

Spray Lake Sawmills
 Crowsnest Pass Public Advisory Committee
 MINUTES
 November 23, 2010

Attendees & Affiliation:

Gord Lehn – SLS	Andrew Rusynyk – Castle Mountain Resort
Errol Kutcher – SLS	Dave Welsh – Public at Large
Martin Wilson – SLS	Bill Kinnear – Crowsnest Forest Stewardship Society
Glen French – Motorized Recreation	Tom Lynch-Staunton – North Fork Grazing Allotment
Wade Aebli – Hillcrest Fish & Game Club	Tim Juhlin – SRD
John Kinnear – Crowsnest Conservation Society	Ron Davis – MD of Ranchlands
John Slupsky – Devon Canada	Emile Saindon – Crowsnest Municipal Council

Absentees & Affiliation:

David Green – SASCI
 Brian Gallant – Non-motorized Recreation

Item	Discussion	Who
Welcome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed new PAC member. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emile Saindon has now replaced Larry Mitchell representing the Crowsnest Municipal Council. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gord
Review of 2010 Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harvest Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Original Harvest Plan at the beginning of season was set at 145,000m³ (3200 loads). This volume was scheduled to come from several licenses which include Allison/Chinook, Dutch Creek, Oldman, Livingstone and Savanna Creek. • As a result of the lumber market falling early in the operating year, SLS re-assessed its' production targets to reflect the market. • SLS is now scheduled to harvest an estimated 60,000m³ (1300 loads) in the McGillivray/Nez Perce area and possible an additional 20,000m³ (444 loads) in the Lower Livingstone area. • Harvesting will be complete in the McGillivray/Nez Perce area by the end of December. • If harvesting is to take place in the Lower Livingstone the start date will likely be mid January. • Log Haul <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hauled about 600 loads out of the McGillivray area to date which is about 50% complete. • As a result of continual rains in September, haul road conditions made it impossible to ensure a steady log haul this summer and fall. • Because of this, SLS has moved the south haul to the north to increase mill inventory. • McGillivray log haul will likely reconvene in the second week of December and be completed by the end of February. • Road Construction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Use Agreement to use the existing road accessing Nez Perce Creek (Prospect Road) was declined by the McGillivray Land Development Corporation. As a result, SLS went forward with the alternate access which was to construct a new road connecting McGillivray and Nez Perce Creek. • Road Reclamation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All of the road reclamation scheduled in the Oldman and Savanna area are complete – 26.6km. • 11.3km of road reclamation will be deferred to next year as a result of the delay in the Log Haul. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin • Errol

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Review of 2010 Operations (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scarification Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimated 400 hectares scarified to date. Areas treated include Dutch Creek, Oldman and the McGillivray area. • SLS planned on scarifying all of McGillivray/Nez Perce area but as a result of lowering our production targets, only 50% of the area was completed. Remaining area will be completed next summer. • Reforestation Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLS planted 806,220 seedlings over 565 hectares. • Areas planted included Sugarloaf area, Dutch Creek area, Wintering Mountain area and the Allison area. • Breakdown of species of seedlings planted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Pine – 557,010 ▪ Englemann Spruce – 183,330 ▪ White Spruce – 65,880 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Errol
Beaver Mines Harvest Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan is to harvest the Beaver Mines license in two years. Year 1 will commence as early as July 2011 and end in February 2012. Year 2 will reconvene as early as July 2012 and end in February 2013. • Estimated volume is 145,000m³ (3200 loads). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Martin
Beaver Mines Open House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open House took place in Pincher Creek on November 18th. • Open House included SLS and ASRD staff participation. • Approximately 40-50 people attended. • Attendees consisted of three types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People against logging – the belief is that this area is eventually going to be a park and therefore, there should be no industrial activity (logging or oil & gas). • People in favor of logging – they understand logging must occur and as long as it's done properly they are OK with it. • People undecided – looking for accurate information to make their own decision as to whether they support the plan or not. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gord
Other Items Discussed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devon requested that SLS notify them of our planting activities so they can incorporate our activities in with their emergency response plan. • Mountain Pine Beetle populations have dropped according to the latest survey reports. The current cold weather in the early part of November may also add to the mortality of the MPB. As a result of the recent surveys, there is no MPB program slated in the CNP municipality. • The latest development regarding the Atlas road is that the ADM has committed to an access management plan. Gord is involved in created the Term of Reference to start to process. • Ron stressed that the MD's should be involved in the developing of the access management plan. Gord said he would pass that message but indicated that he has no power as to who is and isn't involved. • C5 FMP was officially approved and signed off. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John S. • Ron • Wade • Tom • Gord • Ron • Gord

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Other Items Discussed (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The aesthetics of some of the slash loading and some of the scarification is a concern. The reason why SLS leaves slash and scarifies the blocks is understood but the fear is that most of the public still will be opposed to the aesthetic view. It was suggest that maybe we could look at minimizing the amount of disturbance adjacent to highly used roads and/or sensitive areas. • Suggested by PAC members that maybe a more descriptive write-up of stumpside processing and roadside processing is necessary. • Whitebark Pine Status – Whitebark Pine Recovery Plan is in the works. • SLS is going to tour the new CNP council around its' operations on December 17th. This will also be used as an opportunity to make introductions. • Our Pincher Creek PAC representative (Sara Nodge) has declined due to not being able to commit the time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill • PAC • Errol • Gord • Gord
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometime in the spring will be the next meeting as this will give the PAC an opportunity to review all the up coming areas being sequenced for harvesting for the 2011/2012 timber year. • Because of the success of our PAC tour, SLS would also like to plan another tour next year for those PAC members that were not able to attend. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gord