SITE PLAN CP 410 BLOCK 1 COOPER CREEK CEDAR LTD.

A. TENURE IDENTIFICATION

LICENCE NO.:	CP:	BLOCK:	TIMBER MARK:	UTM:	LICENSEE NAME:
FL A30171	410	1	FE5410	498784 E, 5497969 N	Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd.
AREA UNDER TENURE (ha):	MAPSHEET/OPENING #:		ELEVATION:	LOCATION:	
34.7	082F066		830-1165m	Laird Creek	

B. AREA SUMMARY

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 elevation of SU C is from 980-1165m. Surface soil and subsoil texture is Sandy Loam (SL). Soils are well drained. Coarse fragment content is Moderate in surficial soils (50%), and High in subsoils (80%). Moisture regime is submesic and nutrient regime is medium. Humus form is a thin moder (3.5cm thickness) and rooting depth is 35cm. Soils in SU C exhibit non-sensitive characteristics. Growing season moisture deficits can be expected in this submesic SU particularly in drier years. SU C does not include any Wildlife Tree Retention Areas. No leave trees prescribed in SU C due to safety issues involved with downhill yarding. SU C will be harvested with Cable Based methods and a clearcut with reserves silviculture system. 	4.8						
TOTAL NET AREA TO BE REFORESTED:	23.1						
TOTAL AREA UNDER THE PLAN:	34.7						

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SOIL DISTURBANCE

SU	Max. Allowable Soil Disturbance (%)	Max. Amount TAS May Exceed MASD Prior to Rehab (%)	Max. Allowable Soil Disturbance For Roadside Work Areas (%)	Maximum Permanent Access Structures (%)
A	10.0	5.0		
В	10.0	5.0	25%	2.6
С	10.0	5.0		

SU	CRITICAL SITE CONDITIONS THAT AFFECT THE TIMING OF OPERATIONS AND HOW THEY AFFECT THEM
A & B	Avoid machine travel during periods of soil saturation to reduce risk of soil compaction. Utilize designated harvesting trails, or a supporting snow pack in the winter.
	• Spot piling along roadsides, landings and within the NAR may be necessary to remedy high levels of coarse woody debris.
С	Ensure adequate deflection is achieved to reduce excessive soil gouge during cable yarding activities.
	Refrain from using machines on steep slopes if slippage results in excessive rutting or erosion to mineral soil.

RESULTS AND STRATEGIES

Biodiversity Objectives	Landscape Unit K10	
Result or Strategy Description	3.5.3 - Old and Mature Forest	
Applies:	YES	
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	 'KBHLP Objective 2 – Old & Mature Forests' Field data collection found this block to be ICH dw1, and the block lies within Connectivity Corridor CP410 falls within Landscape Unit K10: West Arm For the ICH dw1, there is a Mature + Old forest requirement in this landscape unit. Analysis completed by Timberland (August, 2018) shows that post-harvest there will be a surplus Mature + Old within the Landscape Unit ICH dw1 as a whole, and also within connectivity corridor 	
Result or Strategy Description	3.5.3 - Green-up	
Applies:	YES	
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	'KBHLP Objective 4 – Green-up' – The proposed cutblock is consistent with FPPR Section 65(2).	
Result or Strategy Description	3.5.1 - Objectives set by Government for Wildlife and Biodiversity – Landscape Level	
Applies:	YES	
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	'KBHLP Objective 4 – Green-up'. The proposed cutblock complies with Sections 64 and 65 of the FPPR. Adjacent existing cutblock are consistent with FPPR Section 65.	
Cultural Heritage Resources		
Result or Strategy Description	3.7 - Objectives set by Government for Cultural Heritage Resources	
Applies:	YES	
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	A referral letter dated February 14, 2018, was sent to the appropriate individual(s) and/or group Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd did not receive any comments from First Nations identifying any concervity with the proposed development that had the potential of impacting cultural heritage values. No cultural heritage values were noted in this area.	
Recreation Resources		
Result or Strategy Description	4.3 - Recreation Sites	
Applies:	NO	
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	The proposed cutblock is not located within a designated Recreational Area or Trail with legal objectives; therefore, managing for Recreation Resources in not applicable.	

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Riparian Management	
Result or Strategy Description	3.4.1 Objectives set by Government for Fish, Water, Wildlife & Biodiversity in Riparian Areas
Applies:	NO
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	No riparian areas are present within Block 1. Laird Creek (S3) RMA=40m is completely reserved outside the harvest area. S6-1 RMA=20m is completely reserved outside the harvest area; the stream channel and RMA are crossed by Spur 3.
Soil Objectives	
Result or Strategy Description	3.1 - Objectives set by Government for Soils [FPPR Section 5 and 12.1(1)]
Applies:	YES
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	 SU A B and C do not contain sensitive soils and soil disturbance will not exceed 10%. Specific measures for mitigating soil disturbance levels are addressed in Section F of this Site Plan. Areas of the block where temporary access structures are required will be rehabilitated. Specific rehabilitation measures are addressed under Section F of this Site Plan. PAS will not exceed the recommended limit of 7.0% and is estimated at 2.6%. Areas within the block assigned to roadside work areas will not exceed 25%.
Visual Objectives	
Result or Strategy Description	3.6 – Visual Quality
Applies:	YES
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	 CP 410 falls partially within a polygon with a PR objective. A Visual Impact Assessment was completed by Timberland Consultants in March 2018, and the proposed blocks meet the definition and requirements of PR. Irregular shaped boundaries that follow natural terrain features, and large reserve areas serve to improve visual quality from viewpoints. In block 1, a mature retention of 40-45 stems/ha in SU A, and 60-65 stems/ha in SU B will enhance visual quality. The proposed development of CP410 meets the established VQO of PR from the selected viewpoints.
Water Management Objectives	
Result or Strategy Description	3.4.4 - Consumptive Use Streams
Applies:	Yes
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	 'KBHLP Objective 6' – Block 1 falls within the Laird Creek Domestic Watershed. Laird Creek (S3 Class) has 10 licensed PODs for human consumption, the closest of which is >250m downstream. Referral letters dated April 5, 2018 were sent to POD licensees with a 30 day response period. Several comments were received from water users. Management with regard to these comments took into consideration the following recommendations from qualified professionals: Comments from TSA: Laird Creek, CP410, Block 1, and Spurs 1, 2, and 3 from August 7, 2018 b Perdue Geotechnical Services: A harvest boundary amendment was undertaken to increase the WTRA to encompass the catchment area above the potentially unstable, lower slopes (below the convex slope break). Comments from Hydro Assessment: Laird Creek Hydrogeomorphic Assessment from May 22, 2018 by Apex Geoscience Consultants Ltd: The above stated boundary amendment which reduces the net area harvested from 30.1ha to 23.1ha also serves to pull back harvest boundaries from the headscarps of debris flow gullies. The RMA of Laird Creek is completely reserved outside of the harvest area to avoid or minimize disturbance to water quality.
Wildlife Objectives	
Result or Strategy Description	3.3.1 - Objectives set by Government for Wildlife - Species at Risk – Section 7 of the FPPR
Applies:	NO
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	The block is not within a Wildlife Habitat Area. There were no sightings of Species at Risk during field development of this cutblock.

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Result or Strategy Description	3.5.2 - Objectives set by Government for Wildlife and Biodiversity – Stand Level
Applies:	YES
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	Two internal Wildlife Tree Retention Areas are planned for this block, totalling 10.7 ha . Overall wildlife tree retention percentage for block 1 is approximately 30.8% . Total WTRA for CP410 is 22.9ha which constitutes approximately 24.1% of the gross area of the permit.
	The WTRA area meets the minimum percent requirements stated in the FSP for each block (3.5%) and for the whole cutting permit (7%).
Result or Strategy Description	3.3.2 - Ungulates
Applies:	YES
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not	The proposed development CP410 is located within UWR Management Unit 178 and overlaps five distinct polygons with specific requirements in the ICHdw.
apply)	Analysis completed by Timberland (August 29, 2018) shows that post-harvest, Ungulate Winter Range Management Unit 178 meets the minimum retention and maximum disturbance requirements for snow interception cover and forage areas.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Consistency Statement

This block is consistent with the approved **2017 to 2022 Forest Stewardship Plan for Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd – Forest Licence A30171**. This Site Plan is prepared for **FL A30171 CP 410 Block 1**, in accordance with FRPA Section 10(1), (2) & (3).

Climate Change and Wildfire Resiliency

Leave Trees

SU A: Retain 40-45 stems per hectare of Fd, Lw, and Py in the >=50cm DBH classes

SU B: Retain 60-65 stems per hectare of Fd, Lw, and Py in the >=40cm DBH classes

Give preference to larger diameter, wind-firm dominants and/or vets

Py, Fd, and Lw are more likely to survive a fire than the other species on site. Thinning the stand from above while retaining fire resilient stems and minimizing the surface fuels to meet the minimum CWD requirements is a recognized fire mitigation management plan. The objective is to retain larger, healthy stems with live crowns while maintaining a 3-5-m spacing between the crowns. The larger leave trees have higher crowns, which means a longer distance between surface fuels and tree crowns; reducing the effective ladder fuels, and reducing the likelihood of the fire moving into the canopy. Regularly spaced leave trees will shade the understory, which will help reduce ground temperatures and prevent brush species from becoming established, further reducing the ladder fuels. Leave tree distribution is expected to be regular where large stems exist and is operationally feasible to do so. Adequate inter-crown spacing prevents the spread of a potential wildfire between leave trees, while still providing ground shading. Post harvest the stand will be easier to protect should a fire occur – fire will move more slowly through the stand due to less ground fuel, an open stand with clean ground & a more open canopy that will let more water and fire retardant through to the ground from air drops than a full canopy stand. The roads and trails constructed to access the block will provide better access for the fire fighters.

The current stand is heavy to Fd; therefore planting Lw & Py will make the stand more resilient to adapt to changing climate conditions & to adapt to species specific pest.

Community Watersheds

FSP Section 3.4.3

Not applicable - The proposed block is not located within a Community Watershed.

Enhanced Resource Development Zones

FSP Section 3.2.1

'KBHLP Objective 7 - Enhanced Resource Development Zones - Timber'

Block 1 is not within an Enhanced Resource Development Zone.

Fire Maintained Ecosystems

FSP Section 3.5.3

'KBHLP Objective 8 – Fire maintained Ecosystems'. There are no NDT 4 ecosystems in the FDUs under this FSP, therefore the requirement to create a Result/Strategy for this objective does not apply.

Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds

FSP Section 3.4.2

At the time the FSP was developed there were no designated "Fisheries Sensitive Watersheds" in FDUs under this FSP, therefore the requirement to create a Result/Strategy for this objective does not apply.

Invasive Plants

FSP Section 4.1 - Invasive Plants

The IAPP website was checked on May 31, 2018. The following invasive species were reported in nearby areas to **CP 410**, mainly at low elevations within the first km of Balfour Face FSR in the general area of the Balfour Transfer Station: Canada thistle, Chicory, Common tansy, Himilayan blackberry, Hoary alyssum, Japanese knotweed, and Spotted knapweed.

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Measures to prevent the introduction or spread of invasive plants noted in the FSP include:

- Cleaning equipment before moving from a worksite with existing infestations to a new work site.
- Minimizing soil disturbance during primary forest activities (PFA).
- Reseed exposed mineral soil, resulting from a PFA in the first available fall or spring within 12 months following the soil disturbance. Plan planting of cutblocks as soon after harvesting as possible.
- During PFAs minimize soil disturbance by:
 - Harvest on a snowpack, when feasible
 - Random skid to designated skid trails to minimize skidder traffic on the ground
 - Utilize benches for skid trails to minimize side cuts
 - Utilize brush to construct skid trails to reduce contact with the ground
 - Use overhead cable harvesting systems on steep ground
- Where grass seeding is undertaken, CCC will use certified grass seed (Canada common #1 or better grade) from reputable suppliers to ensure premium quality free of invasive plant seed, or a seed mix recommended by a MFLNRO range specialist.
- See FSP for additional strategies and practices regarding invasive plants.

