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This Detailed Forest Management Plan has been reviewed and signed by the management staff of Blue Ridge Lumber Inc. who are responsible for the implementation of this plan, and who are members of the College of Alberta Professional Foresters (CAPF).

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The planning teams responsible for the preparation, development and approval of this DFMP include several main groups:

- The Blue Ridge Lumber Planning Team
- The Coniferous Timber Quota Holders and Deciduous Timber Allocation Holders
- The Whitecourt Regional Forest Advisory Committee
- The SRD Planning Review Team
- The Regional Board of Directors
- The Consultants and
- The Research Agencies

The Blue Ridge Lumber Planning Team

The primary Blue Ridge Lumber Planning Team members who have considerable field experience and who have assisted in the development of the DFMP include:

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The Whitecourt Regional Forest Advisory Committee

The Whitecourt Regional Forