

Bulkley TSA Steering Committee Meeting



April 25th, 2023



Territorial Acknowledgement

- Gitxsan Nation
- Kitselas First Nation
- Lake Babine Nation
- Takla First Nation
- Wet'suwet'en

New Staff to DSS

- Taylor Rankin – Authorizations Technologist
- Mike Birks – Stewardship Forester

Action Items from October 25, 2022 Bulkley TSA Steering Committee Meeting

Action Item	Lead	Status
BCTS to continue Op Area selection conversation by developing working groups or scheduling individual meetings	Kevin Partington/ Glenn McIntosh	On Hold - There has been very little progress on the Bulkley TSA Operating Area Selection process. BCTS provincially (led by Provincial Operations) is putting together an Operating Area Selection Steering Committee to work on a process that can be used at the Business Area level. An update can be provided once this Steering Committee has been formed and a process has been defined.
Send map of planned WRR activities to TSA Steering Committee	Hans Erasmus	Done
Provide details of bark beetle forum scheduled for November 2022 to TSA Steering Committee	Celia Boone	Done
Post Summit Lake partial cutting presentation to FTP site after publication	Erica Lilles/ Jess Johnston	On Hold - Partial cutting paper has yet to be published
Notify TSA Steering Committee members when updated bark beetle polygons are available on Skeena Region Bark Beetle portal	Ben Timmerman	Done

Additions to Agenda?

Relationship between the Skeena Sustainability Assessment Forum and the Bulkley / Morice TSR

Leigh-Ann Fenwick / Jim Brown / Cam Bentley

Bulkley & Morice Timber Supply Review and Skeena Sustainability Assessment Forum

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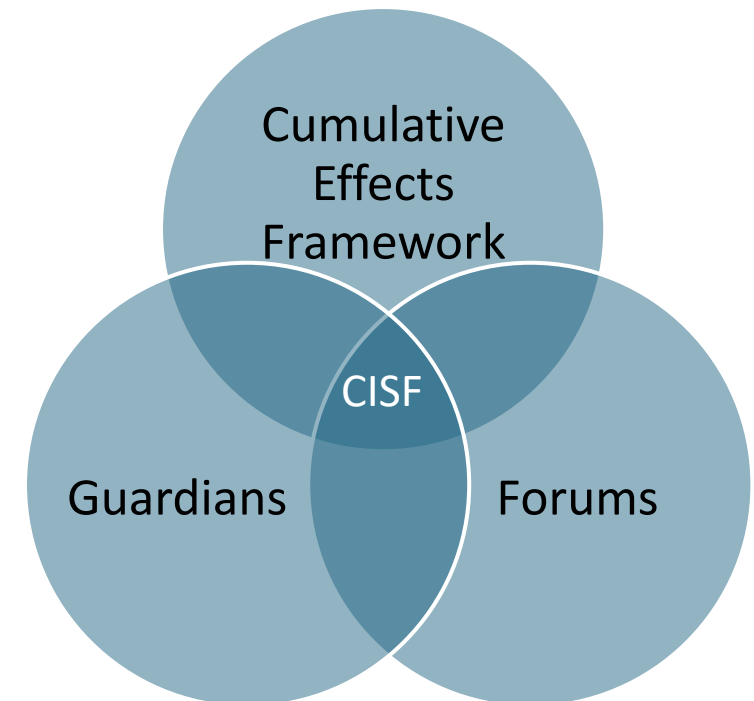
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Nadina Licensee Committee Meeting

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WLRS and the CISF Model

- WLRS was deliberately structured to reflect a strategic shift towards collaborative resource management in partnership with Indigenous governments.
- WLRS' integrated approach to resource management is supported by cross-agency Regional Management Committees (RMC's) that are positioned to direct strategic engagement priorities and CISF implementation at the regional level.
- Where an Indigenous Nation is not currently part of a Forum, they will be encouraged to engage at a regional level with RMCs to jointly set priorities for land and resource use that meets Indigenous rights and provincial priorities.



