# SITE PLAN CP 421 BLOCK 21 COOPER CREEK CEDAR LTD.

# A. TENURE IDENTIFICATION

LICENCE NO.:	CP:	BLOCK:	TIMBER MARK:	UTM:	LICENSEE NAME:
FL A30171	421	21	FE5421	500083 E / 5570273 N	Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd.
AREA UNDER TENURE (ha):	MAPSHEET/OPENING #:		ELEVATION:	LOCATION:	
34.5	82K026/25		810-1105 m	Greyhorse	

#### B. AREA SUMMARY

					AREA O	F NO PLANN	ED REFORESTATION (ha)	(NPR)		
PERMANE		ROCK	WATER	SWAMP	OTHER NP	NC>4ha	WILDLIFE TREE RETENTION AREA (HA):	IMMATURE	OTHER (RESERVE)	TOTAL NPR AREA
4.1		=	-	-	=	-	1.5	-	-	6.5
NET AREA TO BE REFORESTED (ha)										
SU	This b	block is lo	cated on Gi	eyhorse Ridg	ge	SU AREA D	ESCRIPTION			AREA TO BE ORESTED:
Α	Terra slope as rid drain medi Soils Reter	es range fridge-crests, led. Coars fum. Humber are sensitention Strate.: (3.7 ha) (	ber of mod om 35-65%, upper slop e fragment us form is a tive. tegy: See So Convention	s. Site series of the series and areas content is mor (4.0-6.0 cection G – Sil	complex wi of shallow oderate (3. cm thicknow vicultural S	nere the maj er soil. Surfa 3-65%). Mois ess) and roo ystems.	ntle benches. Aspect is go ority of the SU is 104 with ace and subsoil texture is sture regime is submesic ting depth is 36cm. nd a Clearcut with Reserv serves silviculture system	h 103 occupying Silty loam. Soils and nutrient reg	scattered areas such are moderately-well ime is poor to	24.0
ICHmw2 103  Terrain is moderately steep to steep slopes with areas of exposed rock and shallower soils. Aspect is generally southwest facing, slopes range from 50-65%. Surface and subsoil texture is Silty loam. Soils are moderately-well drained. Coarse fragment content is moderate (45-55%). Moisture regime is submesic and nutrient regime is poor to medium. Humus form is a mor (6.0 cm thickness) and rooting depth is 31cm.  8  4.9  Soils are sensitive.  Retention Strategy: See Section G – Silvicultural Systems.  Cable harvest methods and a Clearcut with Reserves silviculture system.										
								TOTAL NET ARE	A TO BE REFORESTED:	28.9
								TOTAL AF	REA UNDER THE PLAN:	34.5

# 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 (%)
Α	5.0	. 0	250/	11.0
В	5.0	5.0	25%	11.9

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# RESULTS AND STRATEGIES

Biodiversity Objectives	
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'  Landscape Unit K17  This block falls within ICHmw2 (High Biodiversity emphasis).  There are targets for Mature + Old. Analysis shows a surplus of Mature + Old in the Landscape Unit / BEC pairing as well as Connectivity Corridor.  Requirement for Old Forest is considered to be met through spatially, non-legal Old Growth Management Areas (OGMAs). CP 421 does not include any harvest of Old Forest.
Result or Strategy Description	3.5.3 - Green-up
Applies:	YES STOCK UP
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.
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 January 26, 2024 was sent to the appropriate individual(s) and/or group(s).
	The First Nations referral/engagement period is ongoing for CP 421.
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 is not applicable.
Riparian Management	
Result or Strategy Description	3.4.1 Objectives set by Government for Fish, Water, Wildlife & Biodiversity in Riparian Areas
Applies:	YES
How the Result or Strategy Applies to the Site (or Rationale if it does not apply)	<ol> <li>See Section E.1 for Riparian Management Strategies.</li> <li>See Section F for management strategies related to Temporary Access Structures and Soil Disturbance that should be used during and post-harvest in order to prevent/reduce soil disturbance and sediment delivery.</li> </ol>
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)	<ol> <li>SU A and B contain sensitive soils and soil disturbance will not exceed 5%. Specific measures for mitigating soil disturbance levels are addressed in Section F of this Site Plan.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>PAS (Permanent Access Structure) exceeds the recommended limit of 7.0% and is estimated at 11.9%. This is due to roads required to access timber beyond as well as the long narrow shape of the block.</li> <li>Areas within the block assigned to roadside work areas will not exceed 25%.</li> </ol>
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)	Portions of CP 421 fall within Modification (M) and Partial Retention (PR) visual landscape units. The remainder of the permit falls within an area that is not visually sensitive.  A visual Impact Assessment was completed in 2023.
	The proposed CP 421 meets the established Visual Quality Objectives based on the FPPR section 1.1 definition of Modification and Partial Retention and the size, shape and design of proposed cutblocks.

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3.4.4 - Consumptive Use Streams		
YES		
'KBHLP Objective 6' — CP421 Block 21.  There are legal points of diversion (POD) downstream of CP 421.  Referral letters dated February 20, 2024 were sent to POD licensees with a 30 day response period.		
See Section E.1 for Riparian Management Strategies.		
3.3.1 - Objectives set by Government for Wildlife - Species at Risk – Section 7 of the FPPR		
YES		
The block is not within a Wildlife Habitat Area.  There were no sightings of Species at Risk during field development of this cutblock.  No Wildlife Habitat Features were observed during development of this CP.		
3.5.2 - Objectives set by Government for Wildlife and Biodiversity – Stand Level		
YES		
Three internal Wildlife Tree Retention Areas are planned for this block, totalling <b>1.5 ha</b> . Overall wildlife tree retention percentage for block 21 is approximately 4.3%. Total WTRA for CP 421 is <b>17.0 ha</b> which constitutes approximately <b>10.1</b> % of the gross area of the permit.  Wildlife tree retention in CP 421 is consistent with FPPR section 66.		
3.3.2 – Ungulates		
YES		
CP 421 overlaps three Ungulate Winter Range management units with specific forest cover requirements which are applied as general wildlife measures.		
UWR was analyzed using the HLPO Reporting suite.  Following harvest of CP 421 the UWR Management Units overlapping CP 421 will meet forest cover requirements for each General Wildlife Measure.		

# **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

#### Consistency Statement

This block is consistent with the approved 2018 to 2023 Forest Stewardship Plan for Cooper Creek Cedar Ltd – Forest Licence A30171.

This Site Plan is prepared for FL A30171 CP 421 Block 21, in accordance with FRPA Section 10(1), (2) & (3).

# 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

 ${\it `KBHLP\ Objective\ 7-Enhanced\ Resource\ Development\ Zones-Timber'}$ 

**Block 21** 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.

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#### **Invasive Plants**

FSP Section 4.1 - Invasive Plants

The iMapBC website was checked on November 8, 2023. The following invasive species were reported in nearby areas to **CP 421** mainly at low elevations along Highway 31 and Deception FSR: Burdock, Canada thistle, Chicory, Common tansy, Oxeye daisy, Spotted knapweed, Diffuse knapweed, St. Johns wort, King devil hawkweed, Night-flowering catchfly and yellow hawkweed.

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-4-012 – Mountain Caribou – Southwest Kootenay Planning Unit*. This block falls within the Southern Mountain Caribou Matrix Range and Beneficial Management Practices (BMPs) for operating in woodland caribou habitat have been applied to CP 421. BMPs include:

- Caribou Sign and Sightings Staff and contractors are to report any sightings or sign to supervisor.
- 'Silviculture treatments will not result in the conversion of forest cover to pure spruce stands. The intent is to have silviculture practices result in
  a species composition that existed prior to forest harvest'. A mixed species composition will be planted.

#### Wildlife – Grizzly Bear Habitat – Connectivity

FSP Section 3.3 and 3.5.3

 ${\it `KBHLP\ Objective\ 5-Grizzly\ Bear\ Habitat\ \&\ Connectivity\ Corridors'}.$ 

CP 421 falls within Connectivity Corridor. Analysis shows a surplus of Mature + Old in the Landscape Unit / BEC pairing as well as Connectivity Corridor following harvest of CP 421.