Natural Range Barriers

FSP Section - 4.2

Not applicable. There are no range tenures located in the FDUs covered by this FSP.

Timber

FSP Section 3.2 - Timber

As per Sec 12(8) of the FPPR, results or strategies are not required for an objective set by government for timber.

Wildlife - Caribou

FSP Section - 3.3 and 3.5.3

'KBHLP Objective 3 – Caribou' was cancelled and replaced by GAR Order #U-14-012 – Mountain Caribou – Southwest Kootenay Planning Unit. This block does not fall within a Caribou Management Zone.

Wildlife – Grizzly Bear Habitat - Connectivity

FSP Section 3.3 and 3.5.3

'KBHLP Objective 5 - Grizzly Bear Habitat & Connectivity Corridors'. Not applicable to the FDU which includes this block.

Block 1 falls within Connectivity Corridor area. Applicable targets for Old and Mature forest will be met following harvest.

STOCKING REQUIREMENTS

SU	NAR (ha)	Standards ID #	Other Performance Standards
Α	13.9	1057445	
В	4.4	1057452	See Section H - Stocking Requirements
С	4.8	1057452	

C. MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

C.1 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

- Objectives for **CP 410 Block 1** include meeting visual quality objectives, protecting nearby streams, maintaining water quality, managing for a changing climate, contributing to fire mitigation strategies, and maintaining rich biodiversity and wildlife values: All of these objectives are carefully considered, and in some cases there are trade-offs in strategies (e.g. Leave tree density for visuals vs. fire mitigation), but a balance between all management objectives is the goal.
- Harvest this mature stand of <u>FdBgCw(LwPIHw)</u> for sawlogs, chips and value-added products and manage for a healthy, free growing stand of planted and natural <u>FdCwLwPwPy(BgHwPI)</u> for similar end products.
- <u>Wildlife Tree Retention Area (WTRA):</u> Two large group reserves are planned for retention, totalling **10.7 ha** in size (30.8% of the block). The reserves shelter mature stand values, wildlife values, and portions of stand structure that are similar to the harvest area.
- Kootenay Boundary Land Use Plan Implementation Strategy (June 1997): This block is located within the designated Landscape Unit K10 (West Arm) – Intermediate BEO Assignment.

C.2 CONDITIONS THAT MUST EXIST AFTER HARVEST OR TREATMENT TO ACCOMMODATE KNOWN FOREST RESOURCES C.2a WILDLIFE

Stand Level attributes/ concerns identified:

Ungulate Winter Range:

The proposed development CP410 is located within UWR Management Unit 178 and overlaps five distinct polygons with specific requirements in the ICHdw.

Analysis completed by Timberland (August 29, 2018) shows that post-harvest, Ungulate Winter Range Management Unit 178 meets the minimum retention and maximum disturbance requirements for snow interception cover and forage areas.

<u>Migratory Bird Habitat Assessment:</u> Block 1 is within a Migratory Bird Risk Rating 4 polygon (VRI Age Class 6/Mixed Conifer/) – ICH Mixed Conifer (FdCwBgLwHw). The management matrix therefore requires the implementation of at minimum one Best Management Practice with a Degree of Protection rank of at least moderate. BMP PL1, PL2 and LO2 have been implemented on site to reduce the likelihood of incidental take and to conform with CCC's adopted management strategy. PL1 refers to a high retention silviculture system that will be prescribed for SU B, where 40-45 stems per hectare will be retained. PL2 refers to the implementation of a patch/edge retention system around biodiversity anchors encompassed in WTRA 1. LO2 refers to higher levels of retention prescribed surrounding riparian features: This has been implemented with mature timber reserves adjacent to S6-1 and Laird Creek (75-100m RMA).

Slope values are low to moderate in the southern portion of the unit, with a few smaller areas of short, steeper slopes. Slope values in northern portion of unit are moderate to high. Middle to upper elevation ICH dw1 site conditions. Aspect is mainly southeast facing, with broken discontinuous slopes. Mid-low slope location. Vegetation cover is low to moderate over most of the unit. An S3 class stream (Laird Creek) is located at the east side of the block, greater than 50m from the harvest area. An S6 stream channel located 100m west of the block. All road access will be new construction. Old stumps were seen at the lower (southern) boundary. Existing coarse woody debris levels are low to moderate (>35cm diameter) in most areas. One disturbed patch with several snags and thick brush layer is located in the north western area of the unit.

SU A: stand type is: Fd₆Cw₂Bg₂(Lw) with 425 stems/ha. Few Fd and Bg snags are present.

SU B: stand type is: Fd₉Cw₁ with 584 stems/ha. Few Bg snags are present.

SU C: stand type is: $Fd_5Bg_2Lw_2PI_1(Hw)$ with 540 stems/ha. Few Fd snags are present.

Average stand density (all species) is 462 stems/ha. Most stems fall within the 20-60cm DBH classes, with 0.9% of stems in the 65-85cm DBH classes. Approximate species densities are Fd 256 stems/ha, Cw 104 stems/ha, Bg 43 stems/ha, Pl 26 stems/ha, Lw 26 stems/ha, and Hw 7 stems/ha. Stand age ranges from 54-148 with an average of 107 years old. The understory contains low densities of Bg Hw Cw regen, saplings and poles that are mainly in poor (suppressed) to moderate condition but growing well in openings.

Forest cover adjacent to the block includes similar mature stands with natural openings outside the West, North and East boundaries, and previous harvesting to the South-west.

