

Management Plan No 2



Community Forest Agreement

K3G

Date of Submission:

 -for reference only

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I confirm that the Management Plan submitted is consistent with the Community Forest Agreement dated July 7, 2011 , all relevant forestry legislation, any applicable Higher Level plans under the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and any commitments agreed to by both parties to this agreement.

RPF signature Chris Laing, RPF	Company representative signature Greg Hemphill
Printed Name of RPF	Printed name of Company representative – <i>must be designated in Signing Authority matrix</i>

Part A: Linking community values to the management of the Community Forest

1. Mission Statement and Guiding Principles.

Mission Statement

As a dynamic entity that reflects the desire of the local community, our mission will be:

to manage crown resources in the most biologically sound manner addressing all resource uses and serving to diversify the local and regional economy;

to demonstrate excellence in business practices and sustainable forest management.

Guiding Principles

Powell River Community Forest Ltd supports the following guiding principles as high level direction to the governance and management of the community forest. These guiding principles inform and shape decision-making and assist in the attainment of the vision, mission, goals and objectives. The Powell River Community Forest will strive to promote their application by all those who work in and on community forest governance and operations.

- Ecologically sound forest practices are vital to ensuring the health and wellbeing of our lands and water for future generations. The best available information and professional recommendations will be sought in planning and decision making processes.
- Forest management planning and operations will consider potential impacts to water quality, quantity, and timing of flows to ensure consumptive use quality and quantity. Management will aim to pursue opportunities to realize the best return from timber harvesting, provide sufficient revenue to pay for management of the Community Forest and provide a financial return to the shareholders and the community.
- The administration and management of the business will be conducted in a professional manner that strives for economic efficiency while promoting environmental and social values.
- PRCF will be compliant with all legislative, regulatory and legal requirements and will seek opportunities for innovation and silvicultural enhancement.
- Forest management planning and operations will: respect existing community recreational areas and First Nations culturally significant areas. PRCF will work with stakeholders to minimize negative impacts to seek additional opportunities for recreation and cultural development.
- PRCF will make hiring local companies a priority for work on the community forest which will facilitate the growth of local business and community involvement.
- Safety is a key guiding principle. All forest operations will be carried out with the utmost regard for human welfare and safety.
- The Board of Directors will remain accountable to the community.

Linkage of Community Forest Program Goals to Management Goals

Mission Statement: refer to Part A #1		
CFA Goals	Linkage to Associated Provincial CFA Goals	Objectives
Management of the community forest will provide long term benefits for local residents	<p><u>Linkage is to the following Provincial CFA Goals:</u></p> <p>provide long-term opportunities for achieving a range of community objectives, values and priorities</p> <p>diversify the use of and benefits derived from the community forest agreement area</p> <p>provide social and economic benefits to British Columbia</p> <p>undertake community forestry consistent with sound principles of environmental stewardship that reflect a broad spectrum of values</p> <p>advocate forest worker safety</p> <p>foster innovation</p>	<p>maintain healthy and productive forest ecosystems.</p> <p>deliver sustainable forest-management practices.</p> <p>protect the water quality of Haslam Lake and Lang Creek Community Watershed.</p> <p>provide opportunities for local contractors, mill owners and value-added manufacturers.</p> <p>protect key forest recreation resources.</p> <p>achieve clear business and financial performance targets.</p> <p>use the profits as a foundation for investment in the community.</p> <p>carry out all activities in a safe, healthy and secure environment.</p> <p>be a forward looking business that considers future opportunities for enhanced business and operations.</p>
Incorporate community and cultural values into forest management and activities of the organization	<p><u>Linkage is to the following Provincial CFA Goals:</u></p> <p>promote community involvement and participation</p> <p>promote communication and strengthen relationships between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and persons</p>	<p>protect specific cultural and heritage features and interests on the land base.</p> <p>cultivate participation with local and overlapping FN and local user groups.</p> <p>provide local stakeholders opportunities for commenting on operational planning.</p>

2. Botanical Forest Products

The Community Forest K3G will not be harvesting or managing Botanical forest products

