

# **Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd.**

Visual Impact Assessment  
CP 410 Laird

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## Visual Impact Assessment – Project Information

CP: 410

Proposed Year of Harvest: 2018/19

Proposed Silviculture System: CC/RES

Type of Proposed Operation: Logging

Block Area ha (No WTPs):

Block 1: 21.5

Block 10: 12.5

Block 11: 8.5

Block 12: 16.1

Block 13: 3.2

Visual Resource Management	VLI	VSC:	VAC:	EVC:	EVQO:
Block 1: 0.7 ha	627	2	-	-	NVS
Block 1: 5.7 ha	93	3	M	P	PR
Block 1: 15.0 ha	92	3	M	PR	PR
Block 10: 12.5 ha	91	3	M	PR	PR
Block 11: 8.5 ha	91	3	M	PR	PR
Block 12: 16.1 ha	91	3	M	PR	PR
Block 13: 3.2 ha	91	3	M	PR	PR

Kootenay-Boundary Higher Level Plan Order	VSU#	Class: _
	94	3
	379	3

Foreground = 0-1km      Midground = 1 – 5km      Background = 5 –12km

Date Visual Landscape Inventory Completed: __Nov 2016__	DOES EVC EXCEED ESTABLISHED VQO?	Yes ___	No <u>X</u>
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## VIA SUMMARY

### VIEWPOINTS & PHOTOGRAPH INFORMATION

Number and name of viewpoints from which the proposal is visible and photos are taken	<b>VP #1</b> Fishermans Wharf	<b>VP #2</b> Procter Boat Launch	<b>VP#3</b> Kootenay Lake Ferry	<b>VP#5</b> Harrop Procter Road
Viewpoint importance (Major/Minor/Potential)	Major	Major	Major	Minor
Viewpoint co-ordinates (Lat./Long. or UTM inc. elevation (m))	x- 502935 y- 5496423 z-534m	x-499513 y- 5495292 z-534m	x-504985 y- 5498257 z-534m	x-501594 y- 5495554 z-573m
Viewing distance (Foreground/Midground/Background)	2.1 Km (Mid)	2.3 Km (Mid)	2.6 Km (Mid)	2.8 Km (Mid)
Viewing duration (High/Moderate/Low)	High	High	High	Mod
Focal length of camera lens (digital equivalent mm)	50	50	50	50
Direction of view (degrees true)	312 <sup>0</sup> -12 <sup>0</sup>	350 <sup>0</sup> -45 <sup>0</sup>	280 <sup>0</sup>	310 <sup>0</sup> -15 <sup>0</sup>

## 1. ASSESSING BASIC VQO DEFINITION

Describe the level of impact that the proposed alteration, in combination with any existing non-VEG alterations, will have on the landscape from each viewpoint, using one of the following terms: <i>Not visible, Not visually evident, Subordinate, Dominant, Out of scale</i>	VP1 <i>subordinate</i>	VP2 <i>Not visually evident</i>	VP3 <i>Not visually evident</i>	VP5 <i>subordinate</i>		
Which basic VQO definition would the proposed alteration, in combination with any existing non-VEG alterations, meet from all the selected viewpoints and taking into account viewpoint importance, viewing distance and viewing duration? P ___ R ___ PR <u>X</u> M ___ MM ___						
If applicable, state reasons why the proposed alteration(s) does not achieve the basic definition of the established VQO from any of the selected viewpoints.						

## 2. ASSESSING VISUAL DESIGN

Have major lines of force been identified and used to develop the size and shape of the proposed operation? (If Yes, attach visual force analysis to this form.)	Yes ___ No <u>X</u>
Has the proposed operation borrowed from the natural character of the landscape? <b>Blocks and WTRAs have been designed to follow natural landscape patterns.</b>	Yes <u>X</u> No ___
Have edge treatments been incorporated into the design of the proposed operation (feathered edges, irregular cutblock design, etc.)? <b>Blocks and WTRAs have been designed to have irregular boundaries that follow natural landscape patterns.</b>	Yes <u>X</u> No ___
Have "islands," or patches of trees, been maintained to mitigate visual impacts and other resource management objectives? <b>WTRAs have been established within all blocks to mitigate visual impacts as well as maintaining biodiversity.</b>	Yes <u>X</u> No ___
Are there any existing human-made alterations visible in the unit that exhibit poor design? If Yes, describe design deficiencies below:	Yes ___ No <u>X</u>
If applicable, list any additional design techniques used and/or state reasons why certain design techniques could not be employed. <b>Un-naturally straight timber harvest boundary lines have been kept to a minimum.</b>	

### 3. ASSESSING NUMERICAL DATA

Complete either the clearcut or partial-cutting section below depending on the silviculture system used.

