



Province of  
British Columbia  
Ministry of  
Forests

Prince George  
**REGION**  
**Standard Operating Procedure**  
Number: 17.3

SUBJECT:

**SBFEP Silviculture Treatment Regime Regional  
Inspection Procedure**

CHAPTER  
17

MANUAL  
Resource  
Management  
Ministry Policy

SECTION  
Compliance,  
Monitoring and  
Auditing

**BACKGROUND:**

As per Section 11(1), Silviculture Practices Regulation FPC Act, Silviculture Prescriptions that were approved or given effect on, or after, June 15, 1998 must have a silviculture treatment regime developed that "can reasonably be expected to produce the target stocking levels specified in the silviculture prescription by the end of the free growing assessment period (FGAP) specified in the Silviculture Prescription". This regime must be implemented and a written record kept that allows the District Manager to determine whether the requirements of the regime have been met.

The requirement for a silviculture treatment regime is required for both the Small Business Forest Enterprise Program (SBFEP) and forest licences.

Ministry of Forests 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 Standard Operating Procedure will provide guidance and consistency to regional staff conducting district SBFEP inspections to ensure that a silviculture treatment regime is available and implemented for silviculture prescriptions that have been approved or given effect on, or after, June 15, 1998.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. Print a report of openings with silviculture prescriptions approved on or after June 15, 1998.
2. Contact district staff to set up a mutually convenient time to inspect files.
3. Review selected opening files with SP's approved on or after June 15, 1998.
4. Use the Prince George Forest Region SBFEP Silviculture Treatment Regime Inspection Form (attached) to confirm that a silviculture treatment regime is on file and the regime has been approved by a registered professional forester (RPF).
5. Review files to see that a written record is available that details the implementation of the regime.
6. Review findings with District staff as soon as possible after the inspections.
7. Ensure staff receive copies of 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:**

Silviculture Practices Regulation, Section 11, FPC Act.  
MOF Policy 17.2 Inspections.  
FPC General Bulletin No. 28 "Target Stocking Requirements and Silviculture Treatment Regimes".

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