

Landscape Level Planning

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What is Landscape-level Planning?

- The intent of landscape-level planning is to:
 - resolve overlapping government direction,
 - co-ordinate resource management objectives, targets and strategies at the landscape level, and
 - provide opportunities for meaningful engagement by Indigenous Nations and communities.
- Scale of planning is the management unit
 - TSA
 - TFL

What is Landscape-level Planning? (cont.)

- The landscape level plan is informed by:
 - land-use plans for the area,
 - by government objectives for resource values that are set in law,
 - Timber Supply Review and AACs, and
 - by the input of:
 - Indigenous Nations,
 - Communities, and
 - industry stakeholders.
- The development of the landscape level plan will be a collaborative process.
- *It is not a land-use planning process.*

What is Landscape-level Planning? (cont.)

- The management objectives in landscape-level plans inform the proposed forest operations of agreement holders, such as:
 - the size and location of cutblocks and roads,
 - non-timber values (e.g. biodiversity), and
 - reforestation strategies.

Why do we need it?

- FRPA has provided a sound framework for managing forest resources at the stand or site level

but

- collaborative planning remains a challenge at the landscape level.

Why do we need it (cont.)?

- the cumulative effects of forest operations on:
 - water,
 - wildlife habitat,
 - biodiversity and
 - visual quality;
- catastrophic effects of natural disturbances such as
 - wildfires and
 - insect infestations.
- In many areas of the province within the past few decades the landscape once dominated by mature and old forest has been transformed to one dominated by comparatively young forest.

Why do we need it (cont.)?

- Communities and Indigenous Nations are demanding a stronger say in how our forests are managed.

Who will hold the pen?

- In all cases the process will be collaborative.
- TSAs—government
- TFLs—licensees
- CFAs, FNWLs larger than 1200 (Int)/800 (Cst)ha can prepare the plan or defer to the TSA process.
- Woodlots exempt

When?

- The legislation and regulations enabling landscape level planning will be enacted in early 2021
- Forest management will transition from the current Forest Stewardship Plans to Landscape Level Plans over the course of the next decade.
- The order in which management units transition will be guided by the presence of willing partners and land management concerns.



Thank You