#### Percent Alteration Worksheet for Clearcutting

Use photograph or computer simulation output from each viewpoint for percent alteration calculations. See Appendix 8 of Visual Impact Assessment Guidebook (2 <sup>nd</sup> edition, Jan 2001) for example of calculation.	VP1	VP2	VP3	VP5		
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1. Total area of landform/VSU in perspective view as seen from each viewpoint (measured in cm <sup>2</sup> )	168	153	85.6	141		
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2. Visible ground area of <i>proposed</i> alteration(s) in perspective view as seen from each viewpoint (measured in cm <sup>2</sup> )	1.6	1.5	1.3	2.7		
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3. Visible ground area of all <i>existing</i> alterations in non-VEG state in perspective view as seen from each viewpoint (measured in cm <sup>2</sup> )	2.5	2.2	0.6	4.2		
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4. Total % alteration of the viewshed in perspective view as seen from each viewpoint	2.4	2.4	2.2	4.9		
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Identify for each viewpoint which VQO will be achieved based on % alteration. See Table 3 in VIA Guidebook for % alteration guidelines.	PR	PR	PR	PR		
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Which VQO would the proposed alteration, in combination with any existing non-VEG alterations, meet from all the selected viewpoints based on percent alteration only?  
 P \_\_\_ R \_\_\_ PR X M \_\_\_ MM \_\_\_ or Other \_\_\_\_\_

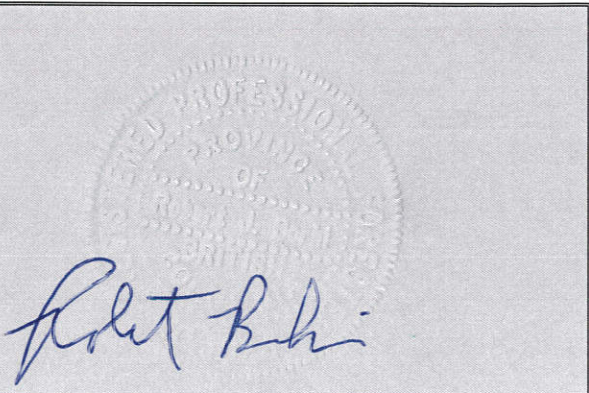
**Partial-cutting Evaluation – Not applicable to CP 410.**

What percent volume or stems retention is proposed?	%Volume Remaining	% Stems Remaining
<b>Which VQO would the proposed alteration, in combination with any existing non-VEG alterations, meet from all the selected viewpoints based on volume or stems remaining?</b> (See Table 4 in VIA Guidebook (2 <sup>nd</sup> edition, Jan 2001) for partial-cutting guidelines, if applicable) P    R    PR    M    MM		

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Does the proposal, in combination with any existing non-VEG alterations, achieve the basic definition for the established VQO?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Have visual design concepts and principles been incorporated into block/road design? <b>Block Boundary, WTRA Design and dispersed leave trees work in concert to ensure Visual Impacts will be minimized.</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Does the proposal, in combination with any existing non-VEG alterations, fall within the numerical ranges for the established VQO?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
Given the three criteria listed above, does the proposal meet the established VQO from all the selected viewpoint(s)? <b>The proposal meets the established VQO based on the basic definition of PR, percent alteration, and the size, shape and design of proposed blocks.</b>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

Completed By: Timberland Consultants (2001) Date Completed: September 27th 2018 (revised Jan 23, 2019).

	
	Robert Borhi, RPF    Jan. 23, 2019 <i>I certify that the work described herein fulfills standards expected of a member of the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals, and that I did personally supervise the work.</i>

**NOTES:**

1. It is strongly recommended that the district office be consulted before carrying out an assessment to confirm viewpoint locations and content recommendations.
2. Proposed alterations are assessed using three criteria (the first two being the most critical ones): (1) meeting basic definition and intent of VQO, (2) quality of design, and (3) scale of alteration.
3. Silvicultural systems leaving significant tree cover will be assessed using volume or stems remaining rather than by scale of alteration as outlined in *Visual Impacts of Partial Cutting* (1997).
4. Visual quality objectives must be achieved from all selected viewpoints.

**ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Has this visual impact assessment incorporated all known alterations proposed in the scenic area for the next 5 years (i.e., all operations proposed by the same or different licensees)? [ In scenic areas where operating areas are shared among licensees, there should be co-ordination between licensees in preparing VIAs (i.e., existing and proposed cutblocks/roads, if visible from the same viewpoints, must be shown for all licensees). Potential benefits are that one VIA may satisfy the requirements of several licensees, and/or digital data may be shared between licensees when preparing the VIAs.] **Yes  No**

