

DRAFT Barriere LRUP Notes, February 20, 2006

The following is a summary of the Barriere/Nehalliston LRUP meeting held at the Barriere Community Hall on February 20, 2006. The Open House commenced at 18:00, with about 30 attendees prior to the meeting. Meeting started at about 19:00 and went overtime, until 20:30. Minutes prepared by Bill Ashman and reviewed by Leith McKenzie.

Attendees:

Leith McKenzie, Kamloops Forest District, Stewardship., Meeting Chair
Bill Ashman, Tenures Officer, Kamloops Forest District
Jim Fox, Kamloops Forest District, Range
Steve Schell, Protection, Kamloops Fire Zone
Brian Bondar, Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society
Herb & Jean Clough, Clough Rd.
Wim Houben, Barriere TV Society
Karin Bryner, Guido Beier, Nehalliston Fishing Lodge Ltd.
L.D. Loney, Caverhill Lodge
Margaret Houben
Steve Schell
B.J. Randall Harris
Wes Bieber, Weyerhaeuser
Peter & Marilyn Gardner, Clough Rd
Toby Jeffreys, Gilbert Smith
Duane Eustache
Jim Lewko, Johnson Lake Resort
D. Love, Legacy Valley Ranch
D. Cleavelly, East Barriere Lake
Murray & Jo-Anne Livingstone, Ranchers, Little Fort
Ludie Proulx, Proulx Ranch
Ian Mitchell, Mitchell Cattle Co. Inc.
Norm Fennell, Tolko
Ed Salle
Karl Rainer
Bill Cowan

Introductions and Expectations:

Everyone introduced themselves.

Chair requested any expectations for the meeting:

- What is purpose of gate on road to Jackpine Lake west of Thuya?
- Talk about gate between Darlington and Thuya.
- Concern about circular routes being created.
- Access/deactivation issues for range users.
- Discuss fencing issues.

-Logging of remaining Douglas fir in the burned over area. Why is the whole area being logged and what will be left?

Licensee Presentations:

- **Randy Harris, BCTS**

- shifting operations from DHW to DKA to address MPB.
- Looking for concerns in the targeted areas btw Birch lake and Machete Lake

Wes Bieber- Weyerhaeuser

- working in Patrick lake, Dum lake; planning in Akehurst Lake, Machete Lake area
- planning to move gate on road to Jackpine Lake
- may be part of Nehalliston LRUP?? Leith to investigate. *Gate installed to limit access to walk in lakes. Nehalliston Resort owner to be consulted and alternative access management strategy necessary.*

Brian Bondar- Lower North Thompson Community Forest Society (LNTCFS)

- LNTCFS in process of getting approvals
- 3 year Non-replaceable Forest licence in partnership with SIMPCW
- logging has started at Dunn then Cicero and Fadear Creek next year
- CFA- requires a management plan and timber supply analysis before license is issued
- hope to have license in approximately 4 months with logging following 2 months later.

Toby Jeffreys, Gilbert Smith

- Operations focussed in Blue River/ Tum Tum Lake
- Harvesting in Roundtop / Taweel this winter
- No new proposed development

Norm Fennell, Tolko-

The following was inserted from Norm's meeting notes.

Mt pine beetle

Kamloops TSA

The 2005 aerial survey results show more than fifty-five percent of PI leading stands older than 60 years have some level of attack. Red attacked stands mapped in 2005 represent a 250% increase over 2004. Estimates are eighty percent of the susceptible PI stands in the TSA will be attacked to some significant level. To keep up with the infestation the MOF has increased the AAC in the Kamloops TSA by 1.0 million m³. This volume will be allocated by Non-replaceable forest licenses (NRFLs) through public auction or issued directly to First Nations and Community Forests.

Taweel / Nehalliston / Darlington area

On the plateau west of the North Thompson there are high levels of beetle attack in every pine stand. Within two years all salvageable pine in Tolko's Darlington area will be harvested. Canfor is helping Tolko out with several large salvage permits.

2005 summary of silviculture

- Site preparation was carried out on 460 ha.
- Planting was completed on 500 ha.

2006 plans for silviculture

- Most of the blocks site prepared in 2005 will be planted in 2006.
- Site preparation is planned for 640 ha.
- Planting is planned for 500 ha.
- Road rehabilitation consistent with SP's – these are mostly in-block roads

Summary of 2005 harvest

- Blowdown and Mt pine beetle blocks were completed: 227 (Tuloon L), 231 (Taweel). We managed to hold off on starting blowdown and beetle blocks north of Tuloon Lake until after fish camp seasons (started mid November).
- Engineered gully crossing was built to access 227-4 and area between Moose Lake and Lemieux Creek. This route also avoided the original planned road on the south side of Moose Lake.
- Mt pine beetle: 230 (Thuya), 232 (Silver L), 233 (Nehalliston Cr)
- 857 (one burnt block left at Poison Cr)
- Weyco logged one salvage block north of Eakin Creek
- Completed 889 (2 blocks at Lemieux Cr)

Planned harvest in 2006

- Complete 233 (Cross-over road) and 235 (Thuya Cr).
- We may have to finish the salvage at Latremouille Lake this summer. A long process to get approval to cross the Hudsons Bay trail delayed us from starting. Now high log inventory levels may force us to halt logging.
- May harvest some of 848 (Heger Mt).
- BCTS will harvest A76901 (along highway 24)
- Canfor will harvest several large beetle permits in Darlington and Thuya.

