Cascades District

Agreement for Managing OGMA Consolidation Mapping

As Approved by DOIT Committee Members on July 15, 2013

Background:

The Old Growth Order in the Merritt and Lillooet TSA's is a non-spatial order. In order to manage the draft spatial Old Growth Management Areas (OGMA), licencees have agreed to retain specific mapped polygons - typically referenced as Old Forest Polygons in approved Forest Stewardship Plans. Licencees have included provisions within their respective FSPs that allow for the replacement of identified polygons. As multiple licencees may operate on the same land base, it is important to track, manage, and communicate these ongoing changes.

Issues:

The following issues exist for both the current data structure standards and for the standards proposed here. At the February 2013 DOIT meeting the following solutions to these issues were proposed;

- Tracking changes in both TSA's – maintain 2 separate files until licensees have completed updates for Lillooet and provided to Distirct by late spring/early summer 2013? At that point, 1 consolidated file with an attribute (TSA_Org_Code = "TME" or "TLI") will be created to differentiate between TSA's.
- Update schedule - published annually by/in January for now (licensees to provide updates to and by October 15 of each year) – see Process detail below
- Tracking multiple changes to a single polygon – change history is not required, we will track just the most recent change

Process:

Licencees, BCTS and MFLNRO agreed to the following process when making changes to the Old Forest Polygons:

1. This document is the responsibility of the District Operational Implementation Team. Proposed changes to this document should be directed to that committee.

2. The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO), in partnership with fellow licensees, agrees to receive, consolidate and host OGMA data as a logical central location. Please be advised that the MFLNRO is simply acting as the host of the data and consolidated OGMA map. It is incumbent upon each licensee to ensure the consolidated OGMA mapping product (as amended from time to time) is an accurate representation of the submitted deletions/additions and is consistent with commitments as outlined in your respective FSP's

3. The Licencees, BCTS or MFLNRO will keep track of all changes, both additions and deletions, made to Old Forest Polygons.

4. The Licencees, BCTS or MFLNRO responsible for modifying the Old Forest Polygon layer will save their file(s) containing only the changes annually, current to and by **October 15** of each year, to the following FTP Site; **ftp://ftp.for.gov.bc.ca/DCS/external/incoming/OGMA_updates_4_DCS/** in either the **Merritt** or **Lillooet** subdirectory. The file(s) will contain **only** the relevant added or deleted areas along with the appropriate attribute data identified below. The file(s) will be in either a Geodatabase or shapefile format.

5. Updates will be consolidated by Cascades District (MFLNRO) staff, with the most current consolidated Old Forest Polygon layer made available annually by **January 2**, via the following FTP site; **ftp://ftp.for.gov.bc.ca/DCS/external/!publish/FSP_Local_Data/Licensee_Data/**
   Other parties interested in updating and submitting their own Old Forest Polygon layer, can use this dataset as their starting point.

6. Each portion of an Old Forest Polygon which is modified (added or deleted) will be identified in the spatial data with the following attributes:

Field Name	Data Type	Field Length	Allowable Codes	Description
OGMA	Text	2	Y ; N	Mandatory
Lic_Name	Text	50	<Null> ; *<Licensee Name>*	Mandatory when changing data
License	Text	6	<Null> ; *<License #>*	Mandatory when changing data. Block resulting in Old Forest polygon deletion or replacement
CP	Text	4	<Null> ; *<CP #>*	
Block	Text	10	<Null> ; *<Block #>*	
ChangeCode	Text	12	<Null> ; Delete ; Add	Mandatory when changing data
ChangeDate	Date	dd/mm/yyyy	<Null> ; dd/mm/yyyy	Mandatory when changing data
Comments	Text	255	<Null> ; *<Any Comment>*	Optional when changing data
TSA_Code	Text	3	TLI ; TME	Mandatory

Attribute Examples:

Deleted areas should be coded as:

Field Name	Allowable Codes	Description
OGMA	N	Mandatory
Lic_Name	*Licensee Name*	Mandatory - Name of Licensee doing the deletion
License	*A12345*	Mandatory - License # for block causing the deletion
CP	*567*	Mandatory - Cutting Permit # for block causing the deletion
Block	*89*	Mandatory - Cut Block # for block causing the deletion
ChangeCode	Delete	Mandatory
ChangeDate	01/02/2013	Mandatory - Date of deletion. If the exact date of deletion is not known, then code this field with January 1st of the year of harvesting.
Comments	*<Any Comment>*	Optional - For example: "Minor incursion - No replacement required" or "Replacement found"
TSA_Code	TLI ; TME	Mandatory

Added areas should be coded as:

Field Name	Allowable Codes	Description
OGMA	Y	Mandatory
Lic_Name	*FLNRO-SSS*	Mandatory - Name of Licensee doing the deletion
License	*A12345*	Mandatory - License # for block resulting in the addition
CP	*567*	Mandatory - Cutting Permit # for block resulting in the addition
Block	*89*	Mandatory - Cut Block # for block resulting in the addition
ChangeCode	Add	Mandatory
ChangeDate	01/02/2013	Mandatory - Date of addition. If the exact date is not known, then code this field with January 1st of the year of addition.
Comments	*<Any Comment>*	Optional - For example: "Replacement Area" or "Recruitment area in existing OGMA - select harvest June 2010"
TSA_Code	TLI ; TME	Mandatory