

2007/08 Guidelines for the SSSP in the Cascades Forest District

For up-to-date information on the Cascades Forest District Small Scale Salvage Program, visit our Small Scale Salvage website at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/dcs/Programs/sss.htm>

The SSS activities within the District will be delivered through Forestry Licence To Cuts (FLTC), competitive Intermediate Salvage Licences (ISL) and Salvage Non-replaceable Forest Licences (SNRFL).

A pre-plan application and a location map must be submitted to the Small Scale Co-ordinator before an area is approved (for more information see **Applications** header below).

District Priorities for the SSSP:

1. Traditional Small Scale Salvage
 - The main focus of the program is in non-epidemic areas i.e. blowdown, fire kill, and spruce-douglas fir bark beetles.
 - Spruce-fir bark beetle infestations are located mostly in the Whipsaw BMU and Placer BMU in the Merritt TSA and in most Beetle Management Units in the Lillooet TSA.
 - Areas greater than one hectare will be covered off by SNRFLs and ISLs. Prior approval for a direct sale (> 1 ha) must be granted by the district.
2. Other ministry/agency priority areas
 - These areas would include: hazard reduction along various rights of way such as hydro lines, roads, community fire interface, recreation sites and trails.
 - These areas will be harvested through a FLTC, an ISL or through a SNRFL. Note: agencies with a Licence of Occupation will be encouraged to utilize them and the SSS licensee can be issued an Occupation Licence to Cut (OLTC) by the MoFR.
 - Direct sales through a FLTC larger than one hectare will require prior approval.
3. In MPB epidemic areas
 - Small scale salvage can be used in special MPB circumstances, such as isolated patches of green attack in mixed wood stands.
 - Partial cut areas (> 1 ha), with residual stocking must be consistent with the stocking requirements of section 46(3)(b)(ii) of the Forest Planning Practises Regulations (FPPR).
 - Harvested areas (< 1 ha) must be in mixed wood areas only, small patches in pure pine stands are not allowed. An adequate buffer between harvested areas must be adhered to. Natural boundaries or tree species other than pine can be used as a buffer.
 - In MPB epidemic locations, Siwash (south of Shinish and Finagan Creek), Placer, Coquihalla and Otter BMUs in the Merritt TSA are recommended areas to utilized by the small scale salvage licensees. All these BMUs are mainly mixed wood-holding areas.
 - Prior approval must be granted by the district for any exception to the less than one hectare rule.

Silviculture Requirements:

- As per the Tim Sheldon's January 3, 2007 memo, all new FLTC approved after April 1, 2007 harvested under SSS that are less than or equal to one (1) hectare will require a silviculture levy. This ensures sufficient funds to cover the costs of reforestation in the district. Harvested areas must be restocked as per outlined in the *Reference Guide for FDP stocking standards*. Prior approval must be granted by the district for any silviculture levy exemptions.
- For openings ≤ one hectare, the average sawlog stumpage rate, Section Table 6-2 will be used with the addition of the interior silviculture levy.
- Silviculture obligations are not required in partial cuts (voids can not be >0.25 ha) and blocks ≤ 1.0 ha if the residual stocking is consistent with the requirements of section 46(3)(b)(ii) of

- the FPPR.
- A silviculture levy on grade 6 (Post & Rail) will be determined on a case by case bases.

Referrals:

- Discuss harvesting intent with Major Licensee
- Operate in areas where the Major Licensees are not interested in or will not be there for another few years
- Remove holding timber which the Major Licensee can not get to
- A written referral from the Majors, BCTS, Smallwood License giving their blessing to SSS licensee and explaining why this area is not of interest
- First Nation referrals can take up to 30 calendar days, if it will be longer than 30 days, the licensee and SSS tech will both get a response from First Nations
- Licensee must follow First Nation's checklist and provide a location map or First Nation may otherwise rejected a referral

Applications:

- A pre-plan application (on Cascades SSS website), a location map with directions on how to get to the site must be submitted prior to the submission of a FLTC application. Once the pre-plan is approved and a FLTC number issued then a FLTC application can be submitted. The application must be received within 60 calendar days of issuance or the FLTC number or the FLTC number will be is cancelled and the application not accepted.
- A standardized site plan and site plan amendment is provided on Cascades Website (see mandatory fields).
- The Stumpage Rate Request Form must be filled out and submitted with the FLTC application.
- WCB details required – 1) name of Licensee 2) term of licence 3) licence issuance (date) 4) volume under the licence 5) start of operations.

Mapping/Spatial:

- All SSS application packages must be submitted through Electronic Submission Framework (ESF) as of April 1, 2007. This may be done by the applicant or by hiring a service provider.
- Use of map overlays-proper OGMAs. Local data sets and their locations
- Site Plan Map requirements – Lats and Longs, north arrow, air photo numbers, location (directions to site), block size (ha) - gross and net area, BEC and subzone, SU, Map sheet number, scale, date, licence number, elevation, legend, silviculture system, block name
- Regional Overview Mapping - Maps by TSA
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DCS/external/!publish/Forest%20Health/2006%20Overview%20Flights/>
- Detailed Mapping for specific BMU's in the Cascades Forest District - please read the MUST_README.txt file first.
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DCS/external/!publish/Forest%20Health/2006%20Detailed%20Aerial%20Survey/>

Post-Harvest Report (PHR):

- Fill out actual harvest start date and harvest end date on the header
- Fill out the additional CSA reportable page.
- Use the PHR on the Cascades Forest District SSS website or in the FLTC package
- Applicable boxes must be completed or the PHR will be returned

Cut Block names must be: *Note: This information comes from the Silviculture Information Submission Guidebook*

- Alphanumeric (letters and numbers only)
- No more than 10 characters long
- Have no leading zeros (i.e. 123 is accepted, but 0123 is not)

- Special characters are not recommended (i.e. dashes (-) or underscores (_))
Spaces are not allowed

Other:

- The Cascade Forest District quota for this years fiscal (2007/08) is 100,000m³ which includes Forestry Licences To Cut (FLTC) and Intermediate Salvage Licences (ISL).
- Harvesting is permitted within the block boundary only except for danger trees. Danger trees within 1 1/2 tree lengths of the block boundary may be removed. Single green or red attack trees (halo trees) outside of the block boundary and /or skid trail is **not** allowed.
- Stay out of SNRFL areas unless permission is given by licence holder– see Cascade Website for map and location.
- Prior notice of harvest start date must be submitted to the Small Scale Salvage Coordinator (Rene.Pike@gov.bc.ca) and C&E Supervisor (rob.jonas@gov.bc.ca).
- Forestry licence to cuts will be cancelled and the application returned to the Licensee if the licence is not picked up within 30 calendar days of the date it was signed by the District Manager.
- Waste and Residue information submitted on the waste system. The attached links should give you everything you need to set up and submit surveys:
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/waste/index.htm>
<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hva/manuals/rwprocedures/index.htm>
- Licensee Checklist must be filled and attached to FLTC application.