3. Consultation with other Forest Users

User	Measures to Identify	Measures to Consult
Trappers	Check Map Viewer for overlapping tenures. Area # 782141 & 782139	Contacted Jim Hopkins Feb 2, 2016 (current Trapper in Goat Lake area and previous Trapper in PRCF area). Jim said that there are no active trapping activities in the PRCF area and that Traplines overlapping the PRCF area have expired and/or are vacant.
Guide Outfitters	Brad Lister (Code AR84650000)	Contacted Brad Lister Feb 5, 2016. Brad had no concerns with planned Management Plan changes. Brad was also invited to the Feb 20 th Open House.
Range Tenure Holders	N/A	N/A
First Nations	Sliammon First Nation & shishalh Nation	Sliammon First Nation: - Dec 18, 2015: Emails, phone calls regarding planned changes to management plan and offers to meet and go over inventories, timber supply analysis and planned AAC increase. - Jan 19, 2106 - Follow up discussions with Sliammon referrals department. - Feb 5, 2016 - Follow up letter send to Chief and Council via referrals department. shishalh Nation: - Feb 5, 2016 - Letter send to Chief and Council via referrals department.
Community Members	Outdoor Recreation User Groups (ORUG), General Public	Open house planned for Feb 20, 2016. Notices will be sent out to ORUG and other members of the public and advertised in local papers. All inventory, timber supply analysis, AAC recommendations and management plan reports are posted on PRCF's website and available for public review.
Local Government	City Powell River	A presentation was given to city council on December 15, 2015 reviewing Inventory, Timber Supply Analysis and AAC Recommendation reports, and outlined the planned increase to the AAC.
Government Agencies	Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations	Open dialog regarding inventories and Timber Supply Analysis from the start of the project. Early submission to district (December 18th) for current: Inventories, Timber Supply Analysis and AAC determination reports.

4. Reporting

PRCF will maintain a website that will contain the following:

- a public notification system on current operations;
- annual reports to the community;
- opportunities for public comments on planned operations;
- minutes from board meetings;
- other information for the public.

PRCF will publish an annual ‘Report to the Community’ and circulate to the local community.

PRCF will maintain an “open door” policy for addressing and concerns brought forth by community members.

Part B. Establishing the Annual Allowable Cut

1. Proposed Allowable Annual Cut

The allowable annual cut (AAC) for CFA K3G is **35,000** cubic meters

2. Allowable Annual Cut Rationale

PRCF, over the past number of years, has been working towards reviewing its timber inventories culminating with a new timber supply analysis and a new proposed sustainable annual allowable cut.

The process began in 2012 with the purchase of LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) remote sensing data. In 2014, PRCF retained Ecora Engineering & Resource Group (Ecora) to provide an updated forest inventory specific to the community forest. Using data from the 2012 Lidar data base, 2013 air photo digital imagery, and operational data sets along with field sampling, Ecora produced a new Vegetative Resource Inventory (VRI), a new Terrestrial Ecosystem Mapping (TEM), and a new Timber Supply Analysis. PRCF then retained Jim Snetsinger, former BC Chief Forester, to provide recommendations and guide the PRCF Board of Directors through the process of setting a new AAC. All of these reports are available on PRCF’s website under the Documents Page (<http://prcommunityforest.ca/documents/>).

The PRCF board of directors considered these reports and recommendations with regard to community values, and is proposing to increase the AAC to 35,000m³, from the current AAC of 25,000m³.

The following factors were considered as part of the decision to set the AAC lower than the basecase sustainable harvest level identified in Ecora’s Timber Supply Analysis:

- precautionary principle – set the AAC at a lower level for the near term, then review how our assumptions fit and how the cut level is working with regard to maintaining other non-timber values.
- to allow a longer rotation to produce larger log sizes at harvest providing for additional products (such as poles) and increased log and stand values.
- to provide increased planning flexibilities for management of non-timber resources.

3. Timber Supply Review

The Timber Supply Analysis completed by Ecora Engineering & Resource Group considers:

- timber specifications proposed for the timber resources in the CFA area
- reductions that are necessary to facilitate the management and conservation of the non-timber resource values in the CFA area
- silviculture practices and forest health factors that may impact timber production
- the impact of permanent access structures on timber production

4. RPF Declaration

I Chris Laing RPF # 4613 declare that the TSR has met the requirements of section 6.02 (a)-(f) of the community forest agreement document

Signed _____ Date: _____