resources; 2. Despite (1), Aboriginal Forest Resources may be harvested or altered by the FSP Holder in order to meet silvicultural obligations, provided there has been an agreed plan for disturbance development during First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations. 3. In order to determine sufficient quantity for present and future use, the FSP Holder will through First Nation Engagement with the applicable First Nations, request information on their stewardship and use of Aboriginal Forest Resources and

	preferred management options and will assist applicable First Nation’s access to those resources should they request it prior to timber harvesting or road building activities.
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Objectives for Aboriginal Heritage Feature

Objective 6	<p>(1) In Development Areas, protect Type 1 Aboriginal Heritage Features.</p> <p>(2) Adjacent to Type 1 Aboriginal Heritage Features, maintain a Reserve Zone with a minimum width of 200 metres, measured from the edge of the Type 1 Aboriginal Heritage Feature, to protect the Type 1 Aboriginal Heritage Feature.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), the Type 1 Aboriginal Heritage Feature and the Reserve Zone may be modified with the support of, or lack of objection from, the Applicable First Nations.</p> <p>(4) Despite subsections (2) and (3), the Reserve Zone may be modified when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) alternative measures are implemented to avoid, mitigate or otherwise address impacts on the Type 1 Aboriginal Heritage Feature; (b) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations regarding the alternative measures; and (c) the modification is required for road access, other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern and there is no practicable alternative. <p>(5) In Development Areas, protect Type 2 Aboriginal Heritage Features.</p> <p>(6) Adjacent to Type 2 Aboriginal Heritage Features, maintain a Reserve Zone with a minimum width of 1 Tree Length measured from the edge of the feature, and a Management Zone with an average minimum width of 0.5 Tree Lengths measured from the outer edge of the Reserve Zone to protect the Type 2 Aboriginal Heritage Feature from site-specific local hazards and windthrow.</p> <p>(7) Despite subsections (5) and (6), the Type 2 Aboriginal Heritage Feature and its Reserve Zone and Management Zone may be modified with the support of, or lack of objection from, the Applicable First Nation.</p> <p>(8) Despite subsections (5), (6) and (7) , the Type 2 Aboriginal Heritage Feature may be altered or removed and the Reserve Zone and Management Zone may be modified when:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) alternative measures are implemented to avoid, mitigate or otherwise address impacts on the Type 2 Aboriginal Heritage
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	<p>Feature;</p> <p>(b) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations regarding the alternative measures; and</p> <p>(c) the alteration or removal is required for road access, other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern and there is no practicable alternative.</p>
Strategy all FDU's	The FSP Holder(s) will undertake to comply with the objective for an Aboriginal Heritage Feature. Final Reserve Zone and Management Zone width and design will be determined through Information Sharing and Engagement with the Applicable First Nation.

Objectives for Historical Culturally Modified Trees

Objective 7	<p>(1) In Development Areas, protect Historical Culturally Modified Trees</p> <p>(2) Adjacent to Historical Culturally Modified Trees, maintain a Management Zone of sufficient width and design to protect the Historical Culturally Modified Trees from site-specific local hazards and windthrow.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), the Historical Culturally Modified Tree and the Management Zone may be modified with the support of, or lack of objection from, the Applicable First Nation.</p> <p>(4) Despite subsections (1), (2) and (3), a Historical Culturally Modified Tree and the adjacent Management Zone may be altered or harvested if there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; and</p> <p>(a) alteration or harvesting is required for road access, other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern and there is no practicable alternative; or</p> <p>(b) protection of all of the Historical Culturally Modified Trees in the cutting permit area or timber sale license area would make harvesting economically unviable.</p>
Strategy all FDU's	The FSP Holder(s) will undertake to comply with the objective for Historically Culturally Modified Trees. Management zone width and design will be determined through information sharing and engagement with the applicable First Nation.

