Province of British Columbia
Ministry of Forests

Prince George REGION

Standard Operating Procedure

Number: 17.2

SUBJECT:

SBFEP Regeneration Delay Regional Inspection Procedure

CHAPTER	MANUAL	SECTION
17	Resource Management Monitoring Policy	Compliance, monitoring and Auditing

BACKGROUND:

Section 70(d) FPC Act states that if a silviculture prescription and commencement date have begun, then by the regeneration date, a person must meet the stocking requirements as specified in the silviculture prescription.

Section 23(1)(b) SPR, FPC Act states that a survey must occur on or before the regeneration date indicating the number of healthy well-spaced trees per hectare.

Section 25 / 26, SPR, FPC Act indicates that the survey report contains specific information, as detailed in the regulation.

Ministry Policy 17.2 "Inspections" tasks the Regional Manager with the responsibility to inspect District Manager obligations, particularly those obligations arising from the Forest Practices Code.

PURPOSE:

This SOP will provide guidance and consistency to regional staff conducting district SBFEP inspections to ensure that regeneration delay has been met on those areas within SBFEP responsibility.

PROCEDURES:

1. Print a report of those SU's 1.) whose regeneration date is due for the last fiscal year, and 2.) whose regeneration date has passed.
2. Regional staff will use the Silviculture Site Risk Assessment Procedure available through the Compliance and Enforcement Branch when developing their inspection plan.
3. Contact district staff to set up a mutually convenient time to inspect files of selected openings.
4. Use the Prince George Forest Region SBFEP Regeneration Delay Inspection Form (attached).
5. Review opening files to determine status of regeneration delay.
6. Review findings with district staff as soon as possible after inspections.
7. Ensure staff receive copies of the completed inspection forms.
8. Formal feedback will occur through a memo from the Regional Manager to the District Manager.
9. Forward potential non-compliance to the Regional Compliance Leader.

REFERENCES:

Section 70(d) Forest Practices Code Act
Section 23(1)(b) Silviculture Practices Regulation, FPC Act
Section 25, Silviculture Practices Regulation, FPC Act
Ministry of Forests Policy 17.2 Inspections

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