

FSP Tracking System Newsletter

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This is the second of our new series of Forest Stewardship Plan Tracking System newsletters. We now post these at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/fsp/communiques.htm> as well as send them to those on our FSPTS mailing list. Please share with your colleagues who use the FSPTS.

1. What's New?

- There is a **new spatial data information paper** available at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/fsp/qrc.htm>. It is entitled "FSP Tracking System Spatial Data Submission Standards" and is meant to clarify some points on FSP spatial data for upload. It is of particular interest to geomatics staff. This complements an earlier paper that was meant to provide background data for geomatics personnel – "FSP Tracking System for Geomatics Staff" also available at the link noted above.
- We have had feedback recently concerning **rumours** that the FSPTS is going to be shut down. Due to the staff cuts MFR is experiencing, we have accelerated our efforts regarding allocation of 'scarce' resources for system upkeep – which may have led to this rumour – but there are no plans to shut down the system. In fact, we are actively working on enhancements to the system!
- Our **FSP support contract** with Joanne Pickford has ended as of March 31. Joanne has been working on the FSPTS since its inception and is one of the leading experts on it. Sadly we have not yet been able to dig up any funds to extend this contract. Joanne is available for contract work privately; she can be reached at bijopick@telus.net or 604.936.2821

2. So You Need Help...

Should you run into a problem with FSPTS, there are a number of places or people to go to for help:

- FSPTS Website – check out the help materials located on the FSPTS website. Look on page 2 of this newsletter for further direction.
- FSPTS district contacts – Talk to your district FSPTS contact.
- APPHELP: (250-387-8888 or FORHISP.APPHELP@gov.bc.ca). **The staff at APPHELP are a great resource and they are available to all FSPTS users.**
- Resource Tenures Branch: Del Williams (250-356-9361 or Del.Williams@gov.bc.ca)

The screenshot shows the Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) Tracking System website in a Windows Internet Explorer browser. The browser's address bar shows the URL <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/nis/fsp/>. The website features the British Columbia logo and the tagline "The Best Place on Earth". The main navigation bar includes links for "All B.C. Government", "Information Management", "Main Index", "Help", and "Contact Us". A search bar is located in the top right corner. The left sidebar contains a "B.C. Home" section with links to "Forests and Range", "e-FM", and "FSP Tracking System". Below this, there are sections for "Application Information" (including "FSP Application", "Application Bulletins", "Communiqués", "Business and Policy Documentation", and "Technical Specifications"), "Help Desk" (including "Application Support", "Questions & Answers", "Online Help", and "Provincial Contacts"), "Training" (including "Course Registration", "Training Resource Centre", "Quick Reference Cards", and "Self-study Activities"), and "Related Links" (including "Business Information Centre", "Corporate Reporting System", "Forest Practices Branch", "MapView 4.0", and "SPOT 5 Satellite Image Primer"). The main content area is titled "Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) Tracking System" and contains text about the Resource Tenures Engineering Branch and the Provincial FRPA Implementation Team. It also mentions ongoing updates and provides a link to "Application Support".

Link to support

Quick reference material available here

Contacts

3. FSPTS Enhancements

We are working on two FSPTS enhancements. The first is the FSP Extension project. The business requirements have been finalized and now we need to start building it. This enhancement will provide a 'button' for extending FSP's and new fields for ensuring important milestones are clearly tracked over time. Until this enhancement is completed, please ensure you follow the interim process for FSP extensions. These are outlined in the AGFSP, volume 2, on page 79 (<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timten/AGFSP/index.htm>).

The second enhancement is to create a new role within the FSPTS. Currently there are six roles including **FSP Submitter**, **FSP Reviewer** and others. The new role will be **District Submitter** and will provide the ability for government staff to

submit FSP material for any licensee in their district. The need for this role has come about largely because of district geomatics personnel occasionally submitting for different licensees within the district and becoming frustrated with the need to obtain submitter status for each licensee.

4. Section 197 Election

Transition provisions under the Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) section 197 allow for a Forest Stewardship plan (FSP) to specify that FRPA standards be applied to areas previously harvested, under the authority of the Forest Practices Code (FPC) Act. By specifying within an FSP, either:

- A. which previously harvested blocks will FRPA stocking standards applied, or
 - B. an election process specifying how the provisions FRPA 197 will be applied,
- the licensee identifies the blocks that will be governed under the Stocking Standards identified within their approved Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP).

The RESULTS application enables provisions under FRPA Section 197 and provides a mechanism for FRPA standards to be applied to Code openings, so that additional approval in RESULTS are no longer required. The following are changes/enhancements to the **RESULTS** application to enable the new functionality:

- For the functionality to be enabled in RESULTS, the Section 197 checkbox in the FSPTS must be checked which will allow for FRPA standards to be applied retroactively to Code openings in RESULTS;
- RESULTS knows when it's a FRPA 197 election based on the indicator in FSPTS and the standards can be applied via minor amendment (silviculture prescription openings) or site plan amendment (site plan openings) without requiring district approval;
- A 197 election may be applied to an individual SU and does not necessarily need to be applied to the entire opening;
- A History event is created in RESULTS to identify that FRPA standards have been applied to a specific SU. A new event code was added: Section 197;
- A 197 Election is NOT a Correction or a Major Amendment;
- After the 197 election occurs on a SU subject to a silviculture prescription, the SU can only be processed as a site plan using Approved Variations and Site Plan Amendments;
- If Regeneration or Free Growing is overdue, the role over is enabled;
- If Regeneration milestone is declared, the roll over will ignore the RG offset proposed but will allow FRPA rollover via a Minor amendment;
- The functionality is not enabled on SUs that are declared FG.

Please note that 2 training sessions were delivered on April 15th and April 20th via Live Meeting. The sessions were recorded and are available to view on Live Meeting at any time at [FRPA 197 RESULTS Training - Recorded Session](#) For further information, contact Caroline MacLeod (Caroline.MacLeod@gov.bc.ca 250-356-2094).

When enabling 197 election in the FSP Tracking System, note that it is a 'minor' amendment and does not need to be approved by the D.M. Do not tick "yes" in the stocking standards change on FSP 301 screen:

Stocking Standard Changes: ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'yes' is ticked, then the system will look for changed stocking standards and will not let you proceed. You are not changing the stocking standards, but merely allowing the existing stocking standards to be used on old Code blocks.