Actions prescribed:

Total Area specified for the retention of wildlife trees: **<u>10.7 ha</u>** (30.1% of gross area)

Wildlife Tree Retention Patch (WTRA):

WTRA-1 (6.4ha) Fd5Bg5(CwLw): This WTRA is located on the east (lower) side of Spur-1 and contains a Fd Bg leading stand. Density is 500-600 sph; Height range is 20 - 30m; DBH range is 30 – 50cm; Age class is 5 - 7. Slope values are moderate, and crown closure is 40%. Values within the area include some large diameter vets with large branching patterns and old large CWD. Bear scat, ungulate scat, and wildlife trails were seen within the WTRA. Vegetation cover includes maple and alder 1-4m tall, and falsebox/prince's pine ground cover.

WTRA-2 (4.3 ha) Fd8Bg2(CwLwHw): This WTRA is located on the west (upper) side of Spur-1 and contains a Fd Bg leading stand. Density is 600-700 sph; Height range is 20 - 35m; DBH range is 30 – 60cm; Age class is 5 - 7. Slope values range from moderate to steep, and crown closure is 40%. Values within the area include some large diameter vets with large branching patterns and old large CWD. Bear scat, ungulate scat, and wildlife trails were seen within the WTRA. Vegetation cover includes maple and alder 1-5m tall, and falsebox/prince's pine ground cover.

The WTRAs have been established in part, as a best management practice for the reduction of migratory bird incidental take **(BMP PL2)**, to ensure compliance with Visual Quality Objectives, and to mitigate risk to downslope terrain hazards into the Laird Creek drainage.

<u>Snags</u>

Retain safe snags <5m tall in SU A and B where operationally feasible. Snags with evidence of wildlife use are preferred.

C.2c FISHERIES

There are no fish streams within or directly adjacent to the block.

See Section E.1 for Riparian Management Strategies.

Drainage from the majority of the cutblock area flows downslope to the East, towards Laird Creek.

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C.2d WATERSHEDS

CP 410 Block 1 falls within the Laird Creek Domestic Watershed.

Laird Creek (S3 Class) has 10 licensed PODs for human consumption, the closest of which is >250m downstream. Referral letters dated April 5, 2018 were sent to POD licensees with a 30 day response period. Several comments were received from water users. Management with regard to these comments took into consideration the following recommendations from qualified professionals:

Comments from TSA: Laird Creek, CP410, Block 1, and Spurs 1, 2, and 3 from August 7, 2018 by Perdue Geotechnical Services: A harvest boundary amendment was undertaken to increase the WTRA to encompass the catchment area above the potentially unstable, lower slopes (below the convex slope break).

Comments from Hydro Assessment: Laird Creek Hydrogeomorphic Assessment from May 22, 2018 by Apex Geoscience Consultants Ltd: The above stated boundary amendment which reduces the net area harvested from 30.1ha to 23.1ha also serves to pull back harvest boundaries from the headscarps of debris flow gullies.

C.2e RECREATION

Not applicable. The proposed cutblock is not located within a designated Recreational Area or Trail with legal objectives.

C.2f BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY

Landscape Unit - K10 (West Arm): Intermediate BEO Assignment.

C.2g VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

CP 410 falls partially within a polygon with a PR objective.

A Visual Impact Assessment was completed by Timberland Consultants in March 2018, and the proposed blocks meet the definition and requirements of PR. Irregular shaped boundaries that follow natural terrain features, and large reserve areas serve to improve visual quality from viewpoints. In Block 1, a mature retention of 40-45 stems/ha in SU A, and 60-65 stems/ha in SU B will enhance visual quality. The proposed development of **CP410** meets the established VQO of PR from the selected viewpoints.

C.2h CULTURAL HERITAGE

A referral letter dated February 14, 2018, was sent to the appropriate individual(s) and/or group(s).

Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd did not receive any comments from First Nations identifying any concerns with the proposed development that had the potential of impacting cultural heritage values.

No cultural heritage values were noted in this area. See section E.5 for Archaeological information.

C.2i RANGE

Not applicable. There are no range tenures located in the FDUs covered by this FSP.

C.2j OTHER RESOURCES

Trapping / Guiding:

Trappers or guiding license holders in the area will be identified and notified through the Forest Stewardship Planning process.

Windthrow:

Windthrow hazard is Low for adjacent immature stands that were harvested in the past (10 - 15m tall)

Windthrow hazard is **Low to Moderate** for adjacent mature stands. These stands have already been partially exposed to winds from past harvesting. Mature stands surrounding the harvest area are similar to the block with moderately well to well drained soils. The block is broken up into two smaller openings by WTRA, with dispersed internal retention in the southern (conventional) opening.

Soils are fine and well drained with 30-33 cm rooting depths.

CONDITIONS NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS SITE PLAN

THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS WERE CONSIDERED, AND FOUND NOT TO BE APPLICABLE TO THIS SITE PLAN: None identified.

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D. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND SITE CHARACTERISTICS

D.1 STANDAR	DS UNITS AND CRIT	ICAL SITE CONDITION	ONS								
		BIOGEOCLIMATIC									
SU	TREATMENT UNIT	ZONE	SUBZONE	VARIANT & PHASE	SITE SERIES	SITE TYPE					
A	1	ICH	dw	1	101 ₉ 104 ₁	-					
В	2	ICH	dw	1	104	-					
С	3	ICH	dw	1	104	-					

E. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

E.1 RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES									
RIPARIAN RI	RIPARIAN RESERVE ZONE (RRZ)								
RIPARIAN/ LAKE ID									
Laird Creek	S3	1	N N/A Harvest boundary established on slope break into stream gully >75m off Laird Creek. No harvesting within RRZ.						
RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT ZONE (RMZ)									
RIPARIAN/ LAKE ID	HARVESTING Y/N	SU XREF							
Laird Creek	Ν	N/A	N/A Harvest boundary established on slope break into stream gully >75m off Laird Creek. No harvesting within RMZ.						
NON-CLASS	IFIED (NC) RIPA	RIAN ARE	AS						
RIPARIAN/ LAKE ID	SU XREF	MANAGE	MENT STR	ATEGIES					
N/A									
No riparian ar	eas are present	within Block	x 1.						