Recommendations for Long-Term Collaborative Stewardship

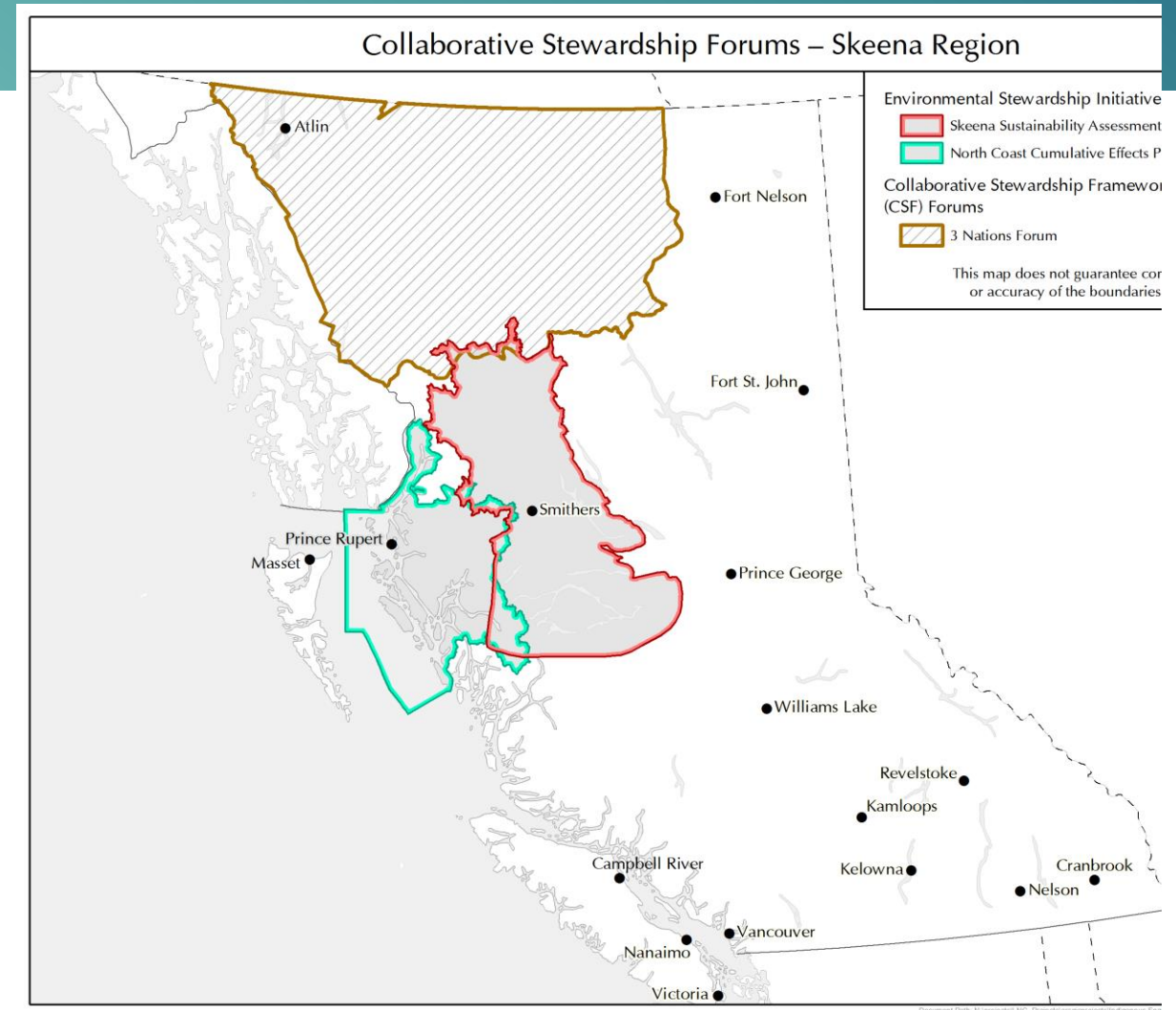
1. **Funding:** Establish secure, long-term, sustainable and cost-efficient funding to support ESI and CSF.
2. **Enabling and Informing Decision-Making:** ESI/CSF data into decision-making processes/models at the operational, strategic, and legislative levels. **Engage with the Chief Forester on Timber Supply Review processes.**
3. **UNDRIP and Declaration Act Implementation:** Ensure ESI/CSF are aligning and evolving over time towards the objectives of implementing UNDRIP and the Declaration Act.
4. **Joint Performance Evaluation:** Jointly develop with First Nation partners clear and comprehensive performance measures and targets to accurately assess success of the Forums in a collaborative and on-going manner.
5. **Governance:** Develop “relationship synergies” and two-way learning to continue to work across government ministries and First Nations in a collaborative manner while reducing duplication and encouraging harmonization and integration between similar provincial stewardship initiatives.

