

Bonaparte/Tranquille LRUP Notes, February 21, 2005

The following is a summary of the Bonaparte/Tranquille LRUP meeting held at the Days Inn on February 21, 2005. The Open House commenced at 16:00, with about 20 attendees prior to the meeting. Meeting started at about 18:00 and went to 20:30.

Minutes prepared by Mike Dedels and reviewed by Dave Piggin.

The LRUP occurred jointly with The Greenstone/Monte Hills and Pinantan/Sun Peaks/Badger/Devick LRUP's as there are many common concerns, Forest licensees and Agencies. Issues from the different areas are summarized on the individual LRUP files.

Attendees:

Dave Piggin, Kamloops Forest District, Stewardship etc., Meeting Chair

Darrell Harbidge, Snowmobile Association

Jeff Denomey, Kamloops Snowmobile Assoc

Jim Wymer, GKMA

Bob Leavitt, Rancher, Woodlot owner

Keith Ogilvie, AAFC

Zoran Boskovic, BCTS, Kamloops Planning

Steve Curnow, Weyco

Bruce Petch, BC Parks

Bill Ashman, MoF, KFD Timber

Jim Fox, MoF, KFD, Range

Ken Devick, Woodlot

Bob Gowans, Woodlot, Deanfield Ranch

Mike Grenier, Pagebrook, Six Mile

Terry and June Benesh, Skitchine Lodge

Don Lougheed, Rancher

Gloria Shish,

Susan Bondar, Woodlot Owner, Consultant

Ralph Michell, Woodlot, Rancher

Darrell and Joanne Skoglund, Alpine Wilderness Retreat

George Dance, Snowmobile Assoc.

Larry Bancroft, Kamloops Snowm.

Fred Young, Kamloops Fish and Game

Jack Stuart, Criss Creek Livestock

Patrick Rogers, Huston Cattle Co.

Jason Ladyman, Weyco

Dave McBeth, MOF SIR, Stewardship

Mike Dedels, MoF, KFD, Range

Phil Youwe, MoF, KFD, Range

Norm Fennell, Tolko

Fay Zilkowsky, Back Country Horsemen

Dan Hampton, Tranquille Valley Watersh.

Jim Millar, Heffley Lake Fish Resort

Craig Yungmeyer, Rancher

Ruth Madsen, TIES

George Little, Rancher

Gene and Greg Goodanetz, Ranchers

Expectations and Responses:

Everyone introduced themselves and went around the table to give expectations.

Expectations are summarized below along with the responses from the meeting *in italics*.

Snowmobile Club members had concerns with Weyco's harvesting of the Porcupine area in the winter, as their access to the area was disturbed.

Jason acknowledged that there had been a communication problem. Members should talk to Chris Nelson at Weyco about recovering costs incurred for fixing up access and future communication regarding winter logging in the Porcupine.

Snowmobilers also had concerns with Weyco's "North-South road", connecting Watching Creek to the Beaverhut as it opens up hunter access to the Cariboo Meadows, a prime Moose area. *Jason Ladyman responded that road was blocked at the south end. Members thought blockage was not sufficient and there should also be one at the north end. Jason is not sure of the future need for this road with closure of the Vavenby Mill. They will look further at deactivation.*

Dan Hampton presented some Tranquille Watershed concerns:

- Ability to control interface areas above private properties, can they cut with Firewood permit? *Should discuss with Bob Beck at Kamloops Fire Zone and look at the possibility of tenure to thin out trees.*
- Logs that have fallen off trucks into LDB Park. *Bruce Petch will talk to Dan re logs that have fallen into LDB Park. Interfor will be logging Red Plateau under their NRFL so they may be interested in these logs. Contact would be Marino Bordin.*
- Monitoring of impact of harvesting and logging on fur-bearers. *Bruce Petch will pass on concern re fire/logging impacts on fur bearers to Kurt Kier at WLAP.*
- Ability to control Tranquille Creek for the watershed users, as Tranquille Farm maintains the A licence. *Contact for water licence concern would be LAWBC, Kevin Dickenson.*

Darrell Skoglund of Alpine Wilderness Retreat brought up a number of concerns with the Elbow Lake area:

- Will it be going into Bonaparte Park? Is there another status besides Park that could cover this area that is now in Kamloops District? *This will be addressed by the LRMP. Information needs to go to Ernie Maynard with SRM.*
- How to improve aesthetics of beetle logging around the Park.
- Elbow Lake access concern. Resort would like emergency access and some access other than fly-in for less well off clients. Says that even though they have stopped using the old road, others still are. Maintaining as fly-in only is limiting their clientele. *Bruce Petch spoke regarding the question of future access for emergency use to Elbow Lake (would need to go through existing Park) This will be discussed at LRMP in June. Ruth suggests that if Elbow access is to be opened up and there is to be more logging in the area that Elbow be left out of the Park*
- Concerned with Lake levels after fire, potential problems with the Bonaparte fire rehab. *Referred to Brent Olsen, Stewardship. Fox notes that rehab was done out of the Cariboo Fire Center.*

Terry Benesh asked about protecting meadows through lakeshore harvesting guidelines. *There was some concern from the group that these guidelines don't limit access. Guidelines depend on the size of the meadows.*

Resident asked if Beetle logging would quicken development over Deadman Creek west of Home Cabin Lake. *Jason L says that with distance from town, beetles everywhere and DFO concerns access is likely to be temporary only. Dave Piggin discussed uplift for beetle and burned wood logging totalling 1.67 million cu.m., more than doubling the cut in the District.*

General concerns:

Ruth Madsen passes on concerns from Members of the **Thompson Institute of Environmental Studies (TIES)** regarding fire rehab. These include concerns about when planting is going to occur, erosion problems, and perception of too much grass seeding. *Phil covered off amounts and reason for seeding in the Range presentation. Forest licensees reviewed their planting plans. Tolko will be planting Strawberry NRFL under contract from KIB. Erosion problems have been quite limited.*

Agency Presentations

- **Phil Youwe** gave a PowerPoint presentation on Range fencing and seeding work done on the 2003 wildfires. Less than 20% of the burned area was seeded, with seeding done for erosion control, weed control and forage. About 124 km. of fencing has been done, with most to replace fencing burnt in fires, and a significant amount to replace burned natural barriers. The most extensive fencing was on the McClure fire. Phil also discussed new range use plans under FRPA being done over Kamloops and Clearwater Districts.
Weed control is being handled out of the Southern Interior Region for 2005.
- **Bruce Petch, Parks** reviewed some of the concerns brought up in Parks:
 - No control of Mountain Pine Beetle happening in Parks as the problem is too large to handle. Some tree removal being done for safety, starting now at Tunkwa.
 - See Elbow Lake concerns above

Licensee Presentations:

- **Jason Ladyman, Weyco**
 - On the TFL Weyco has harvested over 200,000 m of burned timber and planted over half in 2004.
 - Burned wood quality went down faster than hoped and isn't even very valuable for pulp.
 - Pine beetle spreading rapidly, and even into areas above 1600 m. Beetles moving in slowly around Elbow Lake, and not too active so far in the Bonaparte/ Lupin Lakes area.
- **Norm Fennell, Tolko**
No more operating area in Bonaparte /Tranquille. Still have some silviculture obligations. Ruth Madsen wanted to check map for areas swapped. This will be supplied for her
- **Zoran Boskovic, BCTS**
Covering the same operating areas as previous, but that will change with take-backs. Has maps for blocks in the Tranquille area

Meeting Summary

All points written on the flip chart were covered in discussion and presentations.