E.2 F	OREST H	IEALTH N	IANAGEM		ATEGIES		
SU	Code	Nelson F DRA Ris	Region k Factors	Points	Relative Risk	Comments	
A,B, C	DRA	Site fact Host fac Inoculun potential Disease	tors	8 5 0 11 24	H M M	 Armillaria is absent or present at low levels within the stand. Occurrence is likely opportunistic and compounded by other pathogens (DRN, DDE) weakening this stand. The Nomographic Zones in Section 3.0 of the "<u>Armillaria Root Disease</u> <u>Management Guidelines for the Nelson Forest Region" (June 1998)</u> indicate that Alternative or Intensive deferred treatments for root disease management are appropriate for this site, should Armillaria become a problem. Alternative treatments will include planting a species mixture that includes specie tolerant and /or moderately susceptible to Armillaria (e.g.: Lw, Cw, Pw, Py). Fd (highly susceptible) may be included but should be limited to a maximum of 50% the mix. Microsite selection should reflect buffer zones around infected stumps, i they can be identified. Hand-pulling (preferred) or pop-up spacing (alternative) should be considered in the future should Armillaria become a limiting factor in meeting regeneration or free growing requirements (see section H). Stumping or pushover harvesting treatments are not suitable due to low sign of Armillaria, steep slopes in SU C, and high soil hazards. 	
						Other Forest Health Factors	
SU	C	ode	%				Current risk to inventory
A,B	I	BD		Approximately 5% of stems show signs of IBD, of which nearly all are grey attack, with very little red or green attack noted. Several down green Fd stems showed signs of IBD which corroborates with MoF AOS completed in 2017. Due to the presence of frass, beetles and pupae/larva the infestation is presumed to be ongoing at endemic levels. Due to the risk rating of the stand and the high consequence should an epidemic occur a treatment plan has been designed to manage the infestation.			High

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Expected	l future risks ar	nd actio	ns	
А, В	DSB	0	Pw is absent or present in minor amounts in the current stand. A small amount of Pw may be planted in SU A and B. Plant only rust resistant stock. Expect high incidence of white pine blister rust on any naturally regenerated Pw.	nil
			general poor health are not to be selected for retention. Depending upon the severity of the infestation post-harvest, MCH packets may be applied to dispersed retention in areas of high IBD presence determined by the assessment of a Qualified Professional. Trap trees may be considered for beetle management if timing of road building and block harvesting permits. This is to be determined by a qualified professional.	
			results of post-harvest spillover probes conducted by a Qualified Professional. Leave tree prescriptions require Douglas Fir that exhibits signs of stress, scarring, decay or	

Stand health risks in the future include a warm aspect and possible moisture deficits during the growing season.

SU A: Timber type of the pre-harvest stand by volume is $Fd_5Bg_2Lw_2Pl_1(Hw)$

SU B: Timber type of the pre-harvest stand by volume is Fd₉Cw₁

SU C: Timber type of the pre-harvest stand by volume is Fd₆Cw₂Bg₂(Lw)

E.3 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

LIVESTOCK TO BE USED FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT: YES: D NO: 🗵

Current Brush Hazard: SU A: Low levels of brush inside the block with patches of moderate levels of brush in openings outside the block.

SU B: Moderate levels of brush distributed regularly in more open patches inside harvest boundaries.

SU C: Moderate levels of brush distributed regularly in more open patches inside harvest boundaries.

<u>Future Brush Hazard</u>: Moderate to High. Mesic to submesic moisture regime, warm southeast aspect, and dry brush complex in steeper areas of the block. Potential competitor species exist outside the block and at block boundaries, and include aspen, alder, maple, and thimbleberry.

Brushing Methods: Should brushing become necessary, manual treatments are the preferred methods.

<u>Risks and Considerations:</u> Woody brushing or stand tending treatments must be carefully assessed due to pathogen ability to colonize wounds on stocked trees that may be damaged by brushing treatments.

Anticipated Timing: Treatment needs will be assessed through periodic walkthroughs and silviculture surveys. Treatment timing will be prescribed at the time of brush assessment.

E.4 COARSE WOODY DEBRIS (CWD) MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

CWD levels are low (<3% ground cover). CWD is predominantly composed of 10-40cm diameter stems. Fd PI Bg and Lw are the dominant CWD species. The stand has a dead standing and down component.

Manage for minimum CWD levels post-harvest in accordance with wildfire mitigation strategies. Post-harvest CWD will consist of non-merchantable existing levels and snags, along with residue and breakage. A reduction of CWD levels is anticipated through fire mitigation.

(FPPR Section 68): Manage for the minimum of 4 logs per hectare, each being at least 2 metres in length and at least 7.5cm in diameter at one end.

See the SITE PREP section (K.1) for additional CWD management strategies.

E.5 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Archaeological Overview Mapping of the CP 410 area shows that block 1 does not fall within a polygon that has a potential rating. An Archaeological Impact Assessment is not required.

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F. SOIL CONSERVATION

F.1 SITE DISTURBANCE							
		HAZARD RATINGS			SOIL CHA	RACTERISTICS	
SU	SOIL COMPACTION	SOIL DISPLACEMENT	SURFACE SOIL EROSION	DEPT UNFAVO SUBSO	URABLE	TYPE OF UNFAVOURABLE SUBSOIL	
				MIN(cm)	MAX(cm)		
А	Moderate	High	Moderate	28	28	Sands/Gravels	
В	Moderate	High	High	50	55	Dense Parental Material, Fragmental (>70% CF)	
С	Moderate	High	High	40	40	Fragmental (>70% CF)	

F.2 SOIL DISTURBANCE LIMITS

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SU A: ARE THERE SENSITIVE SOILS? □ YES ⊠NO
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SUB: ARE THERE SENSITIVE SOILS? □ YES ⊠NO

SUC: ARE THERE SENSITIVE SOILS? □ YES ⊠NO

MAX. PROPORTION OF TOTAL AREA UNDER THE PRESCRIPTION ALLOWED FOR PERMANENT ACCESS STRUCTURES (PAS): 2.6%.