Skeena Region

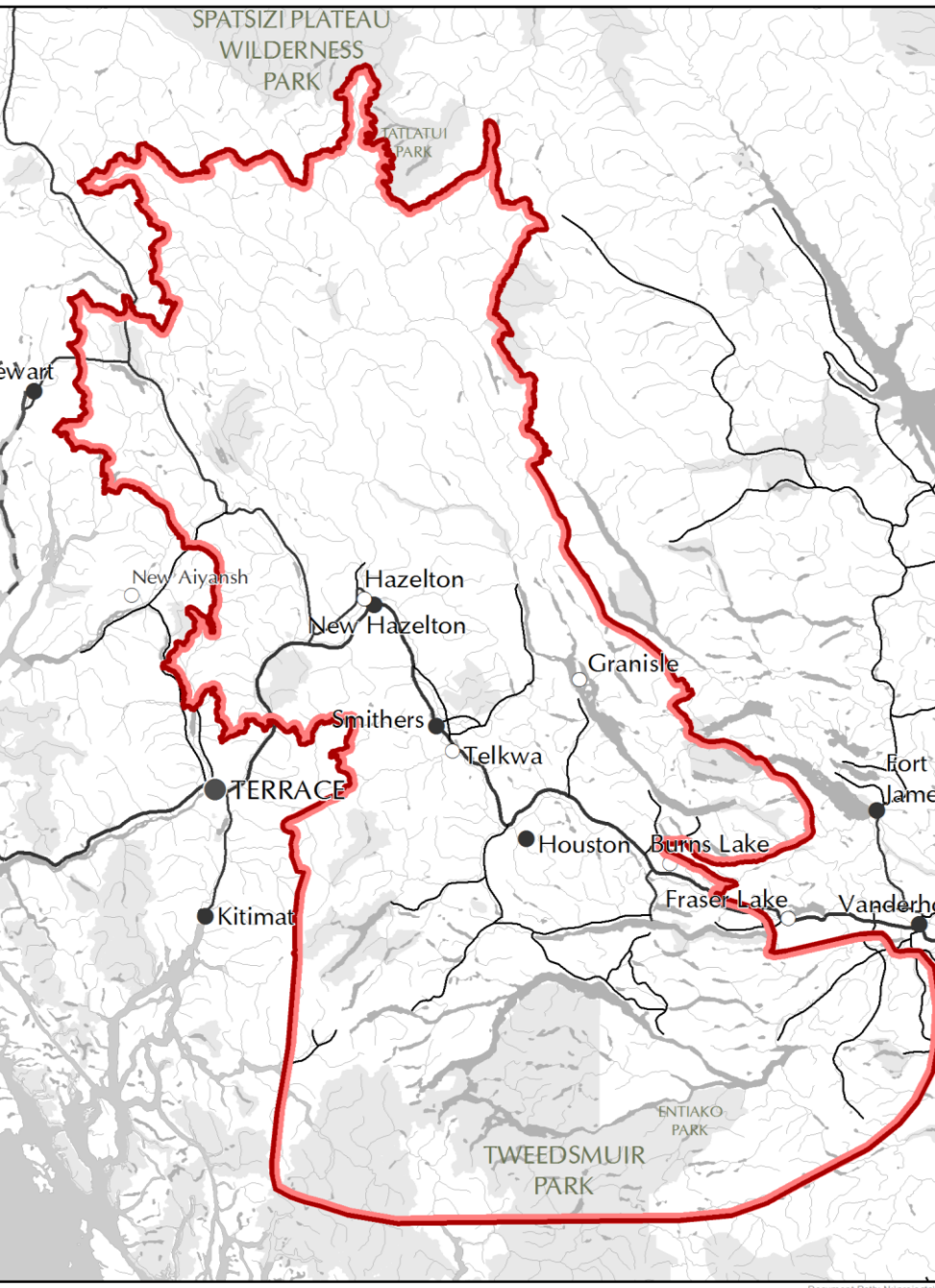
- Only Region with 3 Forums
- Endorsed SRMC Minute:

“The SRMC endorses the ‘CISF – Skeena Strategy’ as the priority Government-with-multiple-Government foundation for building the pathway towards co-management and decision making, and for supporting bilateral G2G agreements within the North, Southeast, and West (Coast) collaborative management areas of the ABA/RPIE.

SRMC will be kept apprised of the work to assess implementation and resourcing links to SRMC member agencies and to evolving provincial policy.”



SSAF



- Partner Nations: Lake Babine Nation, Gitanyow, Gitxsan, Wet'suwet'en
 - 10 Nation Orgs signed on – mix of hereditary and band
 - 6 Nation Orgs currently participating
- Primary Focus: A living collaborative stewardship system
- Values: Fish & Fish Habitat, Wetlands, Moose, Grizzly Bear, Medicinal Plants
- Engagement Venue: SSAF Forestry Working Group & Roads Sub-Committee
- Collaborative Technical Engagements: LRP/FLP & TSR

Collaborative Timber Supply Review

Role of SSAF in Collaborative Technical Working Group for TSR

- Provide technical expertise and leadership in CTWG engagement on SSAF ESI's primary values: grizzly, moose, fish & fish habitat, wetlands, and medicinal plants.
- Spearhead integration of SSAF trusted data and cultural indicators work into the TSR process
- Share/distribute SSAF PT endorsed material required for the work of the CTWG, including trusted data and documents
- Facilitate discussion and joint problem solving

Key Features of the FLP-AAC Process

Key Features of the Forest Landscape Planning (FLP) and Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) Process:

1. Integrated

1. Strengthens the relationship between strategic decisions and localized current practice.
2. Shared Decision-Making Body.
3. Collaborative Technical Working Group (CTWG).

2. Aligned

1. SSAF-ESI Values.
2. Old Growth Deferrals.
3. AAC that supports local jobs and socio-economic objectives.

3. Efficient

1. Leverages knowledge and information from Regional FLP Pilot.
2. Reduces capacity pressure on First Nations through a single collaborative engagement process.
3. Baseline of information to conduct FLP analysis.

Collaborative Engagement in the FLP-AAC

Trusted Data

Analysis and Information Sharing

- Incorporation of First Nations land use plan values and interests in FLP-AAC.
- Exploration of issues specific to values and geographic areas/territories.
- Improved mutual understanding of information, interests, decision protocols

Collaborative Decision-Making Body

Collaborative Technical Working
Group

Consensus Recommendations

Participation in AAC Determination Meeting with the Chief Forester

Questions?

