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To: All Major Licence Holders and BC Timber Sales Managers with FSPs approved prior to the availability of the Forest Stewardship Plan Tracking System

In August 2006, I introduced the Forest Stewardship Tracking System (FSPTS) which is a Ministry of Forests and Range information system application to track forest stewardship plans from submission through amendments. In order to ensure the FSPTS contains all approved FSPs, the FSPTS team now needs to coordinate access to all FSPs that will be approved prior to the system launch in early December 2006. This is an interim step as once the FSPTS is on-line, major licence holders and BC Timber Sales Managers will be able to submit FSPs directly into the system.



Work has begun to contact District Managers to obtain the electronic files containing this approved FSP data. The bulk of the data required is in the hands of the Ministry of Forests and Range, however, the digital geo-referenced boundaries of forest development units from approved FSPs is not available from that source within government. This information has never been requested from major licence holders and BC timber sales managers but is now required to be loaded into the FSPTS for migration to the government's Land and Resource Data Warehouse (LRDW).

In order to gain access to the digital forest development unit boundary data, the Ministry of Forests and Range has asked Doug Macdonald of Vivid Solutions to contact major licence holders and BC Timber Sales Managers to request it. Doug MacDonald will coordinate and load all the forest development unit data into the LRDW. Doug MacDonald can be contacted at (250) 385-6040, or dmacdonald@VividSolutions.com.

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It is important to note that once the forest development unit digital line work information is in the LRDW, all major licence holders, BC Timber Sales and government users will be able to access this data. In the future, once the FSPTS is available, any approved changes to the forest development units will automatically be updated in the Land and Resource Data Warehouse. This will ensure up to date and accurate information is available to all users.

I am asking for your cooperation to work with Vivid Solutions and the Ministry of Forests and Range to help us create an information source in the Land and Resource Data Warehouse that will be useful and accurate for all users.

Finally, further information on the data submission standards for the FSPTS will be forthcoming from the Resource Tenures Engineering Branch (RTEB) who is the data custodian for the FSPTS. Any questions regarding this data request or the data submission standards can be forwarded to Bill Beard at the RTEB. He can be reached at (250) 387-8725, or Bill.Beard@gov.bc.ca.

For your reference, I have also attached the backgrounder from my August 2006 correspondence.

Yours truly,



for
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Attachment(s): FSP Tracking System Backgrounder – August 2006

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FSP Tracking System Backgrounder

August 2006

What is the FSPTS?

Release 1.0 of the Forest Stewardship Plan Tracking System (FSPTS), sponsored by the Resource Tenures Engineering Branch, in conjunction with the Provincial FRPA Implementation Team, will be a central electronic repository of spatially enabled Forest Stewardship Plan documents. Forest Licensees and Ministry of Forests and Range (MOFR) users will be able to electronically manage Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) submissions, determinations and retrieval of plans post approval.

What will the FSPTS do for me?

If you are a Forest Licensee, the FSPTS will enable you to:

- E-submit original and amended FSP's to the MOFR for approval using either .xml/.gml files via the Electronic Submission Framework (ESF) or enter FSP data directly on-line using the FSPTS screens.
- View the status of your submitted FSP prior to a determination being made.
- View in the FSPTS by date range, every licensee's approved legal FSP documents (originals and amendments), supporting information (non-legal), and maps.
- Immediately access your approved Forest Development Unit (FDU) boundaries in the Land and Resource Data Warehouse (LRDW) and ensure that you can access up to date approved FSP, FDU layers in the LRDW.
- Immediately access through RESULTS, stocking standards approved in FSP's.

If you are a Ministry of Forests and Range (MOFR) or other government user, the FSPTS will enable you to:

- Electronically receive an FSP submission ready for determination (using the same e-submission platform as other government applications such as ECAS).
- Manage the determination steps for submitted FSP's electronically.
- View by date range, all licensees approved legal FSP documents (originals and amendments), supporting information (non-legal), and maps (through information in the LRDW using Mapview or by viewing ".pdf" maps submitted by licensees).
- Easily determine if cutting authority submissions requiring FSP's are within approved FDU's.
- View up to date FDU layer information in the LRDW.
- Immediately access through RESULTS, stocking standards approved in FSP's.

When will the FSPTS be available for me to use?

This release of the FSPTS will be available on November 1, 2006. The FSPTS will be built and ready for testing in early September 2006. System testing and other implementation steps will be taken prior to system release.

Can I see what the FSPTS looks like right now?

Yes. A prototype of the FSPTS can be viewed at:
http://victoria.pangaea-inc.com/testing/fsp_prototype/index.htm

How can I receive regular information on the FSPTS?

The FSPTS team will be working with forest licensees, regional and district managers to establish a network of contacts for dissemination of further information. With the release of this backgrounder, there will be a call for district managers to identify specific contact names for each forest district.

Regular updates will also be posted on the FSP project website noted below. If you would like automatic notification of updates to the website, use the application bulletin subscription page and select the 'FSP - Forest Stewardship Plans Tracking Project' check off box located at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/gscripts/his/apb/profile.asp>.

What do we need from you?

We need your feedback!

As the system build nears completion, there will be a critical need to work with our FSPTS licensee and district contacts so that we can:

- Provide regular progress updates
- Get your feedback on questions that come up in the development
- Get your feedback on the most effective ways to provide communication, training, and support
- Have you test the various functions of the completed system before it is released (e.g. Pilot training and deployment).

What Implementation Steps have we taken?

The project team has been working with PFIT to work out an implementation strategy to insure the transition to managing FSP's using FSPTS is communicated, trained, and tested in agreed to manner.

Now that the project team has substantially completed the design of the application, we have been in contact with the DR Systems, GENUS RMT, and Forest Manager to describe the electronic version of the electronic FSP submission. By communicating early in the implementation, we are hoping the bigger forest licensees will be submitting FSP's using ESF.

What will the FSPTS look like in the future?

A future release of the FSPTS will take this initial release of the system from a FSP document tracking system to a spatially enabled FSP results and strategies tracking system. The project team is currently investigating ways to accomplish this objective.

Where can I get further information?

Further information on the FSPTS is available on the FSP Tracking Project website located at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/FSP/index.htm>.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

If you have feedback or comments on the FSPTS, please contact:

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- **FSP Tracking Project Feedback Form:**
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