Objectives for Aboriginal Tree Use

Objective 8	(1) Maintain a sufficient volume and quality of western redcedar, yellow cedar and other tree species to support the Applicable First Nations' present and future Aboriginal Tree Use.
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	<p>(2) In Cedar Stewardship Areas, maintain, and recruit as necessary, Monumental Cedar, western redcedar and yellow cedar in a quantity sufficient to support the Applicable First Nations' present and future Aboriginal Tree Use.</p> <p>(3) Within Development Areas, retain Monumental Cedar with windfirm buffers, and Cultural Cedar Stands, in a quantity sufficient to support the Applicable First Nations' present and future Aboriginal Tree Use.</p> <p>(4) Despite subsection (3), a Monumental Cedar and its windfirm buffer, or a Cultural Cedar Stand, may be altered or harvested provided that there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) it has been determined that the Monumental Cedar or Cultural Cedar Stand is not suitable or is not required for a cultural cedar use; (b) the Monumental Cedar or Cultural Cedar Stand will be provided to the Applicable First Nation; (c) the harvesting is required for road access, other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern and there is no practicable alternative; or (d) retention of all of the Monumental Cedar and Cultural Cedar Stands in the Cutblock area would make harvesting economically unviable. <p>(5) Within a Cutblock, for the first 15% of the pre-harvest stand retained in Stand Retention as specified in section 17(1), design Stand Retention to maintain mature and old western redcedar and yellow cedar representative of the pre-harvest stand.</p>
<p>Strategy all FDUs</p>	<p>The FSP Holder(s) will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain a sufficient volume and quality of western redcedar, yellow cedar and other tree species to support the applicable First Nations' present and future Aboriginal Tree Use. <p>To determine sufficient quantity and quality of western redcedar, yellow cedar and other tree species to support the applicable First Nations' present and future Aboriginal Tree Use, the FSP Holder(s) will through First Nation information sharing and engagement with the applicable First Nation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. request information on the present and future use and quality of western redcedar, yellow cedar and other tree species to support the Applicable First Nations' present and future Aboriginal Tree Use; and b. develop management options in conjunction with the applicable First Nation for maintaining a sufficient amount of

	<p>Aboriginal trees for present and future use.</p> <p>If requested, the Holder will make reasonable efforts to assist the Applicable FN to identify accessible monumental cedar in areas near its developments.</p> <p>2. The Holder will comply with Objective 8(2) when operating in Cedar Stewardship Areas.</p> <p>3. Within development areas, the Holder will retain Monumental Cedar with wind-firm buffers and Cultural Cedar Stands in a quantity sufficient to support the applicable First Nation’s present and future Aboriginal tree use.</p> <p>If requested, Monumental Cedar buffer width and design will be determined through information sharing and engagement with the applicable First Nation.</p> <p>To determine a sufficient quantity, the FSP Holder(s) will through First Nation information sharing and engagement determine with the applicable First Nation an amount required for present and future Aboriginal Tree Use and will assist applicable First Nation’s access to those resources should they request it prior to timber harvesting or road building activities.</p> <p>4. Despite subsection (3), a Monumental Cedar and its windfirm buffer, or a Cultural Cedar Stand, may be altered or harvested provided that there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. it has been determined that the Monumental Cedar or Cultural Cedar Stand is not suitable or is not required for a cultural cedar use; b. the Monumental Cedar or Cultural Cedar Stand will be provided to the Applicable First Nation; c. the harvesting is required for road access, other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern and there is no practicable alternative; or d. retention of all of the Monumental Cedar and Cultural Cedar Stands in the Cutblock area would make harvesting economically unviable. <p>5. The Holder will comply with Objective 8(5) for stand retention.</p>
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Objectives for retention of western yew

