

**LOCAL RESOURCE USE PLAN MEETINGS 2004  
Deadman Valley**

**ATTENDEES:**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>RANCH/COMPANY OR AFFILIATION</b>
David J Piggan	Kamloops District
Harold Heslop	BCWF/KDFGA
Darren Blom	West Fraser
Steve Schell	Protection
Don Brown	Ainsworth
Jason Ladyman	Weyerhaeuser
Jerry Steves	Steves Holdings
Kane Copley	West Fraser
Kathy Danchuk	BCTS
Jim Fox	MOF Kamloops District
Walter Martin	Singing Lands
David Smith	Kamloops Naturalists
Dennis Keeping	Silver Spring Ranch
John Philip	Ranch

1. Introduction
  2. Old Business – minimal or no discussion
  3. Participant concerns: (3 kinds) – Erosion – creeping red fescue, root, steep slopes  
Weed limit spread, 10 kg./ha.  
Forage
    - Barriere at Skull Mountain, 5 lb./acre MOF (no legumes species that closely resembled native species)
    - Forage production – clover fix nitrogen
    - April/May or snowpack
    - Grass seed may minimize fence
    - No native grass seed available
    - Seed away from riparian and wetter areas (wetter areas have kentucky blue grass)
    - Not shade tolerant. 20 years the domestic species drop off
    - Letter from Naturalist club – Skull Mountain MOF staff present re: research
    - Fear is the unknown
- \*\* Plateau pasture – patch logging around main water source – seedling being grazed predict
- \*\* Looked at with Jeff current damage – address with Jerry move cattle **North**
- Trespass AUM and Salt Block
- \*\* Field Check in spring
- Deer and horses and cows (Jeff)

### **DON BROWN**

- No harvesting
- Planting will be continuing
- Livestock damage not an issue
- \*\* Sk7ain no harvesting in this year

### **WEST FRASER**

- Mountain – recce couple areas
- In one month will be done
- West Momich Lake development under way all summer
- Tobacco Mountain – Final paper in the next month
- Letters to ranchers to consult (Ron Bendzak)
- All beetle logging
- Sparks Lake – going North
- Trucking going North avoid school times

### **BCTS**

- Beetles, beetles, beetles
- Sabiston - small amount, no logging at this time
- Mow Creek – extensive beetle flight – before flight. May log after flight. (concerned for the delay)
- Salvage and broad reduction is the issue

### **JASON LADYMAN – WEYCO**

- Vavenby sawmill
- 3 shifts – in Kamloops 60F - 40 Pl
- 90% FL – beetlewood, Gisborn, Watching, Jules
- TFL35 – 82% beetle Pl
- 300,000m<sup>3</sup> Fire Kill 125,000 m<sup>3</sup> block
- FL/NRFL's
- Priority rating stand – No absorption left. Having to let some areas go
- Stage of letting area go
- New Legislation all green wood April 1, 2007 then waste billed
- XBAR J. private land logging beetle. Aspen Mix Pl is being hit
- Skeetchestn FL is in bad shape
- Jules Lake
- \*\* WoodLot
- Not bringing wood down the main Valley
- Drivers new and new people
- Competitive price and more likely by night outfits
- Question – Tolko - Thorkelson

## **STEVE SCHELL**

- Records set
- Size, intensity, speed, army deployment
- 5 Major in this zone
- No house insurance
- Mill burned
- # Statistics
- # Aircraft costs not

What lost revenue? Don't know

- huge deployment of helicopters
- First Priority – Life and Property
- I.A.
- Project Fires
- Army (Trained and Supervision)
- Fire Specialist Teams
- McClure

What can be done to keep Fire costs down?

- Insurance
- Fuel management by harvesting in valley floor – Mow/\_\_\_\_\_ is Crown, North
- Prescribed fire required. Using fire to reduce fire risk
- Private property reference material
- 3 pilot, (2 Tanker/1 helicopter)
- no residents killed
- 50,000 evacuations
- Tourism – impacted

2 Fires – Walter – scary bombing it, any notice. No one could tell us whether or not to evacuate.

Gary Filmon Review – direct impact, communication – no fire over there

\*\* Fire Commissioner's (offices)

\*\* Challenging worked out

- starting crews early, radio communications

\$8,000,000/600 km. Fireguard, streams, riparian - 90% complete

- Outstanding grass seeding, active aerial seeding
- 2004 prediction for same as 2003
- 1 in Kamloops – low moisture content

## **JIM FOX**

- seeding proposing for forage – 3 kg./ha.
- referrals sent to advising
- \*\* No negative comments due to the low rate of seeding
- \*\* Snow pack seeding/freeze through the cracks and better germination 10% - good result
- seed order Canada #1 Weed Free
- \*\* Range front – drought we don't know
- Water developments must be pre-approved and must consult with First Nations

- FRPA – training for Tenures/Range Use Plans (Dec. 31, 2005) Tenure Holders must do the plan
- \*\* Forest Licence/Forest Development Plan - seen by Range staff
- RU Plan – 10 pages long
- \*\* Letter go it
- \*\* Received 3 summaries from Summary and Plans
- \*\* Range Bills have been deferred March 31<sup>st</sup> payable
- \*\* Weed program managing by Region – No spraying by District
- \*\* Biocontrol program - undergo
- \*\* No budget
- \*\* Fires 150 km. of fence approved. Keep livestock out of fires in Spring.
- \*\* New noxious weed – Field scabious

The Skeetchestn Indian Band was not represented at the meeting due to a bereavement. Don Ignace asked David Piggan (subsequent to the meeting) to include a letter with the minutes. A pdf of the letter is attached.