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



Existing Condition



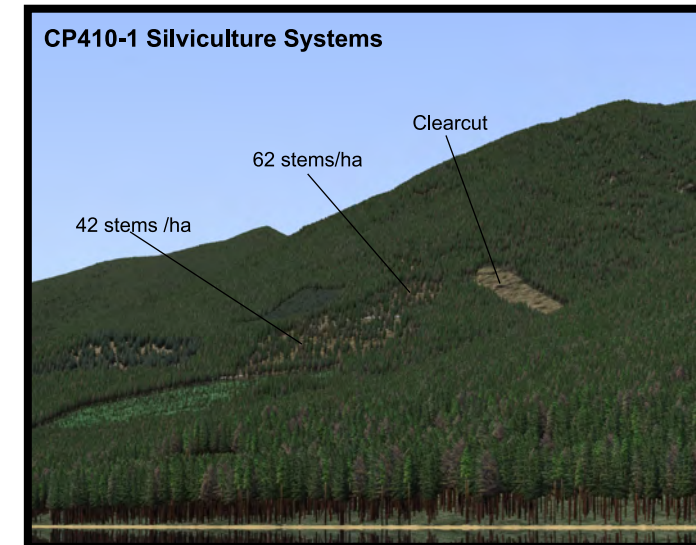
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