Objective 9	<p>(1) In Development Areas, retain western yew trees.</p> <p>(2) Despite subsection (1), western yew trees may be altered or harvested if:</p> <p>(a) alteration or harvesting is required to accommodate operational requirements for road and bridge construction and there is no</p>
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	<p>practicable alternative; or</p> <p>(b) the retention of all western yew trees in a Cutblock would make harvesting economically unviable and measures are implemented to provide for use of the altered or harvested western yew trees by Applicable First Nations.</p> <p>(3) Where practicable, include western yew trees in Stand Retention.</p> <p>(4) All areas retained or managed in accordance with subsections (1), (2) and (3) must be documented and submitted as digital spatial data at the end of each calendar year to the Applicable First Nation and the Province of British Columbia.</p>
<p>Strategy all FDU's</p>	<p>1) Individual and groups of yew trees will be identified during field assessment.</p> <p>2) A “western yew tree” means a yew tree that is a minimum of 10 cm diameter at breast height or as defined by the applicable First Nation through engagement as outlined under this FSP.</p> <p>3) In development areas, the FSP Holder(s) will retain western yew trees.</p> <p>4) Despite subsection (3), western yew trees may be altered or harvested if:</p> <p>(a) alteration or harvesting is required to accommodate operational requirements for road and bridge construction and there is no practicable alternative; or</p> <p>(b) the retention of all western yew trees in a Cutblock would make harvesting economically unviable and measures are implemented to provide for use of the altered or harvested western yew trees by Applicable First Nations.</p> <p>(5) Where practicable, include western yew trees in Stand Retention such as wildlife retention and aquatic habitat buffers. Stand Retention will provide reasonable protection to the yew trees from direct sunlight.</p> <p>(6) All areas retained or managed in accordance with subsections (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) must be documented and submitted as digital spatial data at the end of each calendar year to the Applicable First Nation and the Province of British Columbia.</p>

4.3.4 Part 2, Division 3 – Aquatic Habitats

Objectives for important fisheries watersheds

<p>Objective 10</p>	<p>(1) Maintain hydrological and fluvial processes in watersheds within the range of natural variation by maintaining an Equivalent Clearcut Area of less than 20% in each of the Important Fisheries Watersheds shown in Schedule E.</p>
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	<p>(2) Despite subsection (1), an Equivalent Clearcut Area of more than 20% may be maintained provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; (b) a coastal watershed assessment or similar assessment of watershed sensitivity to forest development disturbance is completed by a Qualified Professional; (c) an amount, type and distribution of forest cover sufficient to sustain natural hydrological and fluvial processes within the watershed is maintained; and (d) the effectiveness of the management strategies implemented pursuant to subsection (2)(c) are monitored.
<p>Strategy all FDUs</p>	<p>When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities in an area identified in Schedule E, the Holder(s) will comply with the objectives for Important Fisheries Watersheds.</p>

Objectives for Type 1 Aquatic Habitat

<p>Objective 11</p>	<p>(1) Protect and maintain Type 1 Aquatic Habitats by, in a Development Area, maintaining an adjacent Reserve Zone with a minimum width of 1.5 Tree Lengths and do not alter or harvest the forest in the Reserve Zone unless there is no practicable alternative.</p> <p>(2) Despite subsection (1), the width of the Reserve Zone may be decreased at specific locations to address site characteristics and values, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a decrease is no more than 0.5 Tree Lengths; and (b) there is no net loss of Reserve Zone area required in subsection (1) in the Development Area. <p>(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), the width of the Reserve Zone may be decreased, at specific locations to address site characteristics and values, by more than 0.5 Tree Lengths provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; (b) there is no net loss of Reserve Zone area required in subsection (1) in the Development Area; (c) an aquatic habitat assessment has been prepared by a Qualified Professional that specifies measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to maintain the geomorphic and hydroriparian characteristics of the stream channel; (ii) to maintain the life cycle needs of fish in affected stream
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	<p>reaches;</p> <p>(iii) to maintain local terrestrial habitat needs and linkages to other reserves; and</p> <p>(iv) to minimize loss of trees in the Reserve Zone from windthrow; and (d) the measures in subsection (3)(c) are implemented.</p> <p>(4) Despite subsections (1), (2) and (3), for the lower portion of the Kimsquit River and its tributaries identified in Schedule P maintain a Reserve Zone with a width of 150 metres on each side of the Natural Boundary, unless there is no reasonable or practicable alternative for future road access, other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern. Existing road access and infrastructure is exempt from this reserve provision.</p> <p>(5) Where some or all of the forest required in subsections (1) and (2) has been previously altered or harvested, to the extent practicable, recruit or create Functional Riparian Forest in the Reserve Zone in the shortest time practicable.</p>
<p>Result all FDUs</p>	<p>When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities, the Holder will comply with the objectives for Type 1 Aquatic Habitats.</p>

