

## **Pinantan/Sun Peaks/ Badger/ Devick LRUP Notes, February 21, 2005**

The following is a summary of the Pinantan/Sun Peaks/ Badger/ Devick 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 Bonaparte/Tranquille 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 Association** concerned with maintaining use behind Sun Peaks. They reported that the Cat Skiing operator has been discouraging snowmobile use.

*Dave Piggin says there are no plans for changes of snowmobile use at Sun Peaks.*

**Heffley Lake Fish Resort** has concerns with status of Beetle near the resort, particularly harvesting during their season.

*Weyco noted this concern re planning of the Cold Creek blocks. DTM's show that these should not be visible.*

**Don Lougheed** was concerned with logging truck use on the McGillivary Meadow Road. This is a 70% road and the culverts are apparently sinking from heavy traffic. *Weyco notes this concern. With most of the fire harvesting now done this should be less of a problem. Zoran said that he would take this concern back to BCTS.*

**Craig Yungmeyer** concerned with burned standing timber left on the Seven O lease after KIB has finished salvaging under NRFL. They have been told they can't salvage harvest on the lease. *Bill Ashman and Dave Piggin referred to this concern. There may be Small Scall Salvage opportunity*

**Susan Bondar** wondered about public input regarding the proposed Sun Peaks to Blue River rec trail. *Dave Piggin has seen no application for trail come through to the Forest Service. If it was a commercial development it would have to go through LAWBC.*

#### **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 has gotten too large to handle. Some tree removal being done for safety, starting now at Tunkwa.

#### **Licensee Presentations:**

- **Steve Curnow, Weyco**
  - There is over 200 ha of MPB area laid out in the Pinantan area.
  - Not much logging planned near Sun Peaks
  - Small 2 block permit off of the Louis Creek road
  - A few small blocks off of the Siwash road may not get finished due to warm weather.
  - 2 new blocks proposed either side of the Cold Creek road

- **Norm Fennell, Tolko**

- Tolko is out of everywhere in this LRUP except to the north of Sullivan Lake. They will be planting their fire salvage blocks this year
- There is a beetle salvage permit developed near Sullivan Lake. Public meeting to discuss this and Weyco's plans for the area at the Heffley Creek Hall on March 2, 2005
- Still have some silviculture obligations. Ruth Madsen wanted to check map for areas swapped. This will be supplied for her
- See attached report, following meeting summary

- **Zoran Boskovic, BCTS**

Covering the same operating areas as previous, but that will change with takebacks.

### **Meeting Summary**

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

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Tolko submission:

Badger/ Devick LRUP  
Tolko Industries – Norm Fennell

Feb 21, 2005

Mt pine beetle

The Mt pine beetle epidemic continues to grow. On average the annual expansion from 2003 to 2004 has been 300% to 600%. This is the area of red attack mapped by the MOF and represents the area killed by the pine beetle from the year before. In the Kamloops TSA 30.7% of the timber harvesting land base is comprised of pine leading stands. In total, 54 million m<sup>3</sup> of mature pine stands with more than 50% pine and older than 80 years area at risk of infestation. The MOF estimates that there is more than 2.5 million m<sup>3</sup> of merchantable pine that is infested. Out of the AAC of 2.6 million m<sup>3</sup> only 1.0 million m<sup>3</sup> of pine is harvested annually. To keep up with the infestation the MOF has increased the AAC in the Kamloops TSA by 1.0 million m<sup>3</sup> for the next 3 years. This volume will be allocated by Non-replaceable forest licenses (NRFLs) through public auction or issued directly to First Nations and Community Forests.

2004 summary of silviculture in the Badger Heffley area

- Site preparation was carried out on 271.5 ha (136.1ha st/135.4ha exc).
- Planting was completed on 745.3 ha (incl 102.5 replant due to fire).

2005 plans for silviculture in the Badger Heffley area

- All of the blocks site prepared in 2004 will be planted in 2005.
- Site preparation is planned for 29.2 ha.
- Planting is planned for 430.8 ha (PI 309.2ha/RPL 4.8ha/XPL 116.8ha)

2004 summary of harvest operations

- 571, 574 and 599 were fire salvage CPs

2005 harvest plans

All cutting permit development is focused on Mt Pine beetle:

- We are working on one beetle salvage permit north of Badger Lake and have scheduled a meeting with the Sullivan Lake residents on March 2 7:00 pm at the Heffley hall.

Tolko operating area change:

- The southern portion of Tolko's operating area was transferred to Weyco a year ago. A line running east west through the middle of Sullivan Lake is the new boundary.
- Tolko no longer has an operating area at Pinantan Lake, Heffley Lake, Sun Peaks, Greenstone, Lac le June, Monte Hills, Martin Mt, Tranquille Cr or Red Lake. Our only activities in these areas will be silviculture obligations such as site prep, planting, brushing and weeding, and surveys.
- Tolko just inherited a small area from Riverside in the George's Creek /Roche Lake area. The area includes one approved cutting permit for 90,000 m3.
- Tolko will lose additional area to BCTS and First Nations this year.