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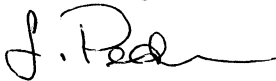
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Re: **Procedures for the Implementation of Existing Stand Management Prescriptions (SMPs) and Requirements for Treatments on New Sites in 2002/03**

As of May 8th 2002, the Stand Management Prescription (SMP) is no longer an operational plan required under legislation. The following interim procedures should be followed until legislation for the Results Based Code and Defined Forest Area Management is complete in 2003:

1. Previously approved SMPs can be used for treatments this year.
2. Where SMPs have been submitted but not approved - the SMP can be considered as a treatment prescription and submitted to the district manager at least 10 days prior to commencing work.
3. Where SMPs do not exist a *Pre-stand Tending Site Description / Prescription* <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/isb/forms/lib/FS770.PDF> (FS770) is sufficient for stand tending treatments. The FS770 must be signed by a professional forester and submitted to the district manager at least 10 days prior to commencing work. The FS770 is a concise document describing the site specific standards for the treatment. The submission of the FS770 is an interim measure to provide the district manager with information and specifications and is expected to be in place until other changes are made to the Forest Practices Code in 2003.
4. The FS770 is not required where a Sustainable Forest Management Plan or Silviculture Strategies with sufficient standards to guide treatments is in place and approved for use.

It is expected that Sustainable Forest Management Plans will eliminate the need for individual prescriptions in the future. For questions about the above procedures please call or email Brian Raymer at brian.raymer@gems7.gov.bc.ca or 250-387-8909.



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