Silviculture Trial

Trial summary

Title: an informal operational trial of cattle grazing for site preparation and conifer release

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Location: Kitseguecla valley, and lawson 150 road

Region/ District: Prince Rupert Region/ Bulkley forest district

Objective: to determine the effectiveness of cattle grazing for site preparation and conifer release.

Grazing strategy: one block will be site prepared using cattle, then obstacle fill planted. The cattle will make a second pass through this block to reduce brush and vegetation snow press. A second block is stocked but has heavy herbaceous competition. The cattle will make one pass to remove herbaceous competition promoting conifer release, and reducing vegetation snow press. Brush will be both grazed and trampled. Should excessive seedling damage occur the contract will be cancelled.

Progress: The working plan is in preparation

Next scheduled assessment: Trial to be established in mid May 1993.

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