#### STOCKING REQUIREMENTS

SU	NAR (ha)	Standards ID #	Other Performance Standards
Α	24.0	1057474	Con Continue II. Charling Danvison anto
В	4.9	1057470	See Section H - Stocking Requirements

# C. MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES & STRATEGIES

#### **C.1 MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES**

- Objectives for CP 421 Block 21 include protecting domestic water sources, and maintaining biodiversity, visual and wildlife values.
- Harvest this mature stand of <u>Cw Fd Hw (Lw Ep)</u> for sawlogs, chips and value-added products and manage for a healthy, free growing stand of planted and natural <u>CwFdLwPwHw (Pl Pl Sx)</u> for similar end products.
- <u>Wildlife Tree Retention Area (WTRA):</u> WTRA's are planned for retention, totalling **1.5** ha in size (4.3% 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 K17 High 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: See RESULTS AND STRATEGIES section 3.3.2 - Ungulates

<u>Migratory Bird Habitat Assessment:</u> Block 21 is within Migratory Bird Risk Rating 4 polygon. CCCs adopted Migratory Bird Management Strategy's matrix therefore requires:

- 1) The entire Site must be scheduled for harvest outside Restricted Period 2 (May 15 July 20), OR
- 2) One or more BMP's with DoP rank 2 (moderate) must be selected from the list of BMPs and applied to the Site.

In the event harvesting takes place within the nesting period BMP PL1 has been implemented on site to reduce the likelihood of incidental take and to conform to CCC's adopted management strategy. PL1 refers to Patch/edge retention designed around "biodiversity anchors". WTRA has been established in areas of more complex structure suitable to nesting including more dense shrub and deciduous cover.

BMP PL3 and SO4 have been implemented as well. PL3 refers to the appropriate training of forest planners, layout personnel, and forest workers. SO4 refers to operation specific recommended practices when chance encounters of active nests occur.

## Wildlife Management Actions Prescribed:

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Total Area specified for the retention of wildlife trees: **1.5 ha** (4.6% of gross area)

#### Wildlife Tree Retention Area (WTRA):

Fd 9 Ep1 (Lw) – 90 years – 31.0m – 50%cc – Areas containing, fir snags. Complex vertical structure with clumps of juvenile stands, tall shrubs and deciduous and areas similar to the harvest area. Moderate cover of browse noted: maple, birch and Saskatoon berry. Game trails noted.

WTRA also provides structure values for wildlife, perching and cover values, riparian values and visual values. WTRAs have been established in part, as a best management practice for the reduction of migratory bird incidental take.

#### C.2c FISHERIES

There are no fish streams within the block.

See Section E.1 for Riparian Management Strategies.

Drainage from the the cutblock area flows down slope toward the Meadow Creek.

#### C.2d WATERSHEDS

See section 3.4.4 (Consumptive Use Streams)

#### 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**

<u>Landscape Unit - K17 (Goat Range):</u> High BEO Assignment.

#### C.2g VISUAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

See RESULTS AND STRATEGIES section 3.6 (Visual Quality)

#### C.2h CULTURAL HERITAGE

 $See \ RESULTS \ AND \ STRATEGIES \ section \ 3.7 \ (Objectives \ set \ by \ Government \ for \ Cultural \ Heritage \ Resources).$ 

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 **Moderate** for adjacent mature stands. Mature stands surrounding the harvest area are similar to the block with moderately well drained soils. Adjacent stands have been exposed to wind impacts by past openings.

Soils are fine to moderate with 29-36 cm rooting depth.