Objectives for Type 2 Aquatic Habitat

<p>Objective 12</p>	<p>(1) Maintain the natural ecological function of Type 2 Aquatic Habitat by, in a Development Area, retaining 90% of the forest in an adjacent Management Zone with a minimum width of 1.5 Tree Lengths.</p> <p>(2) Despite subsection (1), the width of the Management Zone in any Development Area may be decreased by up to 0.5 Tree Lengths to address site characteristics, provided there is no net loss of Management Zone area within the Development Area.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), the width of the Management Zone may be increased or decreased by more than 0.5 Tree Lengths and alteration or harvesting within the Management Zone may occur provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; (b) there is no net loss of Management Zone area required in subsection (1) in the Development Area; (c) an aquatic habitat assessment has been prepared by a Qualified Professional that specifies measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to maintain the geomorphic and hydroriparian characteristics of the stream channel; (ii) to maintain the life cycle needs of fish in affected stream
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	<p>reaches;</p> <p>(iii) to maintain local terrestrial habitat needs and linkages to other reserves; and</p> <p>(iv) to minimize loss of trees in the Reserve Zone from windthrow; and</p> <p>(d) measures in subsection (3)(c) are implemented.</p> <p>(4) Where some or all of the forest required in subsections (1), (2) and (3) has been previously altered or harvested, to the extent practicable, recruit or create Functional Riparian Forest in the Management Zone in the shortest time practicable.</p>
<p>Result all FDUs</p>	<p>When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities, the Holder will comply with the objectives for Type 2 Aquatic Habitats.</p>

Objectives set for Forested Swamps

<p>Objective 13</p>	<p>(1) Maintain the ecological characteristics and function of Forested Swamps.</p> <p>(2) Within Development Areas, adjacent to Forested Swamps greater than 0.25 hectares, retain 70% of the Functional Riparian Forest in a Management Zone with a minimum width of 1.5 Tree Lengths.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsection (2), the width of the Management Zone adjacent to a Forested Swamp may be decreased by up to 0.5 Tree Lengths to address site specific values.</p> <p>(4) Despite subsections (2) and (3), the width of the Management Zone may be decreased by more than 0.5 Tree Lengths and additional harvesting within the Management Zone may occur provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; (b) A Forested Swamp assessment has been prepared by a Qualified Professional that specifies measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) to maintain local terrestrial habitat needs and linkages to other reserves; and (ii) to minimize loss of trees in the Management Zone from windthrow; and (c) measures in subsection (4)(b) are implemented. <p>(5) Where some or all of the forest within the Management Zone required in subsections (2), (3) and (4) has</p>
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	been previously altered or harvested, to the extent practicable, recruit or create Functional Riparian Forest in the Management Zone in the shortest time practicable.
Result all FDUs	When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities, the Holder will comply with the objectives for Forested Swamps.

Objectives for Upland Stream areas

Objective 14	<p>(1) Maintain the hydrological and fluvial processes in the portion of Watershed Planning Units occupied by Upland Streams.</p> <p>(2) For the purposes of subsection (1), in the portion of the Watershed Planning Unit where Upland Streams occur, maintain a minimum of 70% of the forest as Functional Riparian Forest.</p> <p>(3) For the purposes of subsection (2), preferentially allocate the Functional Riparian Forest to encompass:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Upland Streams that flow into Type 1 Aquatic Habitat and Type 2 Aquatic Habitat and that pose a moderate to high risk of sediment transport; (b) Upland Stream reaches with unique microclimate or other rare ecological or sensitive geomorphological characteristics; (c) Upland Stream reaches with known tailed frog habitat; and (d) other Upland Streams that flow into Type 1 Aquatic Habitat and Type 2 Aquatic Habitat; <p>(4) Despite subsection (2), in the portion of the Watershed Planning Unit where Upland Streams occur, less than 70% of the forest may be maintained as Functional Riparian Forest provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; (b) a coastal watershed assessment or similar assessment of watershed sensitivity to forest development disturbance is completed by a Qualified Professional; (c) an amount, type and distribution of forest cover sufficient to sustain natural hydrological and fluvial processes within the portion of the watershed where Upland Streams occur is maintained; and (d) the effectiveness of the management strategies implemented pursuant to subsection (4)(c) are monitored.
Result all FDUs	When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities, the Holder will comply with the objectives for Upland Stream areas.

