

Kaska Forest Resources Stewardship Council January 22 Recommendations (further modified on February 4) :

1. That watersheds be the basic unit for planning and be used for all levels of forest planning (Regional– Operational)
2. That the stand practices agreed by the Interim Wood Supply Committee and included in Site and Harvest Plans be applied for harvesting interim wood.
3. At this point, a Traditional Knowledge Protocol has not been signed with the Council, once this occurs Traditional Knowledge will be used to update interim wood supply.
4. That interim wood supply also includes commercial permits for green wood related to salvage logging, agricultural dispositions, clearing related to right of ways or land dispositions (e.g. roads or gravel pits).
5. That for regional planning, timber criteria for planning should be set at 150 m³/ha
6. That the existing Timber Harvesting Practices and Operation Guidelines document is reviewed and forest management practices updated through a third party (e.g. Sustainable Forest Management Network) review with public input.
7. That to be adaptive to interest in timber, Forest Management Branch will report quarterly on the commercial timber permits to Council. KFRSC will monitor the volume being permitted.
8. That interim wood supply is sequenced to include seasonal harvesting, and multi-year (e.g. 3 year) permits be considered for blocks available this year. However, similar strategies for restricting raw log export proposed in October by KFRSC be used in permitting wood.
9. Blocks that are made available but not awarded will be made available in the next fiscal instead of new blocks being laid out.
10. That the following blocks identified in the Industrial Forest Service's Total Chance Landscape Plan (2003) be removed for timber harvesting in the East Hyland:
 - a. Blocks C1, C2, C3
 - b. Block C7
11. Due to concerns from forest cover removal in the Cosh Creek watershed on forest values, water quality, and aquatic ecosystems the following occur:
 - a. All blocks identified in the west and north portions of the watershed be removed (Year two or three blocks)
 - b. Blocks identified for Year one interim wood and on the eastern portion of the watershed be harvested in winter and apply mitigations as agreed by the Interim Wood Supply Technical Committee.

12. Upland ecosystem zoning in the East Hyland is more complex than indicated and a better classification is required for planning and regional planning.
13. Due to interest on adaptive management and monitoring of new forest practices, and as mitigations for forest values in the East Hyland, a set aside has been identified that has similar forest composition as the Interim Wood Supply Area. This area will be a temporary deferral for at least half a rotation, and will be used to provide comparisons when monitoring the outcomes of Interim Wood Supply Plan over time.
14. That the following blocks be made available for opportunity this winter, the volume be attributed to this year's 128,000 m³ volume, and apply the prescriptions in the Site and Harvest Plans:
 - a. Blocks C4, C6, C8, C11, C10
15. Blocks C5, C9, and C12 will be returned to the Interim Wood Supply Technical Committee for technical review. These blocks and blocks identified for the next 2 years will be completed before March 31, 2004 and the volume from C9, C12, or C5 attributed to this year's 128, 000 cubic meters.
16. The remaining blocks for year one will be considered for summer harvesting even though volumes will be from this years available volume
17. The Watson Lake interim wood supply strategy is still undergoing technical review, but in the short term, point source wood (up to 3,000 – 5000 cubic meters for the area) will be made available using existing guidelines, policies, and timber in the Miscellaneous Timber Unit. Community input into forest values, recreational uses, and other values will be requested during public review of interim wood supply. These blocks and blocks identified for the next 2 years will be completed before March 31, 2004 and the volume attributed to this year's 128, 000 cubic meters.
18. Ross River interim wood supply will be identified once Ross River Dena Council can provide direction on the proposed areas and recommendations:
 - a. That the cultural, social, and ecological values, identified in the Buttle Creek are greater than the timber values and this area and could be removed for interim wood supply
 - b. That blocks near Coffee Lake be removed, and visual quality from Coffee Lake be maintained
 - c. That once the block is identified to provide the 5000 cubic meters over three years, it is laid out using existing guidelines, and policies.

