

PROJECT UPDATE

The initial Forest Stewardship Plan Tracking system is coming close to completion. The current expectation is for the system to be live by the start of December. This is a few months later than originally planned for but there have been some unexpected internal and external delays for the project. The project was initiated as part of FRPA and the ongoing evolution in BC of electronic government. The system was conceived to bring the paper based world of forestry planning into an online electronic format. FSPTS allows for a central repository of Forest Stewardship Plans and will allow for dynamic linking to the extensive land use datasets collated by different Ministries. FSPs are being submitted at the moment in paper format. As of the start of October, roughly 60 of the anticipated 300 FSPs will have been approved. With the deadline for having an FSP in place fast approaching, there will be a large number needing to be approved over the next few months.

Part of the project involves loading all approved FSPs, by contracted staff, into the FSPTS in time for the target launch date of early December. Then other FSPs will be entered into the system as they are submitted and Ministry staff resources are on hand to process and approve them.

The [Electronic Forest Management \(e-FM\) Initiative](#) is a core strategic direction of the government and the electronic submission framework (ESF) will be the primary submission method in the future for FSPs. The system will immediately have the ability for licensees to submit FSPs electronically, using a schema, though it is not clear at this time how many will be ready to do so in December or shortly thereafter.

The Ministry recognizes that some licensees will not have the facilities to provide complete

electronic submissions via ESF therefore the FSP Tracking System will also provide an interactive 'web based' online submission facility. Licensees may also choose to submit their FSP documents as 'paper submissions' and will still be accepted in this format.

The FSPTS will provide a central repository of FSPs for licensees and Ministry staff to view. The goal is to provide ease of tracking changing obligations over time. This ease of access to the information will allow for better forest stewardship by all interested parties.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR MINISTRY STAFF?

Once the majority of submissions begin to come in via ESF, the volume of paper passing over desks will decline.

Staff will have better access to forest plans than in the past - the central electronic repository will mean access for more people in more locations than with paper copies.

Ministry staff will be able to see FSPs for areas in neighbouring districts and will be able to consider any implications they may have.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR LICENSEES and BC Timber Sales?

Once ESF is in full use, the cost of submitting plans will be lower while at the same time the efficiency of submission will be higher. This will aid in faster review/approval turn around times at the District office.

Licensees will be able to see other FSPs and will be able to get a larger picture of what is happening with other plans.

IMPORTANT DATES:



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- November 2006 - FSPTS testing
- End of November onwards - online training
- Dec 2006 - system is live
- December 31 2006 - All FSPs should be submitted.
- January 2007 All online training complete
- February 2007 - Live/in person training

RELATED PROJECTS

The FSP Tracking Project is linked with a number of other FSP-related initiatives in order to maintain critical connections, integrate existing tools as appropriate, and prevent duplication with these initiatives.

- [Administration Guide for Forest Stewardship Plans](#)
- [FRPA Resource Evaluation Program](#)
- [FSP Information Support Project](#)
- [RESULTS](#)
- [Streamlining Project](#)

WEBSITE AND CONTACTS:

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. The prototype is available [here](#) if you would like to see what the system will look like.

For general information on electronic submissions, you may wish to view the ESF [website](#).

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

The FSP Tracking System Implementation Strategy can be found at
[Forest Stewardship Plan Tracking System \(FSPTS\) Implementation Strategy](#)

The schema will be viewed at:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/esf/>

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FSPTS TRAINING

Training for the FSP Tracking System will be organized in a similar manner as RESULTS or FTA. Brian Thomson of Alantem is currently developing the training package for the project.

Training will be delivered with a blended approach using both LearnLinc and some class room training. It will be open to Ministry and Licensee staff in late November 2006 for self study or Learnlinc. Starting in February 2007 there will be a series of in class room training sessions across the province.

RELEASE 2

Version 1.0 of FSPTS is the first step in getting the required functionality. To this end a version 2.0 will be developed and released in early to mid 2007. We are interesting in knowing what users would like to see in the next release of FSPTS and will be contacting you soon!