Objectives for Active Fluvial Units

Objective 15	<p>(1) Reserve all forest on Active Fluvial Units.</p> <p>(2) Adjacent to Active Fluvial Units, retain a minimum of 90% of the forest in a Management Zone with an average width of 1.5 Tree Lengths.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), forest on an Active Fluvial Unit may be altered or harvested, and less than 90% of the forest in the Management Zone may be retained, to allow for road access or to address a safety concern, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; (b) no practicable alternative to access a Development Area is available; (c) an Active Fluvial Unit assessment has been prepared by a Qualified Professional that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) specifies measures to maintain stream flow patterns and flow capacity and geomorphic stability of the Active Fluvial Unit for roads or other infrastructure; or (ii) where the removal of 4 or more live trees is proposed for safety reasons, provides an assessment of the potential impact on geomorphic stability; and (d) the measures in subsection (3)(c) are implemented in a manner that will maintain the flow patterns, flow capacity and geomorphic stability of the Active Fluvial Unit. <p>(4) Where some or all of the forest required to be retained in subsections (1) and (2) has been previously altered or harvested, to the extent practicable, recruit or create Functional Riparian Forest on the Active Fluvial Unit in the shortest time practicable.</p>
Result all FDUs	When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities, the Holder will comply with the objectives for Active Fluvial Units.

4.3.5 Part 2, Division 4 – Biodiversity

Objectives for Red-Listed Plant Communities and Blue-Listed Plant Communities

Objective 16	<p>(1) Protect each occurrence of a Red-Listed Plant Community during a primary forest activity as per Schedule N.</p> <p>(2) Despite subsection (1), up to 5% of each occurrence of a Red-Listed Plant Community may be disturbed if there is no practicable alternative for road access, other infrastructure or to address a safety concern.</p>
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	(3) Reserve a minimum of 70% of each occurrence of a Blue-Listed Plant Community during a primary forest activity or reserve a minimum of 70% of the total area of each Blue-Listed Plant Community within a Landscape Unit as per Schedule O.
Result all FDUs	When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities, the Holder(s) will comply with the objectives for Red-Listed Plant Communities and Blue-Listed Plant Communities.

Objectives for Stand Retention

Objective 17	<p>(1) Maintain forest structure and diversity at the stand level:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) by maintaining a minimum of 15% of the Cutblock area as Stand Retention; and (b) in Cutblocks 20 hectares or greater in size, by distributing a minimum of 50% of the Stand Retention within the Cutblock except in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) second growth stands where a windthrow hazard assessment indicates a moderate or higher biophysical hazard for windthrow; and (ii) Old Forest stands where local knowledge has identified the potential for catastrophic inflow or outflow winds. <p>(2) To the extent practicable, include the following within Stand Retention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Aboriginal Forest Resources that are maintained or enhanced by retention in a mature or older forest; (b) habitat elements important for species at risk, ungulate winter range, and regionally important wildlife; (c) representation of ecosystems and plant communities listed in Schedule N and Schedule O; (d) Functional Riparian Forest adjacent to Active Fluvial Units, Forested Swamps, fen and marsh wetlands and Upland Streams with unique features or moderate or higher risk of sediment transport; (e) western redcedar and yellow cedar for future Aboriginal Tree Use; (f) western yew; (g) within restoration landscape units, remnant patches of Old Forest in Site Series Groups where less than 30% of the total forest area is Old Forest ; and (h) wildlife trees and coarse woody debris.
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Result all FDUs	When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities, the Holder(s) will comply with the objectives for Stand Retention. When calculating Stand Retention %, the formula shall be: $\text{Stand Retention \%} = \text{Retention Area} / \text{Total Area Under Plan}$.
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4.3.6 Part 2, Division 5 – Wildlife

