

## Barriere LRUP Meeting Minutes

February 9, 2005

Facilitator: Dave Piggini

Time: 8:00 - 11:00 pm

Total Attendees: 46

### Issues from the Floor:

- 1) Bugs (MPB)
- 2) Cattle Management
- 3) Post Wildfire
  - Weed Control
  - Louis Creek Erosion
- 4) Proposed snowmobile trail at Sun Peaks to Blue River and ATV issues
- 5) Taweel Lake Road- Harvesting in summer issues
- 6) Access Issues
- 7) Cattle issues Lemieux Creek
- 8) North Thompson Community Forest Society NRFL location questions
- 9) One Resort owner would like to change the date of the LRUP meetings to be scheduled when they have a slow period.
- 10) March 1st Dam in Little Fort discussion.
- 11) Some concerns regarding trails being built without approvals.
- 12) Concerns also expressed regarding ATV damage in the Alpine areas of Green, Baldy and Harp Mountains.

### Presentations

#### 1) Weyerhaeuser- Dean Sjodin

- Additional 490,000 m<sup>3</sup> with MPB issues in plans
- Thuya and Caverhill resort owners contacted
- Vermelin Fire salvage complete

No questions other than operations clarifications from resort owners.

#### 2) BC Timber Sales (BCTS) - Kathy Danchuck

- 100% MPB harvesting focus
- looking at pine stands with greater than 40% pine component for harvesting.
- 400,000 m<sup>3</sup> cut in Kamloops District

**Question 2b)** Tolko, Weyerhaeuser and BCTS are all in the Nehalliston areas. If the public concern is who to contact for a specific concern, once the take back is finalized, new maps showing the area will be established and either BCTS or Field Services in the Ministry of Forests will have that information. If licensees are moving out of an area, they will still be maintaining their silviculture responsibilities until free growing stands are accomplished.

**2e)** BCTS is the arm of the Ministry of Forests (MOF) which develops and sells wood. This arm of government was established to resemble a major licensee. The work done in BCTS is separated from the work done in Field Services but both arms fall under the MOF. The reason for the development of BCTS is to establish benchmark pricing for crown timber through the competitive sales of crown timber.

Field Services role with regard to BCTS is the same as it is for the major licensees.

## Questions

### 2a) Concerns of Taweel Lake harvesting plans

Action: BCTS to set up meeting with resort owners before March 31, 2005

### 2b) Will BCTS take over Tolko operating area?

Answer: 20% volume take back required new boundaries to be defined by November 2005.

### 2c) Who monitors the BCTS licensees who purchase the wood?

Answer: C&E staff ensures compliance with their license document, and licensees must comply with the legislation.

### 2d) Who is responsible for the Nehalliston area?

Answer: Weyerhaeuser, Tolko finishing silviculture obligations.

2e) There appears to be confusion with the ministry of forests own staff and the roles of each department not knowing how BCTS fits in.

How is the general public supposed to understand who the departments are and what they do? Who do the resort owners contact regarding harvesting behind their perspective resorts?

## 3) Simpcw- Mike Lorimer

- Integrated Woods manages two licensees with partition cut and non-replaceable forest license (NRFL)
- harvesting hemlock partition cut for North Thompson Indian Band (NTIB)
- working the eastern portion of the McLure fire under NRFL
- Harvesting 75% complete on McLure

## Questions:

### 3a) Who pays the silviculture for the McLure NRFL

Answer: Simpcw pays Government to conduct reforestation.

### 3b) Is there a shortage of seedlings?

Answer: No, extra seedlings were ordered to address the demand.

## 4) Ainsworth- Mike Lorimer

- Integrated Woods planning for Ainsworth Pulpwood Agreement and looking at a number of areas.

No Questions

## 5) Tolko - Norm Fennel

- Darlington has most of Pine harvested
- Latremouille - more pine to be harvested
- Old cutting permits are being completed and silviculture being addressed
- Active harvesting plans in Nehaliston area west of the river
- Volumes Harvested
- 641,000 m3 pre 2003 fire
- 366,000 m3 new cut level after areas switch with Weyerhaeuser
- subtract 115,000 m3 as part of 20% volume take back
- 251,000 m3 new annual harvest rate

## Questions:

5a) Resort owner concerned of noise and dust during summer operations in the Rock Island area.

Action: Norm Fennel to continue to dialogue with resort owners. He may not be able to do much about the spread of MPB in proximity to their resort. There may need to be a stewardship meeting with resort owners in Taweel Lake area endorsed by the District Manager in the Rock Island, Mendon Lake, Taweel, Nehalliston

- 6) Gilbert Smith (Toby Geoffrey's)**  
- 2 FL and NRFL for Cedar Hemlock  
- 2 active permits in the Taweel Lake area

**Questions**

**6a) How far uphill will they go?**

**Answer:** Approx. 5 km from Taweel Lake

**7) MOF Range-Jim Fox**

- Range Use plans to be resubmitted for 2006 to address First Nation consultation requirements.
- Hwy 24 cattle on the Hwy, 2003/2004 not as much of a concern.
- Cattle from crown land onto private have been an issue. Under the Trespass Act, it is the responsibility of the Land owner to fence their property to keep cattle from their property.
- \$2.31/cow/month fee for grazing on crown land
- People can expect cattle in the Lemieux Creek in spring and fall.

**Questions**

**7a) A gentleman was told from the MOF last year that he was not required to fence his property and his Christmas tree permit. Mixed messages?**

**Answer:** must comply to the Trespass Act

**7b) Why was a local rancher allowed to feed his cattle grain on the road leading to the local resort. This cow \_\_\_ \_\_\_ is unpleasant to clients.**

**Answer:** The issue was new cattle in the area need to be trained of the area and attracted out of the area via the main road with the use of grain. Jim has spoken to the licensee.

**7c) Why is there an access road from the old Taweel Lake Road that was never agreed to?**

**Answer:** This road in under ownership. The owner is ok if the road is used for limited access if required.

**7d) Does a rancher need to submit a plan for the construction of new drinking holes?**

**Answer:** Yes and need to consult with First Nations.

**7e) There appears to be a lack of commitment from the ranchers to move the cattle & salt licks as part of their management. Why is there a conflict between the ranchers and the owners?**

**Answer:** If the owner wants to keep the cows out of his property, it is his responsibility to fence them out.

**8) Protection - Steve Schell**

- Fire Statistic comparison of 2003 to 2004
- 33% fewer fires in 2004
- 153 times more Ha burned in 2003 than in 2004
- 10% more lightning in 04
- 53% fewer fires in 04
- 16 applicable Filmon Review recommendations being addressed as part of addressing all of the recommendations.
- 60 hectares fuel modification and 40 Hectares range enhancement
- finished 2003 rehab activities (961 km of fire guard in total addressed.)
- Predictions for 2005 (Farmers Almanac)

- Similar to 2004 (average fire season)

**Questions:**

**8a)** Are the person caused fires inclusive of industrial operations and/or escapes from forestry operations.

**Answer:** Yes

**8 b)** Susan Garland would like a copy of the Filmon Review recommendations as she doesn't have access to a computer to view from the Protection web site.

**Answer:** Will send her a copy.

**9) Other Issues-** Dave Piggan

Trail Proposals as available will be subject to review.