# 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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#### **E. MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

E.1 RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES						
RIPARIAN RESERVE ZONE (RRZ)						
RIPARIAN/ LAKE ID	RIPARIAN/ LAKE CLASS	HARVESTING Y/N		SU XREF	DESCRIPTION OF THE PURPOSE AND EXTENT OF REMOVAL OR MODIFICATION OF TREES AND ANY RELATED FOREST PRACTICES IN RIPARIAN RESERVE ZONE(S)	
Meadow Creek	S2	1	N	N/A	30m RRZ: Block 21 is located >500m from the stream.	
RIPARIAN MA	NAGEMENT ZONE	(RMZ)				
RIPARIAN/ LAI ID	KE HARVESTIN G Y/N	SU XREF				
Meadow Cree S2	ek N	N/A	20m RMZ:	Block 21 is	located >500m from the stream.	
NON-CLASSIFI	ED (NC) RIPARIAN	AREAS				
RIPARIAN/ LAKE ID						
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#### Section E.1 continued

- 1) Fall and skid timber away from riparian features (streams, NCD's, wetland) where practicable. Any debris entering a riparian feature as a result of harvesting will be removed upon completion of harvesting activities unless it does not obstruct water flow or its removal would cause further damage to the riparian feature. Minimize crossings on watercourse channels to the extent possible.
- 2) Where watercourses are crossed more than once, it is recommended to place a temporary skid bridge (e.g.: logs placed in draw) in order to prevent a potential diversion of flow.
- 3) All machine trails and crossings (NCD) should be fully rehabilitated upon the completion of harvesting or prior to the next freshet. Excess material that could cause redirection of natural drainage patterns should not be left at crossing locations.
- 4) All surface drainage patterns should be maintained and any that are disrupted as a result of harvesting operations should be restored immediately.
- 5) A post-harvest inspection should be completed to assess the amount of logging debris/excess soil within the wetted perimeter of all subtle drainage features. All natural drainage patterns should be maintained and left free of excess debris (slash or soil) that could result in a redirection of seasonal surface runoff/drainage diversion.
- 6) **Basal area retention** levels for the in-block RMZ (within the NAR) are based on windthrow, windfirmness, wildlife habitat, water quality, and operational constraints.

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E.2 FO	E.2 FOREST HEALTH MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES							
SU	Code	Nelson Region DRA Risk Factors	Points	Relative Risk	Comments			
A	DRA	Site factors Host factors Inoculum potential Disease factors  Total	8 4 0 10 22	H M L M	<ul> <li>Armillaria is present at low levels within the stand.</li> <li>The Nomographic Zones in Section 3.0 of the "Armillaria Root Disease Management Guidelines for the Nelson Forest Region" (June 1998) indicate that Alternative or Intensive deferred treatments for root disease management are appropriate for this site, should Armillaria become a problem.</li> <li>Alternative treatments will include planting a species mixture that includes species tolerant and /or moderately susceptible to Armillaria (e.g.: Cw, Lw, Pw). Fd (highly susceptible) may be included but should be limited to a maximum of 50% of the mix in SU A. Microsite selection should reflect buffer zones around infected stumps, if they can be identified.</li> <li>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).</li> </ul>			

# Other Forest Health Factors

SU	Code	%	Comments	Current risk to inventory
Α	IBD	<5	Symptoms of fir bark beetle attack were noted in the stand. IBD infected fir should be excluded from leave tree selection.	Low
А	DSB	0	Pw is absent or present in minor amounts in the current stand. Plant only rust resistant stock. Expect high incidence of white pine blister rust on any naturally regenerated Pw.	nil
А	DML	<1	Lw mistletoe was noted throughout the block where Lw is present. DML infected trees should be excluded from leave tree selection.	Low

#### **E.3 VEGETATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

LIVESTOCK TO BE USED FOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT:

YES: 🗖 NO: 🗵

See Section H5: BRUSHING / STAND TENDING

#### E.4 COARSE WOODY DEBRIS (CWD) MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES

CWD levels are low (10-12% ground cover). CWD is predominantly composed of 15-40cm diameter stems. Fd Ep Hw Cw are the dominant CWD species.

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.

(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 (H3) for additional CWD management strategies.

### E.5 ARCHAEOLOGICAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Archaeological Overview Mapping was not completed over the CP 421 area.