Objectives for Grizzly Bear habitat

Objective 18	<p>(1) Maintain 100% of class 1 grizzly bear habitat shown in Schedule D; and</p> <p>(2) Maintain 50% of class 2 grizzly bear habitat shown in Schedule D.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsection (1), class 1 grizzly bear habitat polygons shown in Schedule D may be altered or harvested, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; (b) a Qualified Professional: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) completes an assessment that identifies the characteristics of the habitat and linkages, where appropriate, to other grizzly bear habitat; and (ii) confirms that the alteration or harvesting will result in no net loss of class 1 grizzly habitat and connectivity and no functional loss of habitat connectivity; and (c) measures are implemented that will ensure the alteration or harvesting will not cause a material adverse impact to the suitability of the class 1 grizzly bear habitat. <p>(4) Despite subsection (1), class 1 grizzly bear habitat polygons may be altered or harvested for road access or to address a safety concern, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; (b) there is no other practicable alternative for road access or other infrastructure, or the alteration or harvesting is required to address a safety concern; (c) the road right-of-way clearing width is the minimum safe width necessary to accommodate the road; and (d) measures are implemented that, to the extent practicable, will ensure the alteration or harvesting will not cause a material adverse impact to the suitability of the class 1 grizzly bear habitat.
Result all FDUs	When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities, the Holder(s) will comply with the objectives for Grizzly Bear Habitat.

Objectives for grizzly and black Bear Dens

<p>Objective 19</p>	<p>(1) Protect grizzly Bear Dens and black Bear Dens.</p> <p>(2) Adjacent to grizzly Bear Dens, maintain a Reserve Zone with a minimum width of 50 metres.</p> <p>(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), alteration or removal of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a black Bear Den; or (b) a grizzly Bear Den or its Reserve Zone, or both, may occur, provided that: (c) there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations; (d) the alteration or removal is required for road access or to address a safety concern and there is no practicable alternative; and (e) the alteration or removal does not occur during the winter hibernation season. <p>(4) In addition to subsections (1) and (2), adjacent to any Reserve Zone required in subsection (2), maintain a Management Zone with an average width equal to 1.0 Tree Length, measured from the outer edge of the Reserve Zone, to protect the integrity of the Reserve Zone.</p> <p>(5) Within the Management Zone required under subsection (4), alteration or removal of trees may occur outside of the winter hibernation season to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) accommodate operational requirements for road and bridge construction, where no practicable alternative exists; (b) accommodate road maintenance and deactivation, the removal of danger trees, and brushing and clearing within the right-of-way, for safety purposes, on any existing road under active tenure; or (c) mitigate the impact of windthrow. <p>(6) All found Bear Dens must be documented and this documentation must be submitted to the Applicable First Nations and the Province of British Columbia at the end of each calendar year.</p>
<p>Result all FDUs</p>	<p>When the Holder(s) of the FSP conducts primary forest activities, the Holder(s) will comply with the objectives for Grizzly Bear and black bear dens. Bear den information will be shared with the applicable First Nation.</p>

Objectives for Kermodé habitat

Objective 20	<p>(1) To maintain Kermode bear habitat, within the Kermode stewardship areas shown in Schedule R:</p> <p>(a) Maintain a maximum of 30% early seral forest and 40% mid seral forest;</p> <p>(b) Maintain a maximum 70% crown closure within managed stands by the declaration of free growing; and</p> <p>(c) do not alter critical black bear habitat.</p> <p>(2) Despite subsection (1)(c), up to 5% of a critical black bear habitat occurrence may be altered if there is no practicable alternative for road access or other infrastructure, or to address a safety concern, provided there has been First Nation Engagement with Applicable First Nations.</p>
Result or Strategy all FDU's	There are no Kermode Stewardship Areas as shown in Schedule R within the FDU's, therefore no result or strategy is proposed for this objective.