Roadside harvesting or temporary landings will be used.

DEACTIVATION OF PERMANENT ACCESS STRUCTURES: Any landings will be deactivated – debris will be piled & burned, water control will be installed around all landings.

Terrain Stability Assessment, Laird Creek, CP 410 Block 1 and Spurs 1, 2, and 3 (report dated August 7, 2018)

Block 1, and the associated Spur 1, 2, and 3 roads, were reviewed by Christopher Perdue, P.Geo., Eng.L. of Perdue Geotechnical Services on August 1, 2018.

The likelihood of landslide initiation as a result of the proposed timber harvesting is rated as Low.

Recommendations from TSA: Harvest Boundary Amendment:

The topographically-defined catchment area (within Block 1) upslope of seasonal groundwater emergences and existing tension cracking was originally proposed to be harvested with a relatively small Wildlife Tree Retention Area (WTRA) established across the upper, northwestern harvest boundary. The original Equivalent Clearcut Area (ECA) above the lower slopes exhibiting signs of gradual slope instability is expected to increase seasonal groundwater levels and increase the likelihood of a rapid mass wasting event (i.e. a landslide). As a result, recommendations were forwarded to PWP to increase the WTRA to encompass the catchment area above the potentially unstable, lower slopes (below the convex slope break).

The recommendations were put in place with a significant increase in WTRA area, which reduced the net area to be harvested from 30.1 hectares (originally) to 23.1 hectares (present).

General Timber Harvesting Recommendations are included in the TSA report and are noted on the Harvest Plan map.

SU	MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE SOIL DISTURBANCE WITHIN THE NET AREA TO REFOREST (%)	MAXIMUM EXTENT SOIL DISTURBANCE LIMITS MAY BE TEMPORARILY EXCEEDED TO CONSTRUCT TEMPORARY ACCESS STRUCTURES OR EXCAVATED OR BLADED TRAILS (%)
A,B,C	10%	5%

MASD for Roadside Work Areas: 25%

Any temporary access structures or excavated or bladed trails will be rehabilitated to the extent necessary to bring the SU net area back into compliance with the specified soil disturbance limits.

See Section F.4 below for description of temporary access structures or excavated or bladed trails, if any.

Avoid harvesting during spring freshet/breakup conditions when soils are moist to reduce soil displacement and compaction. Steep slopes >35% are present in parts of SU A and B (ground based harvest methods) and are noted on the **Harvest Plan Map.** In SU C cable

based harvest methods will be utilized.

F.3 REHABILITATION TIME FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS STRUCTURES

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME TO COMPLETE REHAB (MEASURED FROM COMPLETION OF HARVEST): 2 YEARS

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	IAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR TEMPORARY	MAX	AVERAGE	
SU	GENERAL LOCATION:	ALLOWABLE HEIGHT OF CUTBANKS (m)	HEIGHT OF CUTBANKS (m)	EQUIPMENT TO BE USED (IF OTHER THAN EXCAVATOR)
A,B	Blading or excavating is expected to occur in parts of the unit with moderate to steep slopes.	0.8	0.3	Skidder, cat.
ropose	d Roads (permanent):		•	
SU A:	Spur 2* = 278m x 10m = 0.28ha			
SU B:	Spur 1 = 315m x 10m = 0.32ha			
	Spur 1 = 92m x 10m = 0.09ha			
	Spur 1 = 192m x 10m = 0.19ha			
Total P	AS = 0.88ha			
Propose	d Roads (temporary):			
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SU A: S	Spur 3: 73m x 10m = 0.1ha			
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G. SILVICULTURAL SYSTEMS

SILVICULT	URAL SYSTEMS					
SU	SYSTEM / VARIANT / PHASE					
A, B, C	Clear-cut with reserves silviculture system.					
SU	STAND STRUCTURE AND SITE CONDITION - COMMENTS					
A,B	Post-harvest stand structure will be even-aged with one age class. Planted trees and natural regeneration will include <u>Fd Cw Lw Pw Py (Pl Bg Hw)</u> .					
	2 Wildlife Tree Group Reserve Areas (WTRA): totalling 10.7 ha					
	Leave Trees					
	SU A: Retain 40-45 stems per hectare of Fd, Lw, and Py in the >=50cm DBH classes					
	SU B: Retain 60-65 stems per hectare of Fd, Lw, and Py in the >=40cm DBH classes					
	SU C: No mature leave trees are planned in SU C due to safety concerns associated with downhill yarding.					
	The purpose of this mature retention is to provide stand structure, biodiversity, visual and wildlife values. Give preference to larger diameter, wind-firm dominants and/or vets. Individual stems may be removed if required for safety or operational reasons. Douglas-fir stems that exhibits signs of stress, scarring, decay or general poor health are not to be selected for retention.					
	Wildfire Mitigation					
	Py, Fd, and Lw are more likely to survive a fire than the other species on site. Thinning the stand from above while retaining fire resilient stems and minimizing the surface fuels to meet the minimum CWD requirements is a recognized fire mitigation management plan. The objective is to retain larger, healthy stems with live crowns while maintaining a 3-5-m spacing between the crowns. The larger leave trees have higher crowns, which means a longer distance between surface fuels and tree crowns; reducing the effective ladder fuels, and reducing the likelihood of the fire moving into the canopy. Regularly spaced leave trees will shade the understory, which will help reduce ground temperatures and prevent brush species from becoming established, further reducing the ladder fuels. Leave tree distribution is expected to be regular where large stems exist and is operationally feasible to do so. Adequate inter-crown spacing prevents the spread of a potential wildfire between leave trees, while still providing ground shading. Post harvest the stand will be easier to protect should a fire occur – fire will move more slowly through the stand due to less ground fuel, an open stand with clean ground & a more open canopy that will let more water and fire retardant through to the ground from air drops than a full canopy stand. The roads and trails constructed to access the block will provide better access for the fire fighters.					
	The current stand is heavy to Fd; therefore planting Lw & Py will make the stand more resilient to adapt to changing climate conditions & to adapt to species specific pest.					
	Snags No snags or stubbed trees are prescribed to be left behind in the block, as they are a hazard from a fire management perspective. Live vets and larger stems selected as leave trees will provide wildlife values post-harvest.					