Fraser Bonner of Ursus Heritage Consulting Ltd reviewed the CP and determined that portions of CP 421 contain Archaeological potential. Block 21 was not in an area determined to have Archaeological Potential.

A preliminary field review was completed November 2023.

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#### F. SOIL CONSERVATION

F.1 SITE	F.1 SITE DISTURBANCE									
				SOIL CH	ARACTERISTICS					
SU	SOIL COMPACTION	SOIL DISPLACEMENT	SURFACE SOIL EROSION	DEPTH TO UNFAVOURABLE SUBSOIL (cm)		TYPE OF UNFAVOURABLE SUBSOIL				
				MIN(cm)	MAX(cm)					
Α	High	Very High	High	48	60	Fragmental (>70% CF)				
	High	Very High	High	50	50	Bedrock				

#### F.2 SOIL DISTURBANCE LIMITS

SU A, B: ARE THERE SENSITIVE SOILS? 

☑YES ☐ NO

MAX. PROPORTION OF TOTAL AREA UNDER THE PRESCRIPTION ALLOWED FOR PERMANENT ACCESS STRUCTURES (PAS): 11.9%

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.

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	5%	5%

#### MASD for Roadside Work Areas: 25%

Maximum soil disturbance levels may be exceeded for short periods of time; however 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 within SU A & B, see Harvest Plan Map. Cable and ground based harvest methods will be used.

#### F.3 REHABILITATION TIME FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS STRUCTURES

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE TIME TO COMPLETE REHAB (MEASURED FROM COMPLETION OF HARVEST):  $\underline{\textbf{1 YEAR}}$ 

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F.4 MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES FOR TEMPORARY ACCESS STRUCTURES								
SU	GENERAL LOCATION:	MAX ALLOWABLE HEIGHT OF CUTBANKS (m)	AVERAGE HEIGHT OF CUTBANKS (m)	EQUIPMENT TO BE USED (IF OTHER THAN EXCAVATOR)				
А	Blading or excavating is expected to occur in parts of the unit with moderate to steep slopes.	0.8	0.3	Skidder, cat.				

- SU A : Logging Method:
  - o TU 1: **Ground based.** Adverse and favorable skidding to roadsides and landings.
  - o TU 2: Cable. Downhill and uphill yarding to roadside and landings, or winch-assist harvesting.
- SU B: Logging Method: Cable. Uphill yarding.

See Section E.1 for stream management strategies.

#### The following will apply for any excavated/bladed trails that are required:

- Maximum trail width is 4m.
- Actual dimensions of bladed trails may vary depending on topography.
- The amount of bladed trail constructed will be kept to a minimum.

Short sections that become bladed trails where a non-bladed trail crosses a hump or ridge will be exempt from rehabilitation requirements provided that the soil disturbance limits in this SP are not exceeded.

# Rehabilitation for bladed or excavated trails:

Any bladed or excavated trails will be rehabilitated as follows:

- De-compact the trail, including removing woody debris that is conducting subsurface moisture
- Place fill material that was sidecast on the excavated portion of the trail
- Re-contour the slope
- Re-establish natural surface drainage
- Place some woody debris over exposed mineral soil

# G. SILVICULTURAL SYSTEMS

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SU	SYSTEM / VARIANT / PHASE
All	Clearcut with reserves silviculture system.
SU	STAND STRUCTURE AND SITE CONDITION - COMMENTS
All	Post-harvest stand structure will be even-aged with one age class.
	Planted trees and natural regeneration will include <u>CwFdLwPwHw (PyPlSx)</u>
	Wildlife Tree Group Reserve Area (WTRA): totalling 1.5 ha  Retention Strategy
	Leave Tree Description :
	• SU A: TU 1: (3.7 ha) Conventional harvest unit: retain 40-45 stems per hectare targeting Douglas fir, larch, hemlock, lodgepole pine in the >/= 40cm DBH classes. Distribute retention in dispersed individual stems.
	• SU A: TU 2: (20.3 ha) and SU B (4.9 ha): Cable harvest unit: retain 35-40 stems per hectare from all species and DBH classes proportionally distributed in small groups.
	All: Retain all Western white pine and deciduous (trembling aspen, black cottonwood and paper birch) where operationally feasible and practicable. Retain western yew operationally feasible and practicable.

