

Nov.19th Meeting minutes

Present: Gavin Fox, Kathleen Ennis, Jeff Reyden, Ian Dennis, Tyler Hodgkinson, Randy Waterous

Absent: Tara Reimer, Dan McMaster, Adam Rodgers, Ana Tobiasz

New biodiversity report

- Ian D. reviewed the QA tables he developed which show the differences in CFLB, OGMA's etc from 2017 to 2020. He created a spreadsheet to explain the differences where they were >10%.
- **Action:** members to review tables and let Ian D. know by Nov. 27 if they see any other areas of concern. Ian D. will post new biodiversity table to the website once any new issues are resolved/
- Recall that this years tables use a new F-OWN layer and the Cumulative effects roads layer
- Discussed providing the tables to Ktunaxa and any other FN who asks for them. Ktunaxa has asked Ian W. for them. Given FN rights and title, Ian W. doesn't see Ministry having the ability to say no or licensees for that matter if a FN were to ask for info during an information sharing process. Some discussion about whether FN should be requested to pay for them given the resources we have put in and if FN should become part of the group. This group is designed for tracking purposes with limited discussion on how old/mature should be managed so perhaps not the best venue.
- **Action:** members to email by Ian W. by Nov.27 with any additional reasons why info cannot be shared. Needs to provide some defensible reason considering FN rights and title and our requirement to consult and provide info to them.
- **Action:** Ian to discuss any info from previous action item with district management and will let group know the result.

Ungulate winter range.

- Some areas in Boundary went from logged to unlogged. Ian explained this is likely a result of changes to the VRI and mapping updates. Ian to investigate further.
- Changes to the model need to take place to the West Kootenay tables given the changes to the GAR order. Ian D. talked about the differences in the exclusions in Table 1-B and ownership on Table 1-a of the order. Some ownership codes our model currently uses are not on either table. **Action:** Ian D to identify these and send to the group. Ian W. to investigate with GIS staff.

Budget

- Reviewed budget. \$900 of Ian D. time used in October mostly on resultant. More to come for November on resultant and QA.
- We have currently used approx.. $\frac{3}{4}$ of the annual budget
- **Action:** Ian D. to make sure all members have paid
- **Action:** Ian D. to notify group once he hits the \$22,000 mark

Old growth

. Discussion on old growth-special tree regulation mention it in new FSP's as well as the new KB wildlife habitat features order

- Be cognizant of "ancient forests" that may occur outside of ogma's and consider them for potential future OGMA's
- **Action:** Ian W. to get definition of ancient forest and send to group

Reviewed Previous meeting minutes

- No outstanding action items.

Next meeting: December 17, 1330-1500