4.4 Measures

4.4.1 Measure set by government to prevent the introduction and spread of invasive plants (FPPR Section 17)

Measure set by government for Preventing the Introduction and Spread of Invasive Plants	
Regulation	FPPR Section 17
	For the purpose of FRPA Section 47 [<i>invasive plants</i>], a person who prepares a forest stewardship plan must specify measures in the plan to prevent the introduction or spread of species of plants that are invasive plants under the Invasive Plants Regulation, if the introduction or spread is likely to be the result of the person's forest practices.
Measures	<p>1) The Holder, will use three complimentary strategies to counter the introduction or spread of invasive plant species, likely to be the result of the Holder's forest practices:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) prevention 2) detection of invasive plant species that elude prevention. 3) management or elimination of invasive plant species <p>Prevention</p> <p>The Holder's foresters will review the Ministry of Environment's alien species web site and review identification, control and management of invasive plants.</p> <p>Prevention through Avoidance</p>

	<p>Preventative measures to minimize the occurrence and spread of invasive plants will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grass seeding of exposed soils following soil disturbance where the introduction or spread of invasive plants is likely. Application of grass seed to constructed road cut and fill slopes or recently deactivated roads is timed by compatible weather and season. Re-vegetation of exposed soils following the completion of road construction or deactivation is within two years. When using seed, use native seed or an agronomic grass seed that is a grade of Common No.1 forage mixture free of invasive species listed under the Weed Control Regulation. • Machines will be cleaned prior to being transported from an area known to contain invasive plant species to areas without. • Information on the identification, spread and what to do in the event you encounter an invasive plant species will be included in the pre-harvest information package and reviewed with crews prior to starting work. • During road construction, use only gravel and fill materials that do not contain invasive species. • No brushing or mowing along roads will be done for areas known to have invasive species unless required for safety. <p>Detection of Invasive Plant Species That Elude Prevention.</p> <p>Invasive plants will be detected through observation, reforestation surveys and through inspections audits of operations. Action plans will be developed and followed up on to combat the spread of invasive plants, if the introduction or spread is likely to be the result of the company’s forest practices. When discovered, invasive plants will be mapped and reported to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations.</p> <p>Management or Elimination of Invasive Plant Species</p> <p>If invasive plants are discovered and if the introduction or spread is likely to be the result of the company’s forest practices then the “Seven Steps to managing Your Weeds”, guidebook will be followed. A copy of the guidebook can be found at: https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/plants/.</p>
Applicable to all FDUs	

4.4.2 Measure set by government related to Range Barriers (FPPR Section 18)

Measure set by government for Natural Range Barriers
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Regulation	FPPR Section 18
	For the purpose of FRPA Section 48 [<i>range barriers</i>], a person who prepares a forest stewardship plan must specify measures to mitigate the effect of removing or rendering ineffective natural range barriers.
Measures	No measures have been developed as there is no range tenure overlap with the FDUs.
Applicable to all FDUs	

4.5 Stocking Standards

4.5.1 Situations or Circumstances That Determine Whether Free Growing is Assessed on a Block or Across Blocks

Section 44(1) of the FPPR applies in all situations or circumstances under the FSP where a free growing stand is required to be established under FRPA S.29.

4.5.2 Regeneration Date, Free Growing Height and Stocking Standards

The Stocking Standards in Appendix 1 specify the regeneration date, free growing height and stocking standards for the situations or circumstances where FPPR S.44(1) applies.

4.5.3 Situations or Circumstances That Determine When FPPR S.44(4) and the Standards Applicable to FPPR S.16(4) Applies

No harvesting of special forest products, intermediate cuts or commercial thinning as per FPPR S. 44(3)(h) and (i), is planned under this FSP, therefore no Stocking Standards are included in Appendix 1.


5.0 SIGNATURES OF PERSONS REQUIRED TO PREPARE THE PLAN

Preparing Forester:

"I certify that I have determined that this work was performed to an acceptable standard."

