

Managing Forestry Activities on Provincial Public Land in British Columbia

Strategic Land Use Planning, Forest Landscape Planning and Operational/Site-level Planning are used together to direct forestry activities and guide stewardship of B.C.'s public land and resources.

Each type of planning has a valuable and complementary role in managing forestry activities to advance reconciliation, strengthen the economy, address climate change and enhance sustainability.

Forest Landscape Planning is being introduced to help translate high-level strategic land use planning direction to specific forest management areas and bridge the gap between strategic land use planning and operational/site-level planning.

Strategic Land Use Planning	NEW Forest Landscape Planning	Operational/Site-level Planning
<p>Sets legal direction under a cabinet approved land use plan</p> 	<p>Sets legal direction under the <i>Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)</i> Must be consistent with an approved Strategic Land Use Plan</p> 	<p>Must follow an established Forest Landscape Plan or propose variances to the plan for government approval</p> 
<p>Strategic Scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is conducted in partnership with Indigenous governments Engages local governments, stakeholders and the public in the planning process 	<p>Tactical Scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is conducted in partnership with Indigenous peoples Is conducted in collaboration with forest and range license holders under <i>FRPA</i> Enables deeper engagement with local governments and stakeholders 	<p>Operational Scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promotes cooperation with forest and range licence holders Provides the opportunity for all stakeholders and the public to comment on road and cut block locations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sets objectives and direction for natural resource stewardship and management across the natural resource sector Establishes the foundation for healthy, transparent and collaborative natural resource management Balances economic, social and environmental interests 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns broad forest management direction from one or more Strategic Land Use Plans that overlap the Forest Landscape Plan area Applies that direction to specific forest management areas, such as timber supply areas, tree-farm licences or large, area-based forest tenure(s) Directs where and how forestry activities can occur (e.g. timber harvesting, road layouts, silviculture activities) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensures operational forestry activities are consistent with Strategic Land Use Plans and Forest Landscape Plans Defines where roads and cut blocks will be located consistent with Strategic and Forest Landscape Plans
KEY OUTCOMES:	KEY OUTCOMES:	KEY OUTCOMES:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defines the location and nature of resource stewardship and management activities (through zoning) Outlines baseline conditions and sets monitoring requirements to help safeguard B.C.'s land and natural resources Considers the cumulative impacts of natural resource decisions Evaluates and prepares for the socio-economic effects of climate change on land and resource use over time Develops future resource use scenarios, establishes objectives, and provides guidance to achieve desired future states 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifies where forest activities can occur and harvesting methods Provides clarity on overlapping direction from strategic plans and tactical plans such as Wildfire Risk Reduction Plans and Access Management Plans Addresses changing conditions in a timely manner (e.g. wildfires, climate change) Considers potential environmental impacts from timber harvesting activities Uses computer modelling and considers cumulative effects to prepare for possible future forest conditions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides direction to forestry professionals regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the location and timing of road and cut blocks layouts harvest practice modifications to address potential environmental impacts (e.g. protecting sensitive watersheds)
<p>Long-Term Timeframe (not defined)</p> <p>Strategic Land Use Plan</p>	<p>10-Year Timeframe</p> <p>Forest Landscape Plan</p>	<p>5-Year Timeframe</p> <p>Operational Plan</p>