Bulkley TSA Timber Supply Review

Glen Buhr

Wildfire Risk Reduction

Sarah Campbell / Hans Erasmus

Skeena Stikine Natural Resource District - Wildfire Risk Reduction



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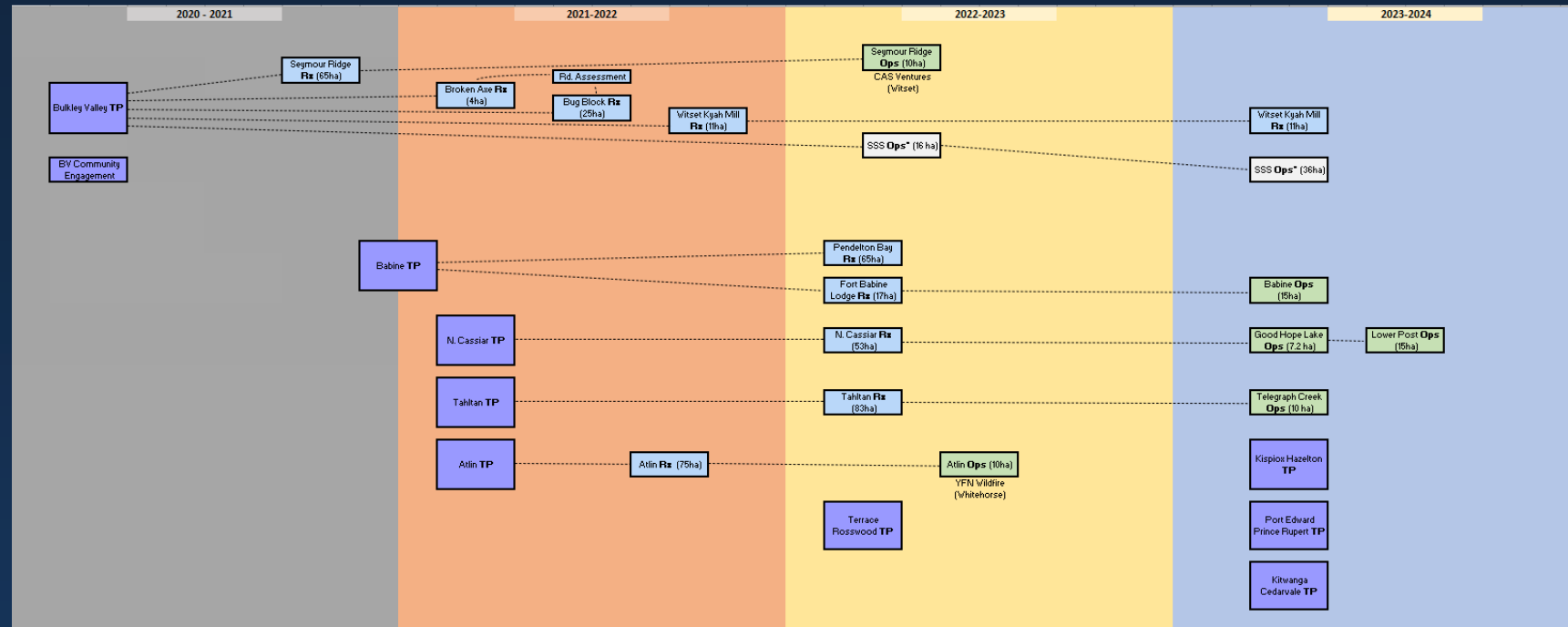
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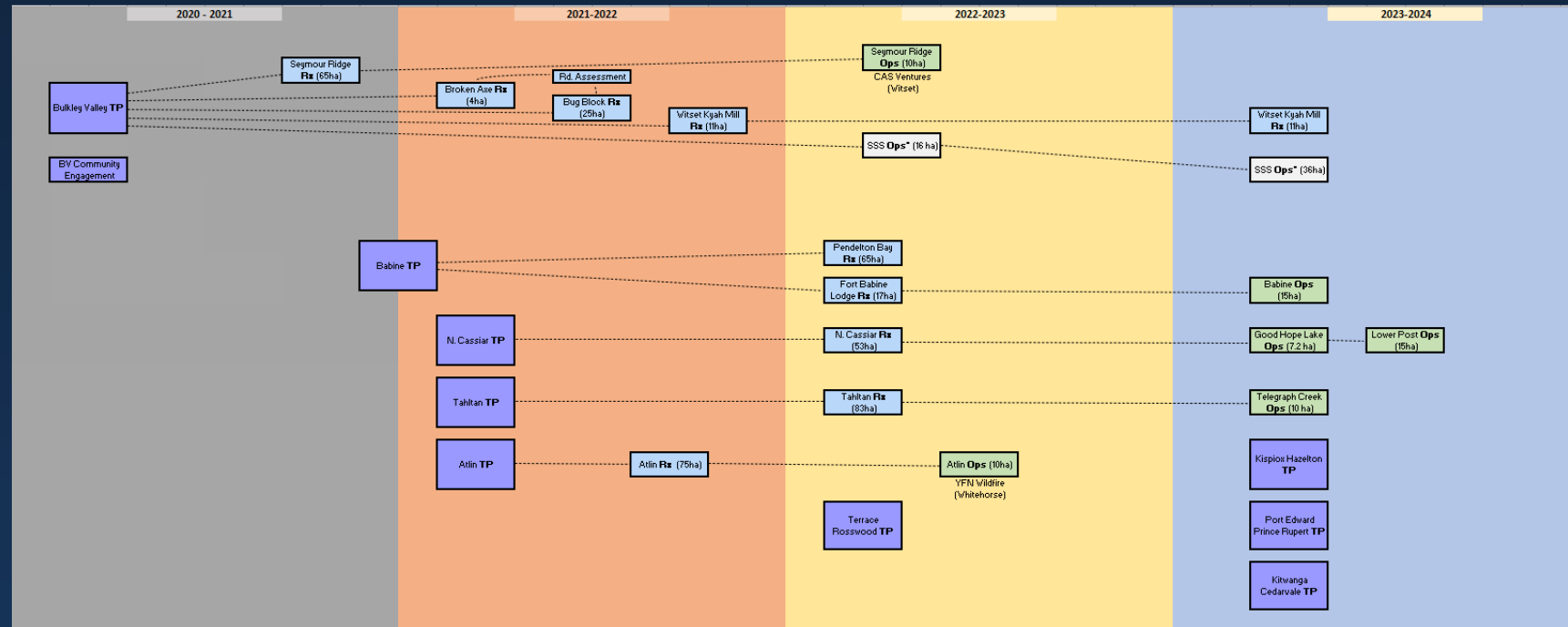
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FSP Extensions / Expectation Letters