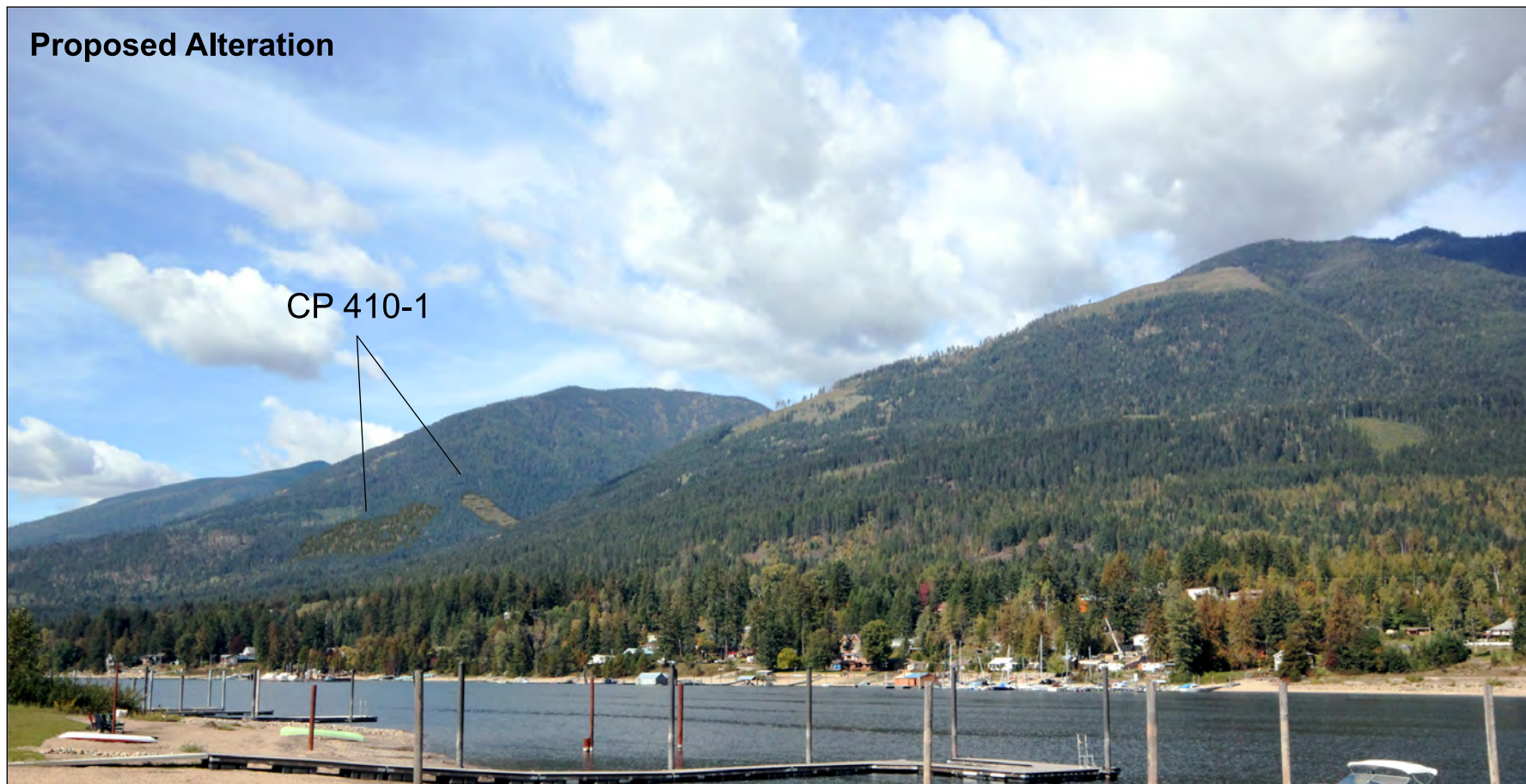
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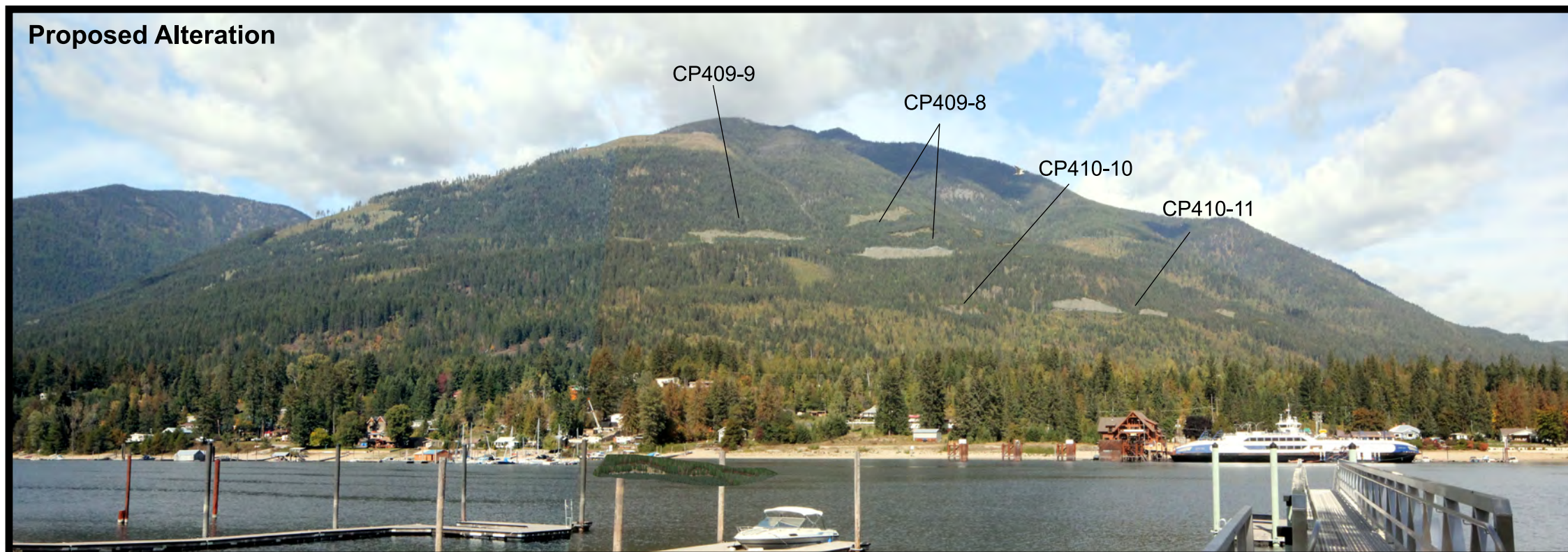
Viewpoint 1 West  
Fishermans Wharf

