

Consultation: Forest Management Plans

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Consultation

Tsuu T'ina's Approach

- ▶ Incorporate and balance the interests and Treaty & Aboriginal Rights of the Nation with the overall outcomes of government and industry.
 - Relationship building;
 - Understanding all interests;
 - Recognizing validity of all actor's positions;
 - Long-term vision.

Forest Management Plans

- ▶ C5 Forest Management Plan
 - Government initiated.
 - 2-4 major quota holders in region.
 - South from Highwood River to North of Blairmore.
 - 20 year plan.
- ▶ Spray Lake Forest Management Plan
 - Industry initiated, requires government approval.
 - 1 major quota holder in region.
 - South from Sundre to Highwood River.
 - 20 year plan.

Consultation: Highlights

- ▶ Incorporation of our knowledge into the management process
 - TUS information was to be incorporated into different stages of the FMP (AOP, GDP).
 - Changes to the FMP based on Tsuu T'ina Nation input.
 - Allowance by SRD & SLS for some flexibility into inputting information at later time.
 - Did not request specifics on knowledge (confidentiality).

Highlights

- ▶ Discussion of the Treaty & Aboriginal Rights perspective
 - Treaty is with Canadians, not just with First Nations.
 - Limitations of land base to exercise rights.
 - Recognition of Tsuu T'ina's Treaty and Aboriginal Rights perspective.

Highlights

- ▶ Tsuu T'ina land use taken into account
 - Traditional and contemporary uses;
 - Protection of different historical resources;
 - Incorporation of Traditional knowledge with management of land.
- ▶ Matrix system
 - Useful tool for discussion & understanding of diverse perspectives
 - Not to be used as the only tool

Highlights

- ▶ Schedule for both sides to address issues
 - Fairly aggressive schedule (2-5 meetings every 2 weeks)
 - Completed work in 2-3 months
- ▶ Discussion of schedules of when issues could be raised
 - Within FMP process (Yearly, 5 years, etc...)
 - Information was shared with Tsuu T'ina Nation, and we both looked at appropriate stages when information could be addressed.

Highlights

- ▶ Connection between company/government and First Nation
 - Face to face consultation allowed actors to develop relationships, which made discussions easier
 - Gave parties ability to overcome adversarial nature that might have been taken on prior to connection
- ▶ Accommodation of First Nation's concerns by company and government
 - Reasonable requests of First Nations were incorporated into plan
 - First Nations also accommodated reasonable requests of industry/government.

Issues

- ▶ Fundamental understanding of Treaty Rights by Spray Lake/SRD staff at first
 - Different opinions on what Treaty Rights entail, and how valid they are
 - Ignorance as to their actual impact on such activities
 - Seen in an adversarial manner

Issues

- ▶ Determination of what issues should/could be discussed
 - Learning about different operating systems
 - What issues are actually going to get people to their desired outcomes
- ▶ Differing points of view on what is important
 - Land management, protection, preservation

Issues

- ▶ Disconnect between government and process (SLS process)
 - Intentional in this instance, but did provide some difficulties at end
 - May create two processes rather than one if not done properly
 - Difficult to transition
- ▶ Fundamental understanding of government process
 - Complex process which may not be easy to comprehend for someone not involved in it on a daily basis
 - Assumptions on what is known by other parties may be made
 - Party might not know what to ask, or what they are looking for.

Questions?