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H. STOCKING REQUIREMENTS

LICENCE #	СР	BLOCK	OPENING NUMBER	LOCATION
A30171	410	1	82F066	Laird Creek

H1	ECOLOGICA	CAL INFORMATION								
SU	Net Area	Zone	Subzone	Variant/P	Variant/P Site Series		Elevation		Slope	Soil
	(ha)			hase	(complex - %)	Min	Max	Avg	position	Texture (0-30cm)
A	13.9	ICH	dw	1	101 ₉ 104 ₁	830	1020	925	Lower	SL
В	4.4	ICH	dw	1	104	1020	1120	1070	Mid-slope	SL
С	4.8 ICH		dw	1	104	980	1165	1073	Mid-slope	SL
RATIONAL	RATIONALE FOR STOCKING STANDARD FSP ID SELECTION									
STANDAR FSP ID #	STANDARDS UNIT CHANGE FROM STANDARD PRACTICE FSP ID #			COMMENT: (For examp	-	ealth (DRA)	or Rocky site)			
105	7445 N/A									
105	1057452 N/A									

H2 STOCKI		FOR SILVICULTUR	AL SYSTEMS OTH	HER THAN SIN	GLE TRE	E SELEC	CTION			
Standard unit	Standards ID	Regen Delay (yrs))	Free Growi	ng Early	(yrs)	Free Growing	Late	e (yrs)	
А	1057445	7			12			20		
Preferree	d Species	Acceptable Species		Post Spacing	g Density	(sph)	-	Ма	ix Coniferous (sph)	
Species	min ht(m)	Species	min ht (m)	Min	700	Max	1800		10,000	
						Well	Spaced Trees (sph))	
	Fd- 1.4, Lw Pw-		PI- 2.0,	Target		mum &acc	Minimum preferred		Min Horizontal Inter-tree distance (m)	
Cw ¹⁰ Fd ⁵⁸ Lw Pw ³¹	2.0, Cw- 1.0	Pl ¹³ Bg Hw Py ^{9,14}	Bg Hw Py- 1.0	1200	70	00	600		2.0*	
							Height Relative	e to (Competition (%)	
									150	
	-	-		_						
В	1057452	7	7		12		20			
Preferree	d Species	Acceptable Species		Post Spacing	Post Spacing Density (sph)			Max Coniferous (sph)		
Species	min ht (m)	Species	min ht (m)	Min	700	Мах	1800		10,000	
	Fd-1.4, Lw Pw-2.0 Py- 1.0	Bg Pl Cw ^{10,204}	Pl - 2.0, Bg Cw- 1.0	Well Spaced Trees (sph))		
Fd ⁵⁸ Lw Py ^{9,203}				Target		mum &acc	Minimum preferred		Min Horizontal Inter-tree distance (m)	
Pw ³¹				1200	700		600		2.0*	
							Height Relativ	/e to	Competition (%)	
								150		
С	1057452	7	7	12			20			
Preferree	d Species	Acceptable	Species	Post Spacing	Post Spacing Density (sph)		Ма		x Coniferous (sph)	
Species	min ht (m)	Species	min ht (m)	Min	700	Мах	1800		10,000	
				Well Sp		Spaced Trees (sph))		
Fd ⁵⁸ Lw Py ^{9,203} Pw ³¹		Bg PI Cw ^{10,204}		Target		mum &acc	Minimum preferred		Min Horizontal Inter-tree distance (m)	
Pw ³¹	Fd-1.4, Lw Pw-2.0 Py- 1.0	bgrrow	PI - 2.0, Bg Cw- 1.0	1200	700		600		2.0*	
							Height Relativ	/e to	Competition (%)	
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Other Required Stocking Information/Footnotes :

9 - suitable on warm aspects

10 - suitable on cool aspects

13 - suitable at upper elevations

14 – suitable at lower elevations

31 – must use of blister rust resistant stock. See BC Journal of Ecosystems and Management 10(1): 97-100 for supplementary information.

58 – South Area – Fd limited to a max 50% of preferred and acceptable well-spaced stems in the IDFmw and all subzones of the ICH due to root rot. See Root Rot Handbook (2017, in press).

203 – Recommended on sites for climate change adaptation.

204 - Not recommended due to climate change concerns.

* - a reduced MITD of 1.7m may be used to facilitate planting superior microsites, when sites have: mechanical site preparation (mounding and disk trenching), been previously fill planted, or conditions where obstacle planting for snow creep is necessary. Reduced MITD applies to PLANTED TREES ONLY

H3 SITE PREPARATION									
Area (ha)	TECHNIQUE (S) / LIMITING FACTORS								
	Options	for SU A, B, and C include:							
A=13.9	•	Mechanical bunching (pile and burn) where feasible to minimize CWD as a method of wildfire mitigation.							
	•	Up to 10% of piles may be left unburned in order to contribute to wildlife habitat and coarse woody debris values.							
B=4.4	•	Manage CWD and slash with a goal of future wildfire mitigation; minimize surface fuels post-harvest. Clearcutting and site prep that removes almost all of the aboveground biomass creates a good firebreak given the limited fuel remaining.							
C=4.8		This will reduce the intensity of a potential fire, and make it easier for firefighters to suppress. This does not mean removing all organic material down to mineral soil; just to reduce significant accumulations of surface fuel.							