CP410-1 Silviculture Systems



Proposed Alteration

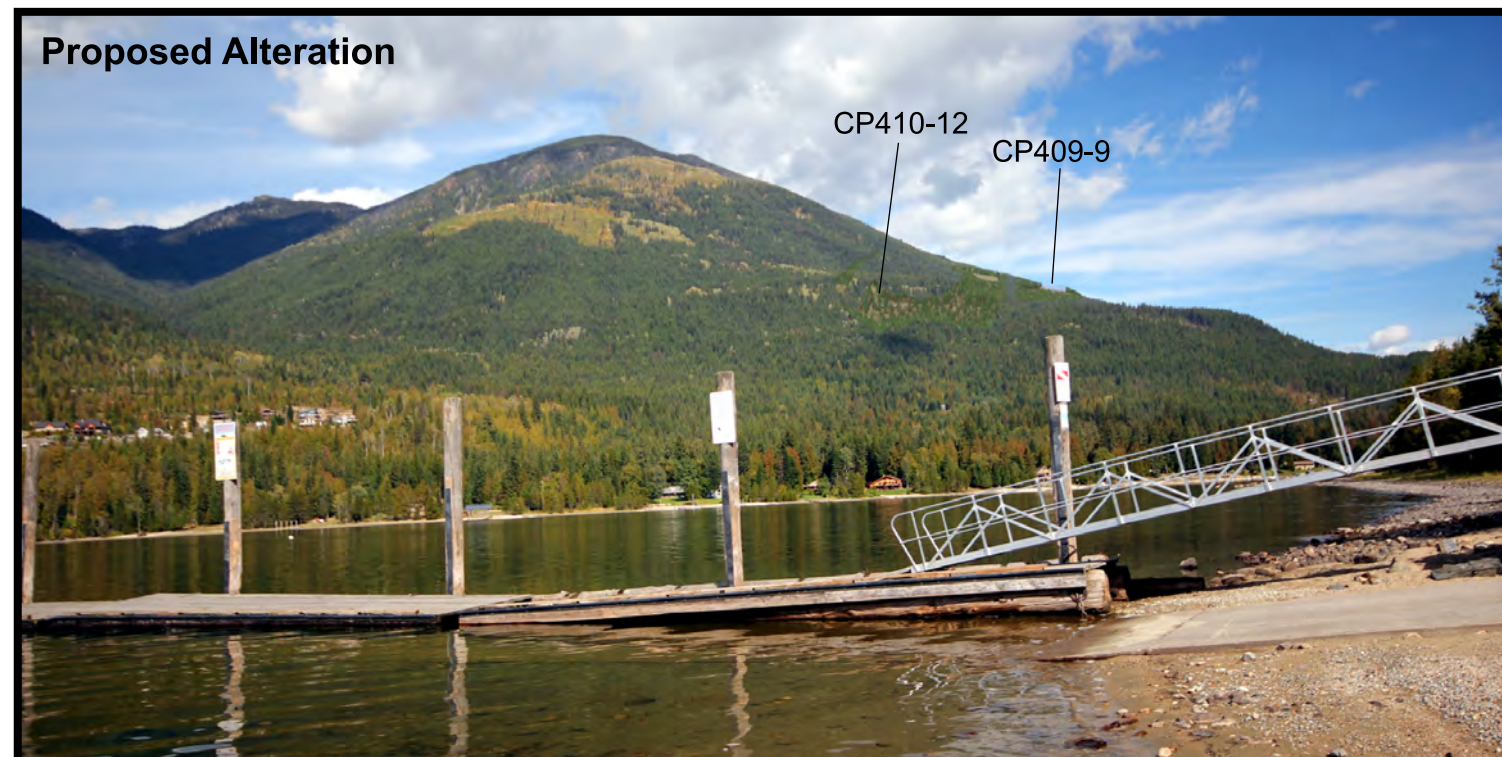




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## Viewpoint 2 East Sunshine Bay Wharf

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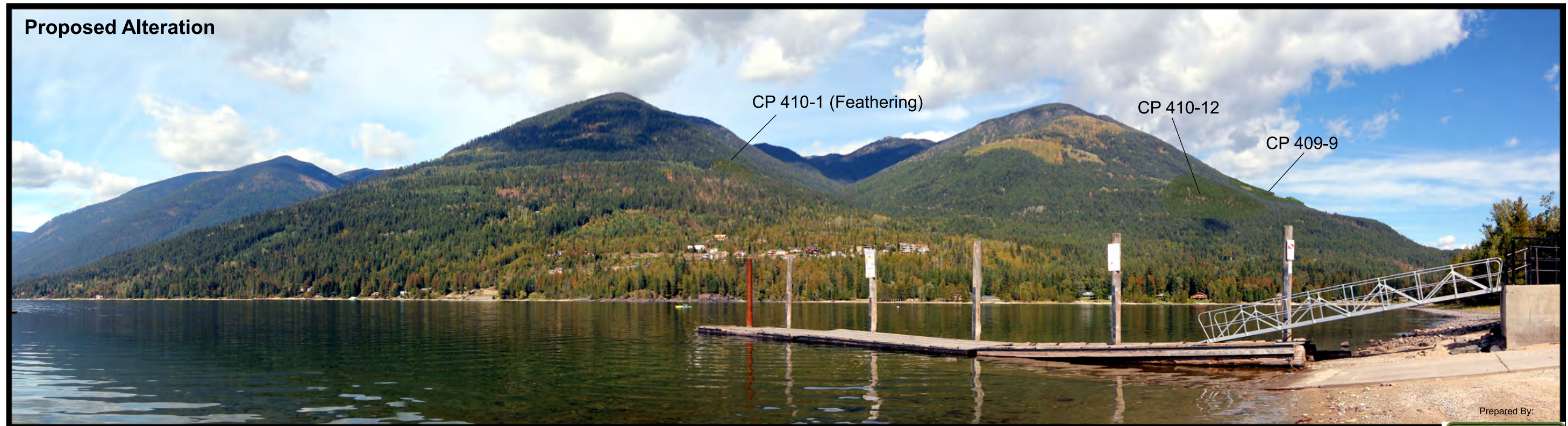
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Viewpoint 2 West  
Sunshine Bay Wharf

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Viewpoint 3  
Kootenay Lake Ferry

