OVERVIEW

The BC Ministry of Forests and Range(MoFR) is pleased to announce the Forest Stewardship Tracking System (FSPTS) project.

This will be the first of a regular series of bulletins to keep you up-to-date on the FSPTS project, and how it may affect you and your business.

First, a little history…

In mid 2005, the MoFR acting under the direction of the Provincial FRPA Implementation Team (PFIT), initiated the development of a FSP Tracking Project designed to create a consistent framework for MoFR staff to receive and administer an anticipated 400 Forest Stewardship Plans (FSPs) submitted to the government for approval. Since then, the MoFR has been exploring the business needs for a computer system to facilitate submission, review and reporting activities for Forest Stewardship Plans. This has been done in conjunction with other government agencies, regional and district staff.

In February, 2006 the FSP team sponsored a series of Joint Application Development (JAD) sessions to solicit ideas and feedback from potential users in both industry and within the MoFR district offices. Private IT service providers also took part. Many issues and good ideas were raised at the JAD sessions and incorporated into the user requirements.

As a result, the team refined the business needs and proposed further project phases to the FSP Project steering committee at the end of May, 2006. The go-ahead was given to move forward into the design stage.

We are currently finalizing the design and will be presenting the schema design to various licensee system consultants(ie. Genus RMT, DR Systems Inc, and Forest Manager) in early July, 2006. The design phase indicates the XML schema, which will allow licensees to submit complete FSP's through the Electronic Submission Framework (ESF) facility. By presenting the schema to the Licensee developers we are expecting a efficient transfer of knowledge, and a quicker capability to submit via ESF. After this review the schema will be published on the Ministry website and provided, along with documentation, to interested parties.
The FSPTS is to be delivered in iterative stages, over subsequent years. The first iteration is based on the JAD sessions with subsequent phases implemented with stakeholder and continuous improvement feedback.

Highlights of the proposed system:

- No net new requirements from industry. The required FSP components are unchanged. The FSP Tracking System provides a web based or ESF submission facility for the FSP that is ready to be approved by the MoFR.
- During the initial requirements gathering, a proposed Results and Strategies matrix was laid out and presented by the project team. Based on feedback from the participants of the JAD sessions is was not included in the initial release. Stakeholders felt the idea provided marginal gains for an excessive amount of preparation work to place them in a structured electronic matter. The project team will be gathering further feedback from stakeholders with the goal of working on a collaborative solution in a subsequent release.
- Flexibility of submission. While the ESF method is ideal, the Ministry recognizes that some licensees will not have the

facilities to provide complete electronic submission. The FSP Tracking System will provide interactive 'web based' online submission tools to assist.
- Once the FSP is submitted into the 'InBox' minimal workflow tools to assist District offices with the review and decision making will be provided.
- Consolidation of FSPs and ongoing amendments in a central repository. The goal is to provide ease of tracking changing obligations over time.
- A spatial dimension will allow sophisticated analysis of stewardship plans in a world of increasingly complex land use needs.
- The ability to submit the FSP stocking standards and have them updated in RESULTS immediately following its approval(if schema based).
- Licensees (and districts) will have a central repository of approved FSP's to view.

If you have any questions or suggestions to make this Communiqué more informative for you, please contact John Gallimore at:

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POLICY & PROCEDURES

Currently any issues/concerns/questions regarding the policy and procedure and the FSP tracking system are to be passed onto:

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RELEASES

The initial production release of the FSP Tracking System is targeted for Nov 09, 2006.

SPATIAL

Taking advantage of electronic submission for spatial data will allow Districts to reference each FSP to other resource information such as Tenures (FTA), RESULTS and the Vegetation Resource Inventory. Once the FSP is approved, licensees will have the ability to view any FSP and its spatial components anywhere in the Province

All FDU's will be captured, stored in the Land Resource Data Warehouse, and be available for view in MapView

WEBSITES

The FSP Tracking Project website can be found at:
http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/FSP/index.htm

This site contains a general overview of the FSP as well as a prototype of the web based application.

Since the FSP Tracking System is one of a number of eBusiness solutions, another valuable resource is the e-FM website at: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/efm.

For general information on electronic submissions, you may wish to view the ESF website: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/esf.

REPORTS

The initial release of FSPTS will rely on the search screen to generate required output. Phase 2 will have reports.

DOCUMENTATION

The complete FSP Tracking System Detailed Business Requirements can be viewed at:
http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/FSP/files/..(tbd)

FSPTS TRAINING

Training for the FSP Tracking System will be organized in a similar manner as RESULTS or FTA. We are currently procuring services to design and develop training materials. We expect training to be delivered with a blended approach using both LearnLinc and some class room training. It will be open to Ministry and Licensee staff and will be in the October, November, 2006 timeframe.

SUPPORT

For on-going support and information about the FSP Tracking project, we expect APPHELP to be the main contact for application issues, questions, or concerns.