

Louisiana Pacific background info

- Louisiana-Pacific Canada Ltd (LP) is selling TFL 55 and three Renewable Forest Licenses, A18669, A17645, and A82664, to Pacific Woodtech Canada Holdings Ltd. These four licenses total 487,710 m³/year. Louisiana-Pacific has now requested approval of the transfer to the Minister of Forests and public input is open until November 18, 2022. The disposition is under section [54 of the Forest Act](#).
- Under Section 54 of the Forest Act, the Minister can refuse or add conditions to the disposition when considering the effects on the marketing of fiber and the public interest (section 54.02).
- The tenure impacts five caribou herds ranges. Three of these caribou herds in the region have already declined to the point of being functionally extirpated.
- Two of the licenses, TFL 55 and RFL A18669, overlap 25% of the core habitat (118,000 ha) in the largest and most viable herd, Columbia North. This herd has a significant chance at recovery with appropriate landscape stewardship. (See attachment 1).
- The Caribou Recovery Program (LWRS) is actively engaging with 8 Indigenous groups under [section 11\(subsection 7\) of the bilateral agreement](#). A technical working group was formed in April 2021 to collaborate on recommendations for the recovery of the Groundhog, Columbia North, Columbia South, Frisby-Boulder, and Central Selkirks herds.
- The Caribou Recovery Program has a framework to continue engagement with Licensees, Recreation holders, ENGO, other Stakeholders, and the public in the spring and to finalize recommendations from all, including Indigenous groups, by the fall of 2023 for these five herds.
- The link to the disposition can be found at:
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/forest-tenures/forest-tenure-administration/timber-tenure-transfer-disposition/public-interest-proposed-timber-tenure-dispositions>

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Table of Core, Matrix, herd status, and population in relation to the Louisiana Pacific tenure.

	Core and Matrix				Population	
	Core *		Matrix**			
Herd	Ha in LP tenure	% of Total	Ha in LP tenure	% of Total	Herd Status	2021
Central Rockies	22,349	6	159,353	37	Extirpated (being used by Columbia North)	0
Central Selkirks	0	0	54,497	13	Decreasing	28
Columbia North	117,989	25	55,578	17	Increasing	184
Columbia South	0	0	42,234	15	Decreasing (functionally extirpated)	3
Frisby Boulder	31,299	35	35,684	45	Decreasing (functionally extirpated)	6

*Core: Used directly by caribou to forage, calve, migrate, and breed – necessary habitat for survival

**Matrix: may only be used by the animals infrequently, but these areas are important because to connect core habitats. Further, when matrix habitat is altered, these areas then support higher densities of other ungulates (e.g., moose) that lead to increased numbers of their associated predators (e.g., wolves). This results in unsustainable predation pressure on caribou.

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Map of Louisiana Pacific tenure and overlap with Critical (core) habitat

