

SFMP Supplement: Summary of 2003 Detailed Forest Management Plan

THE PLAN AND AREA

The 2003 Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP) was the first to be completed for the joint Forest Management Area (F26) and was an effort between TOLKO Industries Ltd. and Footner Forest Products Ltd. (“the Companies”). The FMA encompasses a gross area of approximately 3.56 million hectares (ha) in northwestern Alberta and includes a number of overlapping tenure holders, commercial trappers and outfitters, as well as a diverse Aboriginal population. There is also a significant oil & gas sector within the FMA boundaries.

GOAL SETTING

Although guided by separate mission statements and corporate values, the Companies are committed to develop resource management plans that are ecologically suitable, economically feasible, and socially acceptable. Five resource management goals were identified during the DFMP process and included ecological stewardship, community interests, consultation, stakeholder investments and commercial user co-operation. The Companies, through the public involvement process, were able to identify a number of lower level goals, objectives and strategies to ensure that these management goals would be achieved.

PREFERRED FOREST MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The preferred management strategy selected by the Companies achieves the goals and objectives identified through the public involvement process and follows a two-pass, even flow harvest over two rotations and includes a number of additional constraints. The resulting AAC was determined to be 1 680 000 m³ for coniferous and 1 884 000 m³ for deciduous.

RAMP UP DECISION

As the results indicated, the Annual Allowable Cut increased. To accommodate the increase, the Companies developed a ramp-up strategy that proposed the harvest of 6 000 000 m³ of conifer and 5 000 000 m³ of deciduous over the first five-year period. At the time of DFMP approval the Companies were exploring expansion plans to utilize the full Annual Allowable Cut to bring additional social and economic benefits to the area.

PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As part of the Companies commitment to continual improvement and public involvement, the Companies intend to continue making use of the High Level Forests Public Advisory Committee and other mechanisms to continue ongoing discussions with the public, stakeholders and interest groups following the submission of the plan.

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