Glen Buhr / Cam Bentley

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Topic: FSP Extensions / Expectation Letters

- DSS' FSP Review Team views the 2022 Expectations Letter as a statement on the degree to which our DDM intends to consider FRPA legislation and policy changes, and key current high-profile government initiatives, within the scope of Decisions for new and replacement FSP's and requests for FSP extension.
- Desired outcome is that FSP proponents have taken effort to ensure that FSP Expectations are met to the degree practicable.
- Adequacy of FSP content added and/or actions taken to address specific Expectations will be spoken to in Decision / Rationale letters and will influence positive outcomes for your submissions.

- The following recurring themes/points of concern have emerged in the present round of FSP replacements and extensions.
 1. Status of the 2017 Expectations Letter
 - Virtually all items carried into 2022 Letter; District-specific 2017 detail typically lost but still applicable
 2. Listing of specific documents, processes and/or initiatives that pertain to 2022 Expectation within DSS jurisdiction (i.e. Cassiar, Kispiox, Bulkley TSA's) - for which FSP content is expected.
 - E.g. First Nations-internal LUP processes that advise or comprise consultation responses
 3. Clarity on which Expectations can be addressed through Supporting Documentation, e.g. via a cover letter, and which the FSP Review Team reads as likely necessitating a revisit to FSP results and/or strategies
 4. Specific to FSP Extensions, clarity on the maximum length of extension period that can be sought, and how Expectations play into the prescribed and discretionary tests review and the DDM Decision on granted length of extension.
 - DDM open to receiving 5-year extension requests but length of extension actually granted will be “sliding scale” dependent on degree to which 2022 FSP Expectations are obviously addressed, and imminency of Forest Landscape Planning for affected FDU's
 5. DDM considerations respecting adequacy of FN consultation
 - DDM “holding the pen” on a statement of adequacy

- DSS Stewardship is currently working up a communication in consultation with DDM providing statements around these items.
- In the interim, DSS is supportive of supplemental guidance provided by DND, i.e. we too “request a support document that speaks to the items identified in the 2022 Expectation letterthat identifies which section of your FSP addresses the items in the expectation letter”.