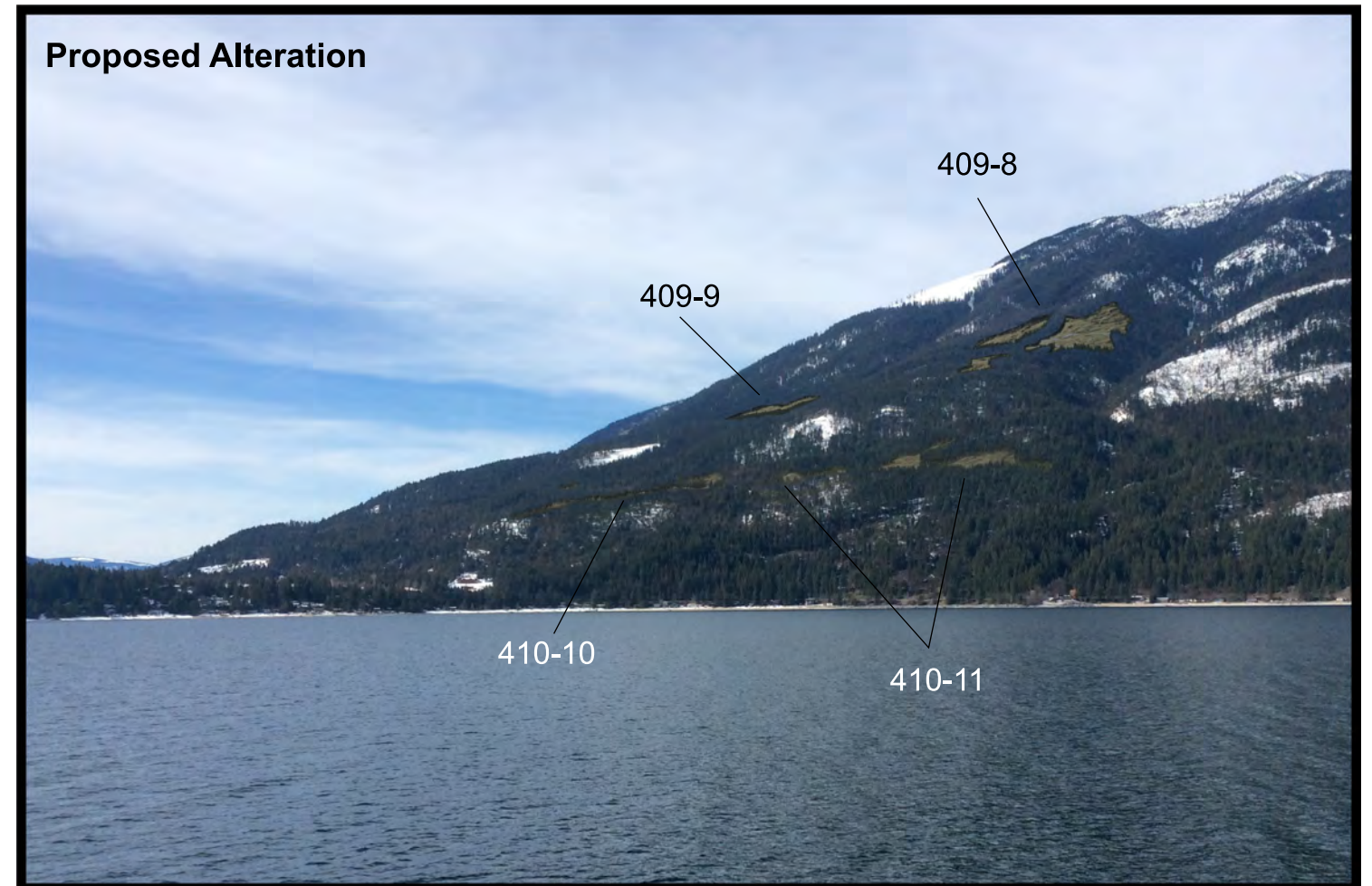
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Proposed Alteration



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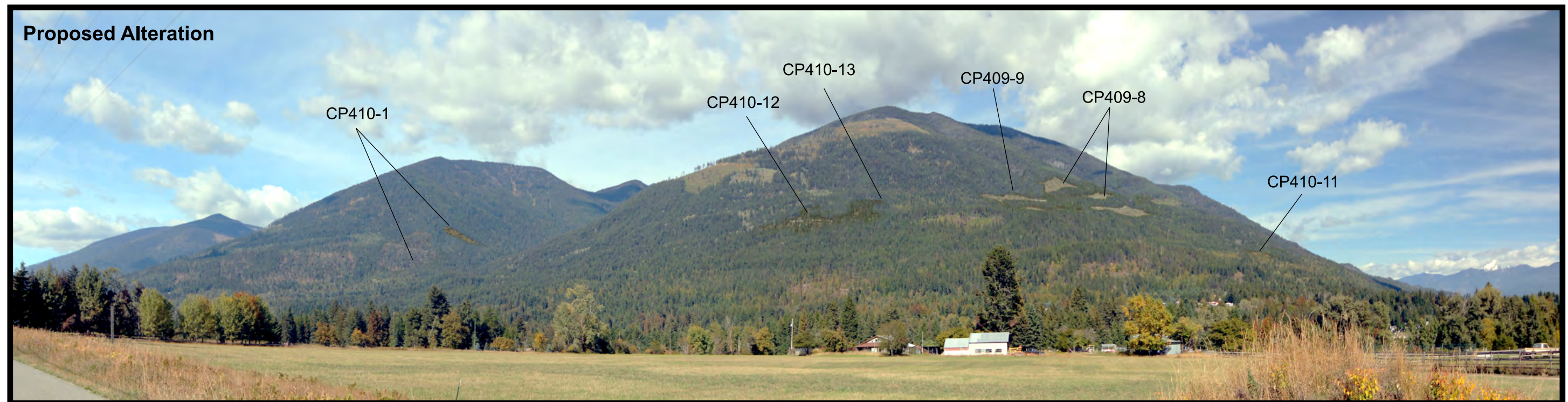
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Viewpoint 5  
Harrop /Procter Road

