FORESTS FOR TOMORROW UPDATE – May 9th, 2008

PINES

For fiscal 2008/09, PINES has been upgraded to accommodate expanded activity areas and submission information requirements. The activity areas have been expanded to allow for detailed tracking and reporting.

To ensure consistency in project plan submissions and reporting, the following outlines the information that PwC requires to be submitted by Recipients in the relevant activity areas in order to provide greater efficiency during our review and approval process.

All projects types need to be broken into the relevant project activity areas:

- Wildfire
- Mountain Pine Beetle
- Backlog
- Impeded
- Salvage Stands

Surveys

Within the survey activity areas, project plan submissions must be separated according to the following phase descriptions:

- Pre-Planning (Multiple Accounts, Overview Assessments, Net-downs).
- Survey Planning (for work next fiscal year) - in the "Description of Work" box, the various phases need to be broken out by estimated budget, including:
    - Office prep (contract development, tendering, map production, pre-stratification),
    - First Nation information sharing.
- Surveys (on-ground) - in the "Description of Work" box, the various phases need to be broken out by estimated budget, including:
    - Office prep (inc. contract development, tendering, map production, pre-stratification, First Nation information sharing),
    - Walkthrough or Recces,
    - Plotting and treatment recommendations,
    - ROI and Treatment Plan.
- Seedling management (ordering, but not purchase unless approved by MFR).
- Layout / GPS (restricted to one year in advance of treatment).

Planting

Within the planting activity areas, project plan submissions must be separated according to the following phase descriptions:

- Planting Planning (intended for projects that will have field work in the subsequent fiscal year):
  - Office prep (contract development, tendering, map production, layout)
  - First Nation information sharing
- Planting (on-ground) - in the "Description of Work" box, the various phases need to be broken out by estimated budget:
  - First Nation information sharing
  - Layout
  - Danger Tree Assessment (if included in the planting contract and only if touch-up, based on previous work done in the fall or winter)
  - Planting

Work Plan Development

Please include a brief overview in PINES under "Description of Work" and submit a detailed budget outline to the Investment Manager. This activity no longer includes Investment Schedule level administration charges and First Nation information sharing costs.

Training and Capacity Building

All Ministry of Forests and Range (MFR) FFT endorsed meetings and training must be accounted for in this activity area.

Administration

All administration related charges must be applied to the relevant projects. Any justifiable administration that is not tied to any specific project must be approved by PwC and prorated among the activity specific project (formula to be determined by the Recipient).

Worksafe BC

There have been questions about the requirement to complete the information in PINES Box 5 ('When will (or has) Worksafe BC been notified on the start date of the project?'). The following is an excerpt from the Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, which should clarify when this Worksafe BC notification is required:

> *"The Occupational Health and Safety Regulation, Part 26 Forestry Operations, 26.4 Notice of project states:*
> *(1) Before commencing a forestry operation,* ***other than a silviculture operation that will last 5 working days or less at a workplace****, notice of the operation must be sent to the nearest Board office in writing, or in another manner acceptable to the Board,*

(a) by the employer, or

(b) if the operation involves workers of more than one employer, or workers and independent operators, by the owner or the person engaged by the owner to be the prime contractor.

(2) The notice required under subsection (1) must identify the

(a) location of the operation,

(b) name of the owner or licensee of the trees,

(c) name of the person conducting the operation,

(d) type of work to be performed,

(e) type of equipment to be used, and

(f) procedures to be used if trees are to be harvested by commercial thinning, selective logging, individual tree selection or other similar methods.

Printing

The print icon in the top right hand corner of PINES is currently undergoing programming changes to accommodate the new data fields added to PINES. While this is being updated, please use the print options within your internet browser and do not forget to select "Landscape" as the print setting.

At this time, PwC also wishes to thank Recipients for the effort made during April to complete the 2007/08 projects. With the first year of PINES experience, the knowledge gained should assist Recipients in reporting in 2008/09.

Please call PwC's Investment Management team at (604) 484-3490 if you have any questions or need further clarification in regards to any aspect of this update or the FFT program.