Field work planned

- 236 being developed near Silver Lake
- Canfor looking at developing pine north of Silver Lake up to TFL boundary. They may also develop some pine blocks east of Moose Lake.

Tolko operating area reduction:

- The area west of Smith and Dumm Lakes and south of Eakin Cr has been transferred to Weyco.
- BCTS now has the area west of Taweel road and another area east of Cone Lake/ Nehalliston Creek up to Lemieux Creek.

Other licences overlapping Nehalliston area

- LNTCFS has 300,000 m3 beetle salvage licence

- Simpcw has 200,000 m3 beetle salvage licence
- Ainsworth has pulpwood agreement licence for deciduous

Issues relative to Tolko operating area brought up at the meeting:

- Cattleguard on 2500 road ineffective – Weyco logged a salvage block (NEH001) adjacent to the cattleguard location and have agreed to do what is needed to make it effective. This may mean building a drift fence across the block or moving the cattleguard.
- Range licensee asked about the old fence west of Deer Lake. Tolko logged a block (878-1) and built a new fence through the block to replace the old one. The remainder of the fence outside of the block has not been maintained and is on the ground in a lot of places. Tolko does not plan to repair this fence since harvest operations have not affected the fence outside of block.

Barriere watershed

2005 summary of silviculture

- Site preparation was carried out on 540 ha.
- Planting was completed on 530 ha.

2006 plans for silviculture

- Site preparation is planned for 790 ha.
- Planting is planned for 620 ha. These trees will be split over spring and fall plants.

2005 harvest summary

- Mt pine beetle: 332 (Blomley Cr – South L), 335 (Kozy L), 336 (Swale)
- 936 at Dixon Lake
- 926 (cable fire salvage)
- Transferred a Mt pine beetle permit to BCTS at Haggard Cr (26,000 m3) which is currently being logged

Planned harvest in 2006

- 342 at Windpass mine (LNTCFS will also be logging pine in blocks)
- 330 at Leonie Lake
- 346 at Haggard Creek
- Complete 333 at Dixon
- May log some of 312 (Swale) or 317 (Bendellin) if fire hazard pushes us into cooler high elevation permits

Tolko operating area reduction:

- In 2004 Tolko's area north of North L, east of Harper Cr, and west of Saskum L was transferred to Weyco.
- BCTS's new operating area includes Kozy Lake area
- The area of Tolko's Forest License in the Barriere will also be reduced for the Barriere Community Forest and possibly First Nations. We hope to know where these new tenures will occur by the end of the year.

Forest Stewardship Plan

- New format that replaces FDP
- Expect to have plan for public review in April
- Maps will not show proposed blocks
- Stakeholders such as ranchers, mining tenure, fish camps etc will still receive detailed cutting permit maps showing blocks and roads if they request.

Oliver Creek road deactivation plan

- Map of proposed deactivation of roads in the Oliver Creek area presented for comment. Woodlot owner glad to see aggressive deactivation plan.

Issues relative to Tolko's operating area brought up at the meeting:

- Cattle drifting south near cabins on East Lake. Concern that they are near surface water intakes for cabins. Jim Fox thinks the cattle may be using the trails cut for ATVs and waterlines by residents. He will look into.

Agency Presentations

• **Steve Schell, Kamloops Fire Zone**

- Steve reviewed the year end reports for 2005 and 2004 , covering wildfire areas, costs and causes. Usually 50/50 lightning to people, but more people caused in 2005
- Interface work happening at Logan Lake and Evergreen Estates
- provided assistance to research projects at Opax Mtn. and have carried out prescribed burns
- Fire zone focus is on fuel management rather than fire fighting

Jim Fox, Forest Service, Range

Range Use Plans: Range will be sending out approved plans with maps over the next couple of months. Ranchers need to know what is in their plan and amend as necessary.

Range Branch move: Now headquartered in Kamloops and will be working on Pine beetle initiative, grazing leases and invasive plants among other things.

Grass seeding and deactivation: 99% complete in fire area.

Last year's issue with cattle drift around E. Barriere Lake caused by trails associated with ATVs and water lines servicing cabins.

Meeting Summary

- Last years issue of ATVs in alpine areas is still ongoing.
- The recreation program (including Forest Service Recreation sites and trails) is now under Ministry of Tourism, Sport and Art (MOTSA).
- All points written on the flip chart were covered in discussion and presentations