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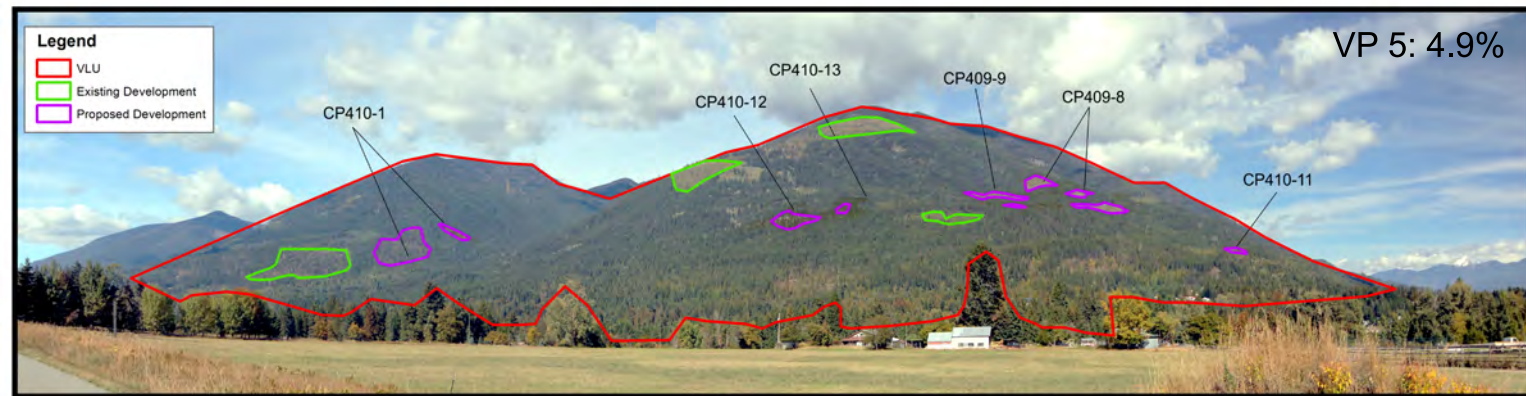
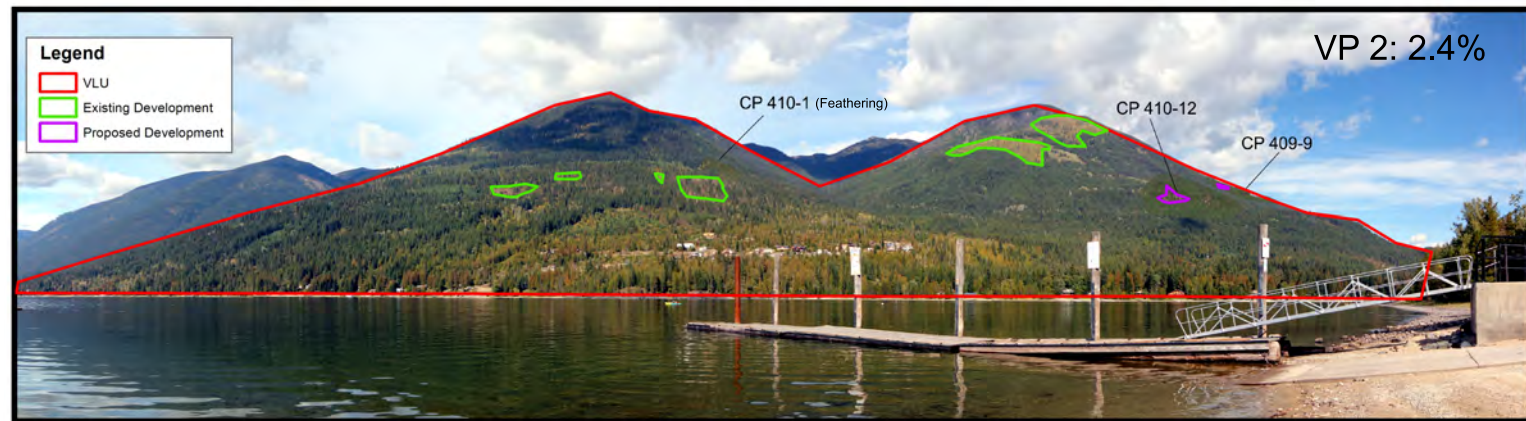
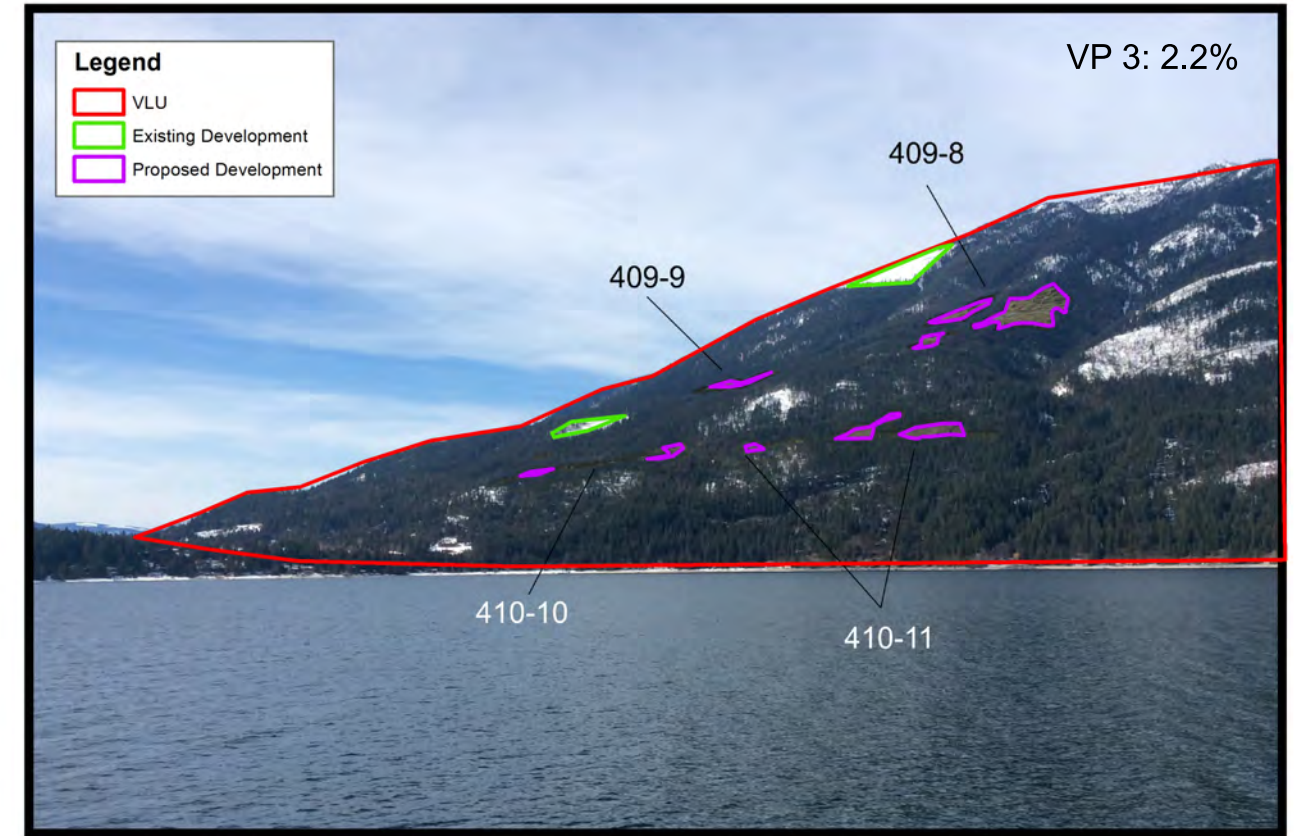
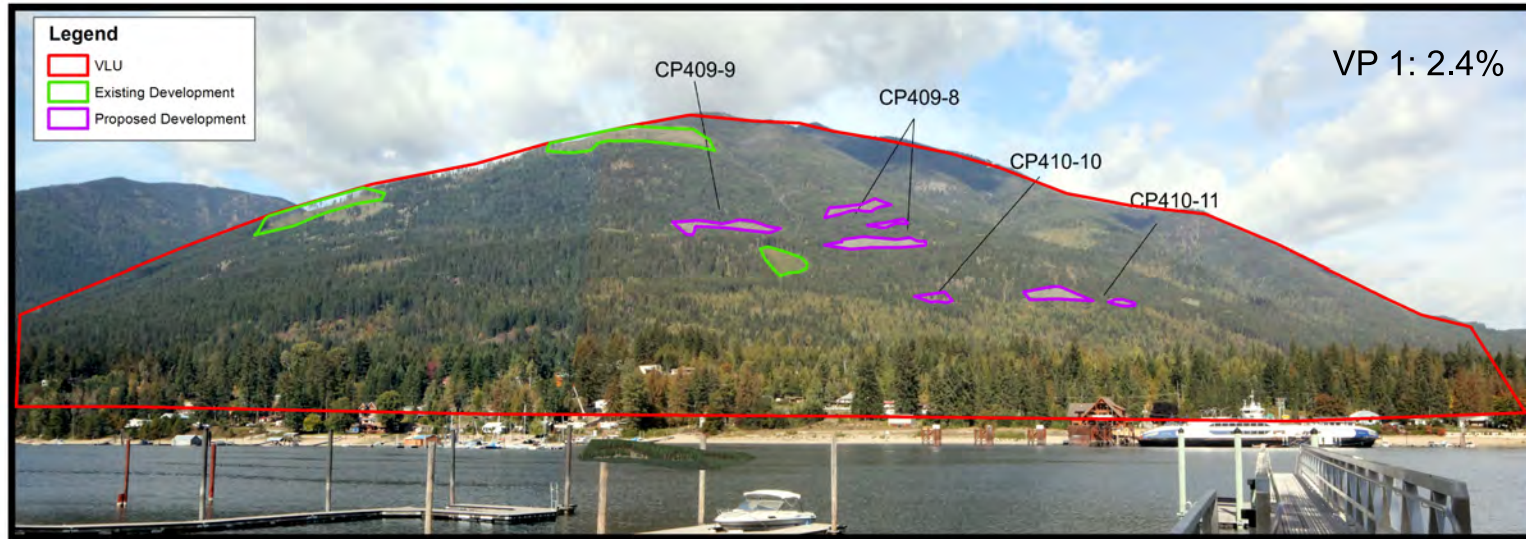
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## Calculations

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**VIA Overview Map**  
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**Legend**

- Viewpoints
- Kalesnikoff Outline
- KALES\_2018
- Existing Roads
- Proposed Blocks
- WTRA
- Proposed Road
- VQO Linework
- HWY

**Stocking Code**

- IMM
- MAT
- NP
- NSR
- Private Land

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