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# H. STOCKING REQUIREMENTS (As per DSE South Columbia Default Stocking Standards Version 1.0, April 1, 2018)

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A30171	421	21	082K026/25	Greyhorse

H1 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION										
SU	Net Area	Zone	Subzone	Variant/	Variant/ Site Series	Elevation			Slope	Soil
	(ha)		Phase	Phase	(complex - %)	Min	Max	Avg	position	Texture (0-30cm)
А	24.0	ICH	mw	2	104 <sup>9</sup> 103 <sup>1</sup>	810	1105	958	Mid	SiL
В	4.9	ICH	mw	2	103	810	910	860	Mid-Lower	SiL

#### RATIONALE FOR STOCKING STANDARD FSP ID SELECTION

STANDARDS UNIT FSP ID #	CHANGE FROM STANDARD PRACTICE	COMMENT: (For example: Forest health (DRA) or Rocky site)
A: 1057474	N/A	-
B: 1057470	N/A	-

H2 STOCKI	H2 STOCKING REQUIREMENTS FOR SILVICULTURAL SYSTEMS OTHER THAN SINGLE TREE SELECTION									
Standard unit	Standards ID	Regen Delay (years)		Free Growin	Free Growing Early (yrs) Free Growi			g Late (years)		
А	1057474	7			12			20		
Preferred Species Acceptable Species		Post Spacing	Post Spacing Density (sph) Ma			Ma	x Coniferous (sph)			
Species	Min FG ht (m)	Species	Min FG ht (m)	Min	700	Max	1800		10,000	
			Well Spaced Trees (stems/ha)							
Cw <sup>10,201</sup> Fd <sup>58</sup> Lw	Fd-1.4, Lw Pw-2.0	PI Hw Py <sup>9,14,203</sup> Sx <sup>10,13</sup>	PI-2.0, Py,Hw,Sx – 1.0	Target		<b>mum</b> &acc	<b>Minimum</b> preferred		Min Horizontal Inter- tree distance (m)	
21	Cw- 1.0			1200	70	00	600		2.0*	
							Height Relati	ive to	Competition (%)	
									150	

Standard unit	Standards ID	Regen Delay (yea	irs)	Free Growin	Free Growing Early (yrs) Fre			Free Growing Late (years)		
В	1057470	7	7		1	12		20		
Preferred Species		Acceptable Species		Post Spacing	Post Spacing Density (sph)			Max Coniferous (sph)	)	
Species	Min FG ht (m)	Species	Min FG ht (m)	Min	700	Max	1800	10,000		
	Fd-1.4, Lw -2.0	PI Pw <sup>31</sup> Cw <sup>10,201</sup> Py <sup>9,14,203</sup>	PI,Pw-2.0, Py,,Cw – 1.0	Well Spaced Trees (stems/ha)						
				Target		<b>mum</b> &acc	<b>Minimum</b> preferred	Min Horizontal II tree distance (m)		
Fd Lw				1000	50	00	400	2.0*		
							Height Relati	ve to Competition (%)		
								150		

<sup>\*\*</sup> Early Free Growing has been left in for information purposes only. In RESULTS it is in the comments section only and does not preclude making FG declarations early.

# $\underline{\textbf{Other Required Stocking Information/Footnotes}}:$

- 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).
- $201-\mbox{Maximum}$  50% of preferred and acceptable well-spaced trees
- 203- Recommended on sites for climate change adaptation
- \* 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

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#### H3 SITE PREPARATION

#### **TECHNIQUE (S) / LIMITING FACTORS**

- Broadcast burn or Spot burn if needed within the NAR to reduce excessive slash cover. Low to Moderate intensity burn, impact rank 2 to 3.
   Steep slopes may limit mechanical site prep options in many areas.
- Pile, or pile and burn, slash accumulations on roadsides and landings, or within the NAR.
- Piling treatment during dry weather conditions or when soils not saturated.
- Burn piles in the spring or fall.
- Mechanical bunching (pile and burn) where feasible.
- Piles in the NAR may be left unburned in order to contribute to wildlife habitat and coarse woody debris values.
- Mechanical site preparation (e.g.: mounding, scarification) where necessary and feasible, combined with brush/slash piling, utilizing an excavator.

