

Nadina FD Stocking Standards Info Session

Objectives for the meeting (Sept. 17, 2013);

- Develop a common understanding of the risks associated with forest health in the context of stocking standards
- Review other considerations which impact stocking standards
- Discussions on the opportunities and challenges associated with changing stocking standards

Objectives for the meeting (Jan. 28, 2014);

- Review and Discussion of the Draft Revised Stocking Standards for the Nadina District and,
- Considerations for the development of an implementation plan



Situation Analysis

- What are we talking about?
 - Prospects for managed stands (resiliency, quality and yield) in the face of un-certainty (wrt; climate change, inventories, modeling, future forest policy, ect) and,
 - What can be done to minimize the risks of poor outcomes and improve the opportunities for preferred results



Situation Analysis

- Where are we talking about?
 - Nadina is not alone with questions and concerns for the mid-term timber situation and un-certainty about managed stands
 - Most of the MPB impacted areas of BC have similar concerns; the message may be somewhat different, come from different people but there is general concern
 - Examples;
 - FH; SDM &/or CMI results for Mackenzie, WL, Quesnel , Okanagan TSAs, *Decline of Plr in the southern interior* (Mather, Simard et al, 2010)
 - T4 SISs; Quesnel, WL, 100MH all had strong strategic support for “enhanced basic reforestation” as a preferred strategy
 - WL TSA sub-committee formed to review and revise stocking standards in response to concerns for FH and quality



Situation Analysis

- Who should respond?
 - As the consequences and potential responses are potentially significant and costly and involve policy and potentially legislation, there is need for a provincial perspective and response
 - However as this has started as a “ground up movement”, and the situations can be different, it is okay for local areas to take the lead
 - Professional foresters should be front and center in this process



Potential Risk Management Strategy

- Multiple Components;
 - Develop a comprehensive inventory, monitoring, research and analysis program to reduce the un-certainties wrt to managed stands, **and while this is happening**,
 - Implement “enhanced basic reforestation” on at least medium to good sites within reasonable proximity to infrastructure

