



Province of
British Columbia
Ministry of
Forests

Prince George REGION

Standard Operating Procedure

Number: 17-4

SUBJECT:

Monitoring of Small Business Forest Enterprise Program(SBFEP) and Major Licensee(ML) regeneration delay and free growing obligations.

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Ministry
Policy Manual

SECTION
Compliance
Monitoring
and Auditing

BACKGROUND:

Under Ministry of Forests Policy 17.3 the Regional Manager is responsible for monitoring District processes that ensure achievement of Forest Practices Code(FPC) obligations. Sections 70(1)(d) and (e) FPC Act state that if a silviculture prescription(SP) and commencement date are in place, the SP holder must meet the stocking requirements by the regeneration date, and establish a free growing stand that meets the stocking requirements as specified in the SP.

PURPOSE:

This SOP will provide guidance and consistency to regional staff monitoring district business processes for achievement of the following:

- 1) Regeneration delay on SBFEP blocks
- 2) Regeneration delay on ML blocks
- 3) Free growing on SBFEP blocks
- 4) Free growing on ML blocks.

PROCEDURES:

1. Regional staff will obtain copies of district procedures for regeneration delay and free growing.
2. District will be contacted to set up a mutually convenient time to discuss business processes and procedures.
3. Regional staff will provide feedback as soon as possible after the discussion. Copies of monitoring forms will be provided to District staff at the end of the office visit.
4. Formal feedback will occur through a memo from the Regional Manager to the District Manager.
5. Prior to the fiscal year end, District and Regional staff will discuss improvements made to District business processes that may have been recommended during the monitoring exercise. The need for this follow-up and the timing will be determined mutually by District and Regional staff at the conclusion of the original monitoring session.

REFERENCES:

Ministry of Forests Policy 17.3 Monitoring
Sections 70 (1) (d) and (e) Forest Practices Code Act

ATTACHMENTS: Monitoring forms

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