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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Ministerial Order

Land Use Objectives for the Lizzie, Mamquam, Tuwasus, Sloquet High, Sloquet North, Sloquet South Landscape Units, located in the Sea to Sky District

Part 1 - Interpretation

- 1) Pursuant to Section 93.4 of the *Land Act*, the following objectives are established as land use objectives for the purposes of the *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)* and apply to old-growth management areas (OGMAs) within the Lizzie, Mamquam, Tuwasus, Sloquet High, Sloquet North, and Sloquet South Landscape Units (LUs), as shown in the maps set out in Schedule A and contained in the old-growth management area spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (WHSE_LAND_USE_PLANNING.RMP_OGMA_LEGAL_CURRENT_SVW).
- 2) If there is a discrepancy between the areas shown in the maps attached as Schedule A and the OGMA spatial layer stored in the Geographic Warehouse (WHSE_LAND_USE_PLANNING.RMP_OGMA_LEGAL_CURRENT_SVW), the areas as detailed in the OGMA spatial layer will take precedence.
- 3) Nothing in, under or arising out of this order either abrogates or derogates from any aboriginal rights, aboriginal title or treaty rights of any applicable First Nation, nor relieves the Province of any obligation to consult with any applicable First Nation.

Part 2 - Objectives

The Objectives for Old Growth Management Areas (OGMAs) are as follows:

- 1) Retain trees in the OGMAs identified in Schedule A, except to fell trees where necessary for any of the following:
 - (a) To prevent insect infestations or diseases posing a significant threat to forest health;
 - (b) To remove an identified safety hazard within road right-of-ways, recreation sites, or trails;
- 2) Retain trees in the OGMAs identified in Schedule A, except to fell an area of trees where necessary for any of the following:
 - (a) To enable a safe falling boundary on a block immediately adjacent to the OGMA;
 - (b) To enable road or bridge construction for access to resource values beyond or adjacent to the OGMA, and no other practicable option for road or bridge location exists;
 - (c) To improve guyline clearance, tailholds, or tiebacks for guylines;
 - (d) To improve wind firmness along block boundaries.
- 3) The area of trees felled in an OGMA as provided in Part 2 (2) will not exceed the lesser of:
 - (a) Two hectares, or
 - (b) Five percent of the OGMA area.
- 4) The provisions in Part 2 (1) and (2) do not apply to the following OGMAs:
Lizzie LU: SRY_321_002, SRY_321_007, SRY_321_011, SRY_321_018, SRY_321_025, SRY_321_039.
Mamquam LU: SRY_309_55, SRY_309_006, SRY_309_077, SRY_309_035, SRY_309_102, SRY_309_110, SRY_309_112.

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Part 3 – Identification of Replacement Area and Communication

- 1) The trees felled under Part 2 (1) are to be left on-site to function as coarse woody debris, except where they pose a significant risk to forest health.
- 2) The licensee will identify an equivalent area of trees to replace the area of trees felled under Part 2 (2), and ensure each of the following conditions are met:
 - (a) The replacement area of trees is equal or greater to the area of trees felled,
 - (b) The replacement area of trees has equivalent or better stand attributes (i.e. age, site index, species distribution) than the area of trees felled, and
 - (c) The replacement area of trees is located according to the following order of priority:
 - (i) Connected to the OGMA subject to activities pursuant to Part 2 (2), in the same BEC variant;
 - (ii) Connected to a nearby OGMA in the same BEC variant;
 - (iii) A new area of trees located as close as is practicable to the OGMA subject to activities pursuant to Part 2 (2), in the same BEC variant.
- 3) The licensee will provide notice and documentation of the proposed area of trees felled under Part 2 (2), in addition to the proposed equivalent area of trees to replace the area of trees felled, to the district office with cutting permit, road permit, or other tenure application. Notice and documentation should include:
 - (a) A description of the proposed area and characteristics of trees to be removed from the OGMA;
 - (b) A description of the proposed replacement area and characteristics of trees required in accordance with Part 3 (1); and
 - (c) Spatial data (i.e. GIS shape files) to identify the proposed area of trees felled from the OGMA and the proposed replacement area of trees.

Part 4 - Effective Date and Transition

This order and the Objectives in this order take effect on the date that notice of this order is published in the BC Gazette.



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