H4 PLANT	ING							
SU	Area (ha)	Regen. Method	Species	Age	Stock Type	Season	Stems/Ha	Total Stems
А	24.0	Plant	Cw Fd Lw Pw (SxPIPy)	1+0	PSB 412A	Spring	1400-1600	33600-38400
В	4.9	Plant	Fd Lw (Pl Pw Cw Py)	1+0	PSB 412A	Spring	1400-1600	6580-7520

#### LIMITING FACTORS / COMMENTS:

- Fd limited to a maximum of 50% of preferred and acceptable well-spaced stems in SU A.
- Hw is an acceptable species in SU A, and moderate amounts of Hw natural regen exist within certain areas the block. Expect additional 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. Replanting these stands with a higher diversity of species, including species that are more adapted to hotter and drier growing conditions like Lw and Fd (Py), will promote a stand that is more likely to tolerate a warming climate.
- Microsite selection for Lw, and Fd (Py) should be concentrated to dry sites, with Cw(Sx) populating draws and cold air exposures.
- Limiting factors include high snowpack persisting late in the season relative to the elevation.
- 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.

#### H5 BRUSHING / STAND TENDING

#### **TECHNIQUE (S) / LIMITING FACTORS**

<u>Current Brush Hazard</u>: Moderate existing dry brush hazard. In canopy openings created by forest health issues competitive species of brush have established such as maple and birch as well as herbaceous species such as bracken and thimbleberry.

<u>Future Brush Hazard</u>: Moderate overall with potential for higher hazards. Timely crop establishment will be crucial in managing for brush hazard. Deciduous was noted as a component of nearby juvenile stands.

<u>Brushing Methods</u>: 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 stocking.

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

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# I. ADMINISTRATION

RPF SIGNATURE AND SEAL:	
RPF Name (Printed) I certify that I have reviewed this document and, while I did not personally supervise the work described, I have determined that this work has been done to the standards expected of a member of the Association of British Columbia Forest Professionals.  Date:RPF #:	RPF Signature and Seal
SITE PLAN PREPARED BY:	MAJOR LICENSEE SIGNING AUTHORITY:
Tom Haukaas, RFT  SITE PLAN ATTACHMENTS:	
☑ SP MAP(S)	Licence Holder Signing Authority Signature  Licence Holder Signing Authority Name (Printed)
	Date:

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Area Calculations		Standards Units		
	А	В	TOTAL HA	%
HAZARD RATINGS:				
Compaction	High	High		
Soil Displacement	Very High (34)	Very High (28)		
Surface Erosion	High (30-31)	High (31)		
Forest Floor Displacement	High (22)	High (22)		
Mass Wasting	High (41)	High (41)		
Harvest System	Ground based: 5.4 ha Cable: 23.0 ha	Cable		,
TOTAL AREA	29.6	4.9	34.5	
				% WTP/RES
WTRA	1.5	-	1.5	4.3
NP	-		-	-
OTHER Reserve	-		-	-
				% Disturbance
Proposed roads	4.1	-	4.1	11.9
Existing roads				
Landings				
Total disturbance permanent access structures	4.1	-	4.1	11.9
NET AREA TO BE REFORESTED	24.0	4.9	28.9	
Sensitive Soils (Y/N)	Yes	Yes		_
Temporary Access Structures: Road, landing, excavated or bladed trails that will be rehabilitated (% of NAR).	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.	5%	5%		

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.

#### Proposed Roads (permanent):

Greyhorse South = 962m x 20m = 1.92 ha Greyhorse Spur 2 = 992m x 20m = 1.98 ha Spur 21-1 = 388m x 20m = 0.78

# Existing Roads (permanent):

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