THOMPSON RIVERS DISTRICT
SMALL SCALE SALVAGE

"2018/2019 STRATEGIC PLAN"

August 7th, 2018

PURPOSE:

To clearly describe the Thompson Rivers District's strategy for the Small Scale Salvage Program (SSSP):

- Where SSS activities will be deemed appropriate in the District.
- What District forest health impacts will be targeted for SSS activities.
- Which operational objectives will be applied to the scope of SSS activities.

Links: Provincial Strategic Plan and the Regional Strategic Plan
https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/forest-tenures/timber-harvesting-rights/licence-to-cut/small-scale-salvage

The role of the SSSP in the Thompson Rivers District is to:

- Harvest and utilize small volumes of timber that are dead and/or in danger of being significantly reduced in value, lost or destroyed and would not otherwise be utilized.
- Ensure small scale salvage operations take place within the context of overall, long-term forest stewardship, any relevant higher level plans, and economic objectives.
- Provide a source of opportunities for small independent operators.
- Reduce the spread of insects and disease to aid in the management of forest health
- Ensure safety is a priority.
- Ensure cost effective delivery of the program.
- Support Community Wildfire Protection projects.

APPLICATION & SCOPE:

- This Strategic Plan will be reviewed annually and will remain in effect until it is replaced.
- SSS will primarily be delivered through the use of Forestry Licenses to Cut (FLTC) < 2000 M3, or in some situations, competitive Intermediate Salvage Sales (ISS) < 5000 M3 may be considered to address specific objectives.
- All NSR openings > 1.0 ha will be reforested and a silviculture levy will be charged to cover associated costs to attain free to grow.
- In general, SSS applications will be entertained under the following situations:
    1. Safety concerns where dead and dying trees pose a threat to public safety
    2. Endemic fir and spruce beetle infestations which may include the use of trap trees.
    3. Endemic pine beetle infestations.
    4. "All species other than cedar" of blowdown and fire kill.
    5. Stands of dead timber that are considered isolated and abandoned
    6. Logging Residue (Eg: abandoned log decks, debris piles for chipping)
- SSS applications will only be accepted for unencumbered Crown land. Proposals will not be accepted on Tree Farm Licenses, Woodlots, Community Forests, Agriculture Leases, Extensions of Holdings, Deeded Land with Crown Timber Reserves, Grazing Leases, Parks, Riparian

Reserve zones, Wildlife Tree Patches or Old Growth Management Areas (certain exceptions may apply)

GENERAL FOREST CONDITIONS:

- Currently Fir beetle infestation levels are moderate with some high levels depending where it is in the district. The levels are expected to rise in 2018-2019 within and adjacent to fire damaged stands from the 2017 wildfires.
- Spruce beetle infestations were high in 2017 mostly in the northern portion of the Kamloops TSA.
- Balsam bark beetle infestations fell to less than half of the 2016 levels, 59,730 hectares.
- Spruce Budworm declined sharply in 2017 due to an aggressive spray program and Douglas-fir Tussock Moth declined slightly from the previous year.
- Pine beetle infestation levels are the lowest level in many years with a single spot of five trees near Bush Lake.

STRATEGIC GOALS:

- To ensure consistency with the directions set out in the Thompson Rivers District SSS Guidelines & Forest Health strategy, Kamloops LRMP and the Nicola Thompson Fraser Sustainable Forest Management Plan.
- To focus SSS activities in areas that would not normally be addressed through large or medium scale salvage operations
- To support other District objectives that fall within the mandate of the SSSP.
- To maintain a SSS program size that is commensurate with the resources allocated to the District to manage the program effectively.
- To utilize Professional applications and post harvest assessments to support administrative and operational delivery of the program.
- To ensure SSSP activities are consistent with good stewardship and do not negatively impact the ability of Major License holders or BCTS to achieve operational planning or certification commitments.
- To maintain communication and consultation with other clients, stakeholders, tenure holders, agreement holders and FN with respect to SSS activities.
- Support Community Wildfire Protection where possible
- In all bark beetle epidemic areas, SSS should be restricted to isolated patches of dead timber where block size is limited to areas where total harvestable volume will be < 2000 M3.

DISTRICT PRIORITIES/OBJECTIVES FOR THE USE OF FLTC's:

District SSS priorities are:

- Douglas Fir and Spruce Bark Beetle outbreaks
- Trap Tree programs deemed necessary by the District Forest Health staff
- Endemic Douglas Fir, Spruce and Pine beetle infestations
- Safety issues. Hazard tree removal along R/W's, rec sites, public trails, fence & hydro lines and private property
- Community Interface projects
- Dead stands of bark beetles in isolated patches < 2000 M3
- Fire killed timber/burnt wood
- Blowdown
- Logging Residue

ROADS/LANDINGS:

- Road Use Agreements must be made with *Road Permit holders*, *Primary Road Users* or *Private landowners* as required.
- Construction of permanent roads or landings is not permitted in the SSSP.
- Temporary access structures may be considered on a site by site basis.
- Existing deactivation may be reactivated, and upon completion of harvest must be restored to the original or better condition.

FUTURE PROGRAM CONDISERATIONS:

- Continue to promote synergies with other ministries and ministry programs.

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