

APPENDIX SIX
REPORTING POLICY FOR RARE AND UNIQUE
DISCOVERIES AND SCARCE RESOURCES

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DETAILED FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

TEXT REPORT



BLUE RIDGE LUMBER INC.
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REPORTING POLICY
FOR
RARE AND UNIQUE DISCOVERIES, AND SCARCE RESOURCES

Objective: The objective of this policy is to identify a process for reporting unique cultural, heritage, archaeological, geological, ecological or scarce resource values so that they can be identified and protected through proper planning and management strategies.

Examples of unique discoveries are: human burial sites, spiritual sites, artifact sites, archaeological sites, palaeontological sites, historical cabins or structures.

Examples of scarce resources are endangered or threatened wildlife nests, salt licks, flora or unique geological sites such as eskers and moraines.

- (a) *Prior to road building, harvesting and silviculture operations* - **Report any “known”** unique or scarce resources to the Management Forester, Operations Foresters or the GIS Information Systems Coordinator so that they can be adequately recorded and protected through proper planning. Western Heritage Services Inc. conducted an extensive heritage and cultural assessment for Blue Ridge Lumber, MWI, ANC, and SLPC to identify all known unique, and scarce resources 1998.
- (b) *During road building, harvesting and silviculture operations* – **Stop work and report any “discovered”** unique or scarce resources to the Management Forester. In his absence the Operations Forester, Woodlands Manager, or Chief Forester should be advised of all “discovered” finds. He will then contact an archaeologist or inform other necessary agencies if required. A telephone listing is attached for quick reference.

Procedures to Follow When Unique and Scarce Resources are Encountered “During Operations”

When artifacts are encountered during operations, there are specific actions that can be taken depending on the kinds of remains discovered. The most common types of finds will be bones, stone artifacts, and structural remains such as old historic cabins or pits. The following is a quick guide to determine how important a site is and what action should be taken.

Single Bone Site

If a “fresh” single bone is found it is most likely to be animal in origin. Bones disintegrate very quickly in a forest environment because of moist and acidic soils. If there are no other associated bones, or stone flakes, pottery or other evidence of an archaeological site then the discovery can be ignored.

If it is suspected that a bone is of human origin then it should be assumed that a burial has been encountered. The bone should be collected and the protocol followed for *Human Burial Site*. **Stop work and report the find.**

If bone looks like it has been fossilized (turned to stone) then **the bone should be collected, the location recorded, and the discovery reported to an archaeologist.**

Multiple Bone Site

If numerous bones are encountered, and the bones look human, then the protocol for *Human Burial Site* should be followed. **Stop work and report the find. Nothing should be disturbed until appropriate authorities can examine the discovery.**

If numerous bones are encountered and the bones appear fossilized then the protocol for *Palaeontological Sites* should be followed. **Stop work and report the find.**

Human Burial Site

Human burial sites are relatively rare and will not always be recognized. In the absence of grave markers any human bone should be considered evidence of a burial. Burials are a special class of site because of their cultural implications and also because unmarked graves could have criminal implications.

If a human bone is found **stop all work and report the find. Nothing should be disturbed until appropriate authorities can examine the discovery.** The Provincial Museum of Alberta archaeologists and the RCMP must become involved. If the burial is not recent the closest First Nations Band may also become involved. The archaeologist will look after contacting other various agencies, and authorizing when operations can continue. If the burial is recent the site could have criminal ramifications, and operations must cease until the RCMP authorizes work to continue.

Single Artifact Site (pottery, cooking utensils, tools, arrowheads, and stone artifacts)

If a single artifact is found it should be collected, and the location recorded and reported to an archaeologist. In most cases it will not be necessary to stop operations unless ongoing operations expose more artifacts.

Multiple Artifact Site

If multiple artifacts are found in a single location then the protocol for *Archaeological Buried Sites* should be followed. **Stop all work and report the find. Nothing should be disturbed until appropriate authorities can examine the discovery.**

Archaeological Buried Site (fossilized human bones)

If an archaeological site is encountered **stop all work and report the find. Nothing should be disturbed until appropriate authorities can examine the discovery.**

Cabin/ Structure Site (Over 50 years old)

Cabins or other habitation structures, and pits should not be disturbed without approval, whether they are standing or collapsed into their foundations. These structures should be recorded. A *guideline* of a 30-meter avoidance buffer can be implemented during operations.

Palaeontological Site (fossilized plants and animals)

Palaeontological materials located within the Province of Alberta are protected by the *Alberta Historical Resources Act*. If a fossil is found a palaeontologist from the Museum of Alberta must be contacted. Contacting an archaeologist can provide assistance. Most fossil sites occur along the sides and bottoms of steep stream valleys, and road building in these areas should be avoided or monitored for the appearance of significant vertebrate fossil material. **Stop all work and report the find. Nothing should be disturbed until appropriate authorities can examine the discovery.**

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