

Wells Gray Community Forest Corporation Policy

Policy Title:	Standing Timber Inventory STI and Roaded and Developed Inventory RDI 15 Year Development Plan
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PURPOSE: To establish a policy governing Standing Timber Inventory (STI) and Roaded and Developed Inventory (RDI) and 15 Year Development Plan.

SECTION 1 – DEFINITION of STI

The Community Forest's **Standing Timber Inventory (STI)** is the collection of cut blocks that:

- Have the cut block boundaries marked in the field,
- Have the roads located in the field,
- Have the Site Plans written and signed by an RPF.

SECTION 2 LIST OF BLOCKS AND MAPPING

These blocks and associated roads will be documented in a tabular form with key data specified that facilitates the Board's planning decisions. The blocks will also be identified spatially at an operational scale and overview scale.

SECTION 3 – VOLUME IN STI

The Community Forest will maintain a **minimum of 4 years of our Annual Allowable Cut (AAC)**, currently planned @ 33,000m³/year based on the most recent Timber Supply Analysis, in these blocks. Thus, the total 4 year STI volume will be 132,000 m³. The 15 year plan will guide the location of future cut blocks.

SECTION 4 – MAKE UP OF BLOCKS

These blocks will consist of a reasonable cross section of the timber on our License. They will reflect the diversity of species, timber value, logging season, logging method, stand value, etc. consistent with the current market opportunities.

SECTION 5 – MARKET ACCESS

This STI will allow blocks to be brought to market at the times most favorable for the Corporation. It will also allow the Corporation flexibility in giving potential contractors adequate time to view the blocks planned for harvesting in any contract and work the blocks into their schedule, again optimizing value to the Community Forest.

SECTION 6 – CUTTING PERMITS

As per Section 4.7.3 of the Contract Services Policy: General Manager 2012-11, an efficient method of CP management will be maintained. This will ensure CPs have gone through the appropriate referral process and are in hand well ahead of the planned harvest dates.

SECTION 7 – ROADED AND DEVELOPED (RDI)

The road access to each block will be assessed during the Annual Plan process and a plan developed to build the roads 2.5-3 years ahead of harvest to provide opportunity for immediate access to these blocks. This road construction will be planned to optimize the most favorable and cost effective time of year. This will allow the Board to take immediate advantage of any market situation that arises and gain the maximum value for the Corporation. Operations on seasoned roads will minimize the costs inherent on trying to build road and log and haul on these green roads.

The appropriate referrals and approvals will be obtained to allow the current year's road construction according to the Annual Plan.

Road Construction and Road Maintenance will be in accordance with Government and WGCFC standards.

SECTION 8 15 YEAR DEVELOPMENT PLAN (DP)

This Initial Plan will give the General Manager and Board excellent mid range planning information and thus a comfort level with the current AAC. It will include an accurate cross section including the higher cost/lower margin components of our wood supply i.e., cable, steeper slope, and pulp stands, along with our regular conventional blocks.

This initial 15 Year Development Plan will identify in tabular and spatial means:

1. all completed L/O (our current 4 year STI),
2. all L/O opportunities identified during the past 2 years (this L/O will come on stream in 8-12 years), and
3. the planned L/O blocks for the remaining years.

Through this initial 15 year plan process the procedure for maintaining subsequent additions to the plan will be developed.

SECTION 9 – RESPONSIBILITY

The General Manger is responsible for achieving and maintaining the STI, RDI and 15 Year DP in consultation with the Operations Team. This includes L/O, approvals, road permits, Summary Table Development and maps, annual L/O plan and annual road construction plan.