H4 PLANTING								
SU	Area (ha)	Regen. Method	Species	Age	Stock Type	Season	Stems/Ha	Total Stems
А	13.9	Plant	CwFdLwPw (PIBgHwPy)	1+0	PSB 412A/410	Spring	1400-1600	20850
В	4.4	Plant	FdLwPyPw (BgPICw)	1+0	PSB 412A/410	Spring	1400-1600	6600
С	4.8	Plant	FdLwPyPw (BgPICw)	1+0	PSB 412A/410	Spring	1400-1600	7200

LIMITING FACTORS / COMMENTS:

- Plant on the high or low side of obstacles to minimize snow creep and snow press.
- Hw is an acceptable species in SU A, and significant amounts of natural regen exist. Expect quantities of natural regeneration.

• Bg is an acceptable species, and significant amounts of natural regen exist throughout the block. Expect quantities of natural regeneration.

Manage for a high diversity of planted trees as a climate change adaptation strategy. Increasing species diversity may help buffer the
negative impacts of climate change, and make forests more resilient when faced with extreme weather events. This strategy is meant to
reduce the forest health risks to future timber supply by providing a diversity of species should one or more become susceptible to pests or
other damaging agents.

CP410 is currently very heavy to Fd. Replanting these stands with a higher diversity of species, including species that are more adapted to hotter and drier growing conditions like Lw and Py, will promote a stand that is more likely to tolerate a warming climate.

- Microsite selection for Lw, PI, and Py should be concentrated to dry sites with Cw populating draws and cold air exposures.
- Limiting factors include a warm aspect and shallow soils. Moisture deficits are expected to persist through the summer.
- Plant as soon as possible following harvesting or site prep operations. Note: a post-harvest assessment should be completed to assess the
 necessity of site preparation prior to planting. If site prep is needed, the person completing the assessment will generate a prescription
 surrounding the areas that are required and the methods to be employed.
- Anticipated Timing/Constraints: Treatment needs will be assessed through periodic walkthroughs and silviculture surveys.
- Monitor for signs of ungulate browse during silviculture surveys.

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H5 E	BRUSHING / STAND TENDING							
Area (ha)	TECHNIQUE (S) / LIMITING FACTORS							
28.2	Brush hazard: Current hazard is moderate due to mesic moisture regime with some dry brush complex in openings outside the block. Future brush hazard is moderate due to dry aspect and evidence of dry brush complex in openings. Competitor species post-harvest include thimbleberry and woody shrubs such as alder, maple and willow.							
20.2	Brushing Methods: Manual treatments are preferred. However, existing pathogens spread by colonizing wounds on stocked trees and care must be taken to limit damage to crop trees. Woody brushing may be necessary prior to Free Growing and likely is an option in pathogen management, as long as crop trees are not injured.							
	Anticipated Timing/Constraints: Treatment needs will be assessed through periodic walkthroughs and silviculture surveys. Treatment timing will be prescribed at the time of brush assessment.							

I. ADMINISTRATION

SITE PLAN PREPARED BY (RPF SIGNATURE AND SEAL):	
Russell Fountain RPF Name (Printed)	RPF Signature and Seal
Date: <u>September 28, 2019</u> RPF #: <u>4970</u>	
SITE PLAN ATTACHMENTS:	MAJOR LICENSEE SIGNING AUTHORITY:
 SP MAP(S) ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT TERRAIN STABILITY FIELD ASSESSMENT VISUAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT RIPARIAN ASSESSMENT FODEST MEAN TH (DEST INCIDENCE) 	Licence Holder Signing Authority Signature
 FOREST HEALTH / PEST INCIDENCE ASSESSMENT SOIL CONSERVATION TABLE OTHER: <u>REFORESTATION PRESCRIPTION</u> OTHER: <u>ARMILLARIA RISK ASSESSMENT</u> <u>MATRIX</u> 	Licence Holder Signing Authority Name (Printed)
	Date:

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	Standards Units							
	A	В	C		TOTAL HA	%		
HAZARD RATINGS:								
Compaction	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate					
Soil Displacement	High (16)	High (18)	High (20)					
Surface Erosion	Moderate (22)	High (24)	High (23)					
Forest Floor Displacement	High (23)	High (19)	High (17)					
Mass Wasting	Low (18)	Low(16)	Low(20)					
Harvest System	Conventional	Conventional	Cable		ĺ	l de la companya de l		
TOTAL AREA	21.1	8.7	4.9	-	34.7			
Wildlife Tree Patches / NP Nat						% WTP/IMM		
WTRA	6.4	4.3	-	-	10.7	30.8		
IMM	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Permanent Access Structures								
Proposed roads	0.8	0	0.1		0.9	2.6		
Existing roads	-	-	-		0	0		
Landings	-	-	-		0	0		
Total disturbance permanent access structures	0.8	0	0.1		0.9	2.6		
NET AREA TO BE REFORESTED	13.9	4.4	4.8		23.1			
Sensitive Soils (Y/N)	No	No	No					
Temporary Access Structures: Road, landing, excavated or bladed trails that will be rehabilitated (% of NAR).	5% (excavated/bladed trails)	5% (excavated/bladed trails)	5% (excavated/bladed trails)					
Max. Allowable dispersed Soil Disturbance (% of NAR by Standards Unit) as a result of harvesting, mechanical site preparation, or hazard abatement activities.	10%	10%	10%					

Comments: Landings within the NAR are temporary and will be fully rehabilitated.

Rehabilitation/Deactivation measures:

All landings and trails within the NAR are temporary and will be rehabilitated by decompacting, re-contouring, surface restoration, followed by planting.

Landings will be deactivated as per the following: Minimize runoff flowing onto the landing and minimize erosion of the landing fill material by incorporating appropriate drainage systems. If required, carry out measures to ensure that the landing is stable, such as decompaction, recontouring, and grass seeding.

Perm Road: 877m x 10m = 0.9ha Temp Road: 73m x 10m = 0.1ha Proposed Landings: 4 landings utilizing new access structures. Three 0.2 ha landings within SU A NAR. One 0.2 ha landing within SU C NAR.

See Section F.4 for discussion of rehabilitation of excavated/bladed trails.