

Executive Summary

The Detailed Forest Management Plan (DFMP) submitted on June 1, 2004 was approved subject to the conditions outlined in the October 25, 2004 Approval Decision. The June 1, 2004 DFMP is effective May 1, 2004. The submission of this September 1, 2005 DFMP addresses the approval conditions.

- **Approval Condition 1 – Conifer Understorey Management** is included in this DFMP, Timber Supply Analysis Document and in the BRL Operating Ground Rules.
- **Approval Condition 2 – Secondary Volume Monitoring and Replacement** was approved August 3, 2005 and is included in this DFMP.
- **Approval Condition 3 – Structure Retention** was approved August 3, 2005 and is included in this DFMP.
- **Approval Condition 4 – Silviculture Treatments** was approved December 13, 2004 and is included in this DFMP.
- **Approval Condition 5 – Trends in Future Forest Projections** is ongoing. The wording is updated in this DFMP.
- **Approval Condition 6 – Aboriginal Consultation** is ongoing. The wording is updated in this DFMP.
- **Approval Condition 7 – Spatial Harvest Sequence** is included in this DFMP (Timber Supply Analysis Document).
- **Approval Condition 8 – VOIT’s, Monitoring and Stewardship Reporting** was accepted by the Forest Planning Section, FMB, at the October 31, 2005 meeting and is included in this DFMP.
- **Approval Condition 9 – Road Corridor Development Plan** is included in this DFMP (Timber Supply Analysis Document) as agreed at the December 2, 2005 meeting and submitted December 7, 2005 to the Woodlands Area Forest Service.
- **Approval Condition 10 – Industrial Salvage Timber** is in the final stages of approval and will be added to the DFMP and adhered to upon approval.
- **Approval Condition 11 – Detailed Forest Management Plan.** The submission date of this September 1, 2005 DFMP was deferred to December 23, 2005 as approved on August 23, 2005.
- **Approval Condition 12 – Technical Issues** have been addressed in this DFMP and the TSA document. The technical issues checklist is included in Appendix 1.

The following are the approved allocations for BRL FMA area (FMU W14) on a single land base management. The total approved conifer annual allowable cut is 795,750 m³ and the approved total deciduous annual allowable cut is 389,682 m³. The effective date of the annual allowable cut volumes is May 1, 2004 and the utilization standard is 15/10.

Table 1: Approved Allocations 15/10 Utilization

Company	Disposition Number	FMU	Stand Type/ Source	Deciduous AAC (m ³ /year)	Conifer AAC (%)	Conifer AAC (m ³ /year)
Blue Ridge Lumber	FMA 7500020	W14	Conifer (C, MXD, D(C) Incidental C) Deciduous (VSA2 MXD, D(C), C)	117,640	N/A	723,683
Mostowich Lumber Ltd.	CTQ W020022	W14 VSA 1	C, MXD, D(C) Incidental C		8.6	68,430
ANC Timber Ltd.	W020001	W14 VSA 1	All stands, Aspen volume only (VSA1)	48,650	N/A	N/A
ANC Timber Ltd.	W020002	W14 VSA 1	All stands, Aspen volume only (VSA1)	32,975	N/A	N/A
Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.	DTAW910001	W14 VSA 2	Pure Deciduous Stands (VSA2)	74,600	N/A	N/A
Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.	DTAW910002	W14 VSA 2	Pure Deciduous Stands (VSA2)	70,000	N/A	N/A
*Millar Western Forest Products Ltd.	DTA Conditional Reserve Balsam Poplar	W14 VSA 1	All stands, Balsam Poplar only (VSA2)	23,594	N/A	N/A
**Local Use/ Community Timber Program		W14	Conifer (C, MXD, D(C), Incidental C) Deciduous (VSA 2 MXD,D(C), C)	591	0.5	3,637
Unallocated		W14	Unallocated Birch (VSA 1)	5,426		
Unallocated		W14	Unallocated Aspen (VSA 1)	15,528		
Unallocated		W14	Unallocated Pure D (VSA 2)	678		
Total Approved AAC				389,682		795,750

*Dependent on a commitment by Millar Western Forest Products Ltd. to commence the construction of a finished hardwood veneer plant no later than May 15, 2006. Prior to the construction of the veneer plant the Company has no rights to the balsam poplar.

**The local use/community timber opportunity program is 0.5% of Blue Ridge Lumber's share of the AAC.

Blue Ridge Lumber Inc. received approval to carry over the unused green timber from the 1998 Virginia Hills fire for a 20-year period. The audited green carry-over volume is 731,503 m³ or 36,575 m³ per year for 20 years commencing September 1, 2000, and it is incorporated into the harvest sequence for this DFMP. The Virginia Hills post fire annual allowable cut was calculated effective May 1, 1998 to allow the Company to salvage the burnt timber and carry over the unused green timber into subsequent quadrants. This will help to maintain the annual allowable cut for 20 years and will allow sufficient time to develop forest management programs and other strategies to minimize the drop in annual allowable cut due to the disastrous Virginia Hills fire. Developing an Enhanced Forest Management program and Alternative Regeneration Standards are major goals for the next DFMP. This will be a challenge because the land base is continuously eroding due to increasing land withdrawals, environmental restrictions, overstocking, and vegetation competition. All of these result in a downward pressure to the annual allowable cut. Timber supply is critical to Blue Ridge Lumber to maintain the community and economic stability of the Town of Whitecourt and the other surrounding communities.

Mostowich Lumber also received approval to carry their unused conifer volume for CTQW020022 of 91,272 m³. Mostowich Lumber has requested that this volume be operated (evenflow) over an 8 year period ending 2011 at 11,409 m³ per year. This request is incorporated into the harvest sequence for this DFMP.

Millar Western Forest Products also requested approval to carry their unused deciduous volume for their DTA W910001 of 310,773 m³ from the 3rd quadrant, May 1997 to April 2002. The eligible volume must be taken over a period of between 5 and 40 years. Millar Western has requested that this volume be taken for a 10 year period starting in 2010. This request is incorporated into the harvest sequence for this DFMP.

Blue Ridge Lumber Inc., ANC Timber Ltd., Millar Western Forest Products Ltd., and Mostowich Lumber Ltd. have put a tremendous effort in this DFMP to ensure that the harvest sequence for all companies is integrated and operational.

Implementation of this DFMP will be primarily through the Blue Ridge Lumber Operating Ground Rules. The Operating Ground Rules were developed over a 7 month period with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, ANC, MWFP, Mostowich Lumber, and Weyerhaeuser. The Blue Ridge Lumber Operating Ground Rules were signed by BRL on August 9, 2005.

As part of the commitment to sustainable forest management and to improve environmental practices, the Company has made a commitment to achieving and maintaining certification with ForestCare, ISO 14001 Environmental Management System, and Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI).