

GUIDELINES FOR PHSP/SP AMENDMENTS

MAJOR AMENDMENTS: These amendments impact other resources, other resource users, or concerned citizens. Advertising is required and revised Silviculture Prescriptions must be submitted for District Manager's approval:

Examples:

- a). A change of block size or shape which could impact the water quality of a stream for domestic use or fish habitat; impact on a wildlife sensitive area; adversely affect a landscape visual quality objective.
- b). A change of the silvicultural system from an alternative system to clear cutting.
- c). A change which increases the maximum proportion of soil disturbance and may materially affect other resources users or the public.
- d). A change from no treatment to prescribed burning or chemical site preparation, MSP to prescribed burning or chemical site prep; or a change from prescribed burning to chemical site prep. Note, these refer to changes not listed as alternative treatments.
- e). A change that is inconsistent with the Forest Practices Code of BC ACT or its regulations.

MINOR AMENDMENTS: Have no impact on other resource users, concerned citizens, protection of the soil or the overall objective of establishing a free growing crop according to all standards. Advertising is not required. It must comply with the requirement of all ACTs and Regulations. It must be adequate to manage and conserve the resources of the area in which it applies. It must not affect the public in a material way.

Every fourth minor amendment covering an opening requires a revised silviculture prescription on a new form. The District Manager will be notified via a brief explanatory letter and map (if applicable). Formal approval by the district Manager is required prior to carrying out the activity. Minor amendment letters must be signed and sealed by a registered professional forester.

NO AMENDMENT REQUIRED: These are cases of very minor changes. A letter informing the District Manager is required.

Examples:

- a) A change in year of harvest
- b) A change in CP or block number.
- c) A reduction in area harvested: covered by MLSIS