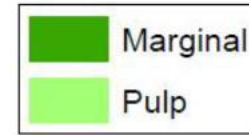
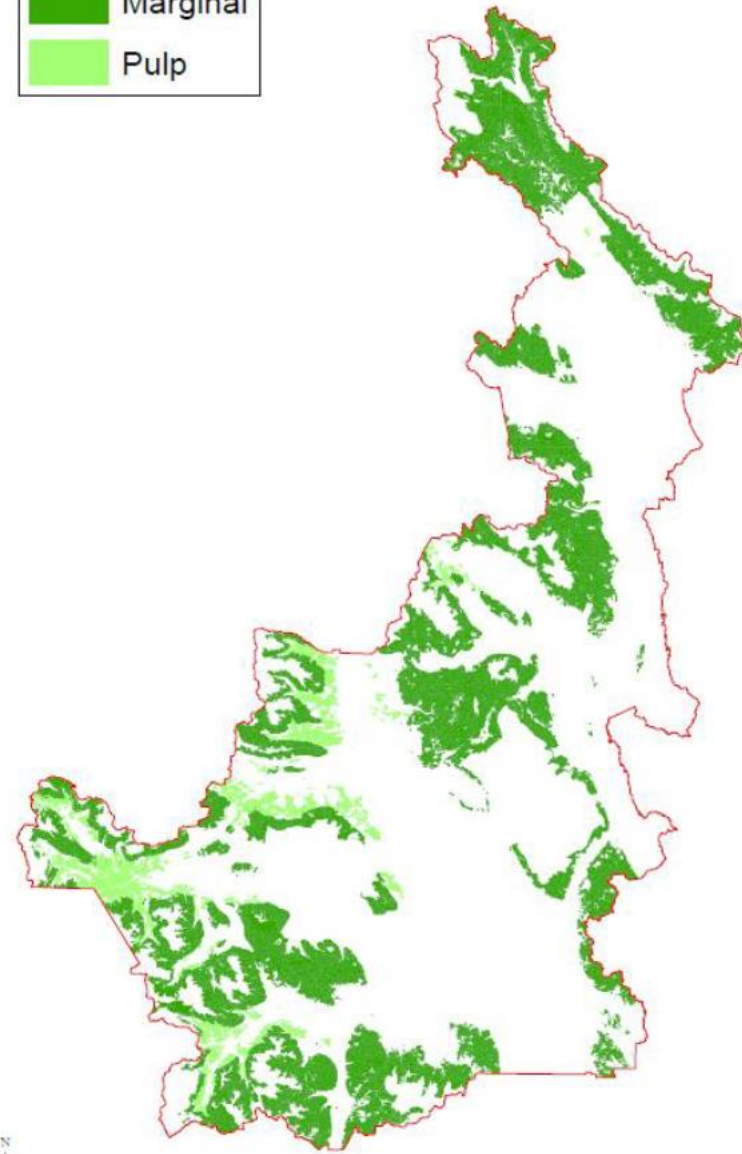
Bulkley TSA Partition Tracking

Jessica Johnston

Bulkley TSA Partition Tracking Updates

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Marginal Dataset Areas



Partition Tracking
Reference
Documents -
Updated

- Found here: www.for.gov.bc.ca - /ftp/DSS/external/!publish/Bulkley Partitions/.

Partition Definition Type

Activity Month	Activity Year	License	Timber Mark	Cutting Permit	Block	Landscape Unit	Partition Definition Type
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- Select the correct entry under Partition Definition Type
- Important for District monitoring of how the Marginal Dataset Areas compare with the cruise definition in the timber supply review.

Dataset polygon
info no longer
required

Dataset Polygon Information								
Polygon Area in Block (Hectares)	Leading Species (sp1)	Hemlock (H, Hm, Hw) %	Balsam (Bl) %	Amabilis (Ba) %	Spruce (Sx) %	Pine (Pl) %	Age (proj_age_1)	Elevation

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Dataset Polygon Information
Polygon Area in Block (Hectares)

- All blocks, or portions of blocks, that fall within the Marginal Dataset Areas, meet the marginal definition.
- As long as you use the Marginal Dataset Areas on the FTP site, this data is not necessary.

Upcoming: Provincial Partition Tracking System

- The province is currently developing a consistent method for partition tracking across all TSAs.
- Automated process that pulls cruise statistics and HBS scaled volume data from CP's in the Bulkley TSA and compiles it to determine partition proportions.
- Report sent to licensees (quarterly or semi-annually)
- Rough estimated timeline: summer 2024
- Licensee reporting still required during initial roll out
- Eventually may replace licensee reporting
- Comments, questions, and suggestions for the provincial system are welcome
- Licensees may still want to track their own partition data to monitor harvest levels for each partition type

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Action Items / Wrap Up