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APPENDIX 1 STOCKING STANDARDS

APPENDIX 2 REVIEWS AND COMMENTS

Review and Comments history for FSP:

Public FSP Presentation Location and Date	Result of FSP Presentation
Caribou Advisor (Bella Coola newspaper), draft FSP available via public advertisement November 3, 2016, and November 17, 2016	No response received from public as a result of advertising.
North Island Gazette (newspaper), draft FSP available via public advertisement October 26, 2016, and November 02, 2016	No response received from public as a result of advertising.
Heiltsuk First Nation (HIRMD), draft FSP sent November 01, 2016	No response.
Ulkatcho First Nation, draft FSP sent November 01, 2016	No response.
Nuxalk Nation, draft FSP sent October 25, 2016	<p>Nuxalk Nation informal comments received December 6, 2016.</p> <p>DCFP-NFLP response December 7, 2016.</p> <p>Nuxalk Nation formal comments received December 12, 2016.</p> <p>DCFP-NFLP response March 22, 2017.</p> <p>Nuxalk approval April 20, 2017.</p> <p>FLNRO forwarded Nuxalk Stewardship Office comments on June 8, 2017. Comments addressed in the Version 1.3, July 13, 2017 submission.</p>
FLNRO, draft FSP sent December 11, 2016, updated January 30, 2017.	<p>FLNRO comments received March 14, 2017.</p> <p>DCFP-NFLP and FLNRO (Jennifer Barolet) telephone meeting March 17, 2017 to discuss FLNRO March 14, 2017 comments.</p> <p>DCFP-NFLP comments from FLNRO addressed through FSP update March 22, 2017.</p> <p>Stocking Standards submitted to FLNRO April 21, 2017.</p> <p>FLNRO comments received June 16, 2017. Comments addressed in the Version 1.3, July 13, 2017 submission.</p>

APPENDIX 3 REVISIONS

Number	Date of Revision	Rationale
Version 1.0	November 1, 2016	Original FSP dated October 18, 2016 submitted for approval.
Version 1.1	January 25, 2017	Revisions to the FSP incorporate comments received from Nuxalk Nation.
Version 1.2	May 10, 2017	Revisions to the FSP to incorporate comments received from FLNRO.
Version 1.3	July 13, 2017	Revisions to the FSP incorporate comments received from FLNRO and Nuxalk Nation.

APPENDIX 4 MAPS

APPENDIX 5 ADVERTISEMENT

**Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership
Dean Channel Forest Products Ltd.
Forest Stewardship Plan**

PUBLIC VIEWING

Notice is hereby given that Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership and Dean Channel Forest Product Ltd. will hold a public viewing and invites written comments on the proposed replacement Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) for Non-replaceable License A87259 and Timber License T00614.

Geographic areas covered by the FSP include the following Forest Development Units: Labouchere (FDU 1), FDU 3 (Saloompt), FDU 4 (Bella Coola), FDU 5 (South Bentinck), FDU 6 (Clayton), FDU 7 (Smitley/Noeick), FDU 8 (Taleomy/Asseek), FDU 9 (King Island), FDU 10 (Sutslem/Skowquiltz) and FDU 11 (Nascall), located in the North Island-Central Coast Resource District.

The FSP proposes result and/or strategies for objectives established under the Great Bear Rainforest Order (January 2016) and objectives set by government as specified in the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation and enabled by the Forest and Range Practices Act. The plan also includes stocking standards related to the establishment of free growing stands of trees and measures to prevent the spread of invasive plants as they relate to forest practices.

The plan is available for review and written comment for a period of 60 days starting on the date this advertisement is first published. It is also available for review by resource agencies. Following the 60 day review and comment period the plan will be submitted to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations for approval. All written comments received will be included in the final submission.

The FSP will be made available during normal business hours from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at the following location:

Nuxalk Forestry Limited Partnership	or	Dean Channel Forest Products Ltd.
Administration Office		Head Office
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Bella Coola, B.C.		1210-1111 Melville Street,
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To ensure a company representative is available to discuss the plan and receive comments or to arrange a meeting in an alternative location, interested parties should contact David Marquis, RPF at (604) 740-0603 or dmarquis@aatrading.com. Written comments should be clearly labeled "NFLP/DCFP Forest Stewardship Plan" and addressed to: David Marquis, R.P.F., Manager, Planning & Forestry.