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1.0 PURPOSE

To clearly describe the 100 Mile House Forest District's strategy for Small Scale Salvage (SSS) and Intermediate Scale (IS) related activities including:

- In which situation(s) SSS and IS activities will be deemed appropriate in the district.
- Which district Forest Health impacts will be targeted for SSS and IS activities.
- Operational objectives that will be applied to the scope of SSS and IS activities.

2.0 APPLICATION and SCOPE:

- This Strategic Plan will be effective until it is replaced.
- The SSS and IS activities within the District will be delivered primarily through the use of Forestry Licenses to Cut (FLTC), and in some situations, or to address specific objectives, Salvage Non-Replaceable Forest Licenses (SNRFLs).
- Activities associated with the 100 Mile House Forest District SSS program and IS may occur over the entire TSA (Map Attached), subject to the information provided further in this document.
- SSS applications will only be accepted for unencumbered Crown Land. Proposals will not be accepted if they are located on Woodlots, Agricultural leases, Grazing leases, extensions of holdings, Deeded land with crown reserves, or within the 100 Mile House Community Forest Agreement Area.
- The District SSS program will be managed for an issued FLTC volume target of 50,000 m³ per year. Any SNRFL volume associated with the SSS program will be additional to this.
- IS opportunities will be initiated by the district to achieve specific objectives including fuel hazard abatement, infrastructure protection, and district forest health objectives, and utilized in situations where SSS is not appropriate. There are no volume targets for IS activities.
- All IS activities will be conducted using competitively award FLTC's, with a maximum per license volume of 5,000 m³.

3.0 CURRENT FOREST HEALTH CONDITIONS:

- The Mountain Pine Beetle infestation has essentially run its course within the 100 Mile House Forest District and it is estimated that 85 to 90% of the mature pine component has been impacted. Large scale harvesting operations to salvage the damaged timber are ongoing. Over the past 3 years 85% of all the harvesting has been targeted to stands with a lodgepole pine component of greater than 70%.
- Douglas Fir bark beetle populations are fluctuating but remain at endemic levels. Harvesting of current attack Douglas Fir continues to be the primary focus of the district

Forest Health program, and is coordinated in close partnership with SSS program activities.

- Spruce and balsam bark beetle is at various levels of intensity throughout the district, and treatment options are conducive to both large and smaller scale salvage opportunities.
- Endemic levels of blowdown exist in portions of the TSA and may provide both large and smaller scale salvage opportunities.
- Various other forest health agents are present in the district, but due to the nature and/or magnitude of those agents they will not normally contribute to salvage opportunities.

4.0 STRATEGIC GOALS:

1. To utilize the SSS program and IS to support delivery of the district Forest Health Strategy and its associated treatment priorities.
2. To focus SSS activities in areas that would not normally be addressed through large or intermediate scale salvage operations, avoid small patch fragmentation across the landscape, support other district objectives, and result in minimal, if any, silviculture obligations to the MOFR.
3. To maintain a SSS program size that is commensurate with the resources available in the district to manage the program effectively.
4. To utilize the IS salvage tool to achieve district salvage objectives and priorities, where and when appropriate.
5. To maintain a viable niche for "Small Scale" harvesting operators in the 100 Mile House timber supply area.
6. To utilize professional applications and professional post harvest assessments to support administrative and operational delivery of the SSS program where appropriate.
7. To ensure SSS and IS activities are consistent with good stewardship and do not negatively impact the ability of Major License holders or BCTS to achieve operational plan or certification commitments.
8. To maintain adequate communication and consultation with other stakeholders, tenure or agreement holders, and First Nations, with respect to SSS and IS activities.

5.0 DISTRICT OBJECTIVES and PRIORITIES for the use of SSS FLTC's:

1. Focus SSS activities on Douglas Fir beetle in coordination with the district Forest Health program, small isolated blowdown patches, and areas adjacent to high value infrastructure (eg. Powerlines, GEF Range Fences, public roads, major Forest Service Roads) for purposes of safety and protection.
2. Remove the beetle infested timber component from specified "drybelt" stands that will result in a "free growing" stand post harvest; with a minimum stocking that is at least 20% greater than the applicable specified minimum stocking standard.
3. Remove the beetle infested conifer component from "Deciduous leading" forest types.
4. Provide opportunities to selectively harvest dead "House Log" quality logs from stands of dead timber.
5. Eliminate SSS FLTC activity in the larger pine and spruce forest landscape, except for those situations consistent with items 1 - 4 above.

5.1 DISTRICT OBJECTIVES and PRIORITIES for the use of IS FLTC's:

1. Target opportunities to achieve specific district objectives including danger tree and fuel hazard abatement, community and infrastructure protection, and district forest health objectives, where SSS is not feasible or appropriate.

5.2 DISTRICT OBJECTIVES for the use of SNRFL's:

1. Focus salvage harvesting where additional objectives such as protection of other land based values, protection of utility infrastructure, fuel management adjacent to communities, and hazard tree removal adjacent to travel corridors and high value range fences can be achieved.
2. All operational planning requirements and Silviculture liabilities associated with SNFRL activities will be the responsibility of the agreement holder.

6.0 ROADS:

- No new roads will be authorized to be constructed under the FLTC portion of the SSS Program.
- Road construction may be authorized in conjunction with IS activities.
- If using existing roads that are under some form of road tenure, a road use agreement will be required to be established with the holder of the road tenure.

7.0 IMPLEMENTATION:

- Details regarding the procedures, site eligibility, and other key aspects associated with the SSS program delivery in the 100 Mile House Forest District are as per the attached Appendix 1 entitled: "**District Small Scale Salvage Guidelines**" as amended from time to time.
- Details associated with IS FLTC's or SNRFL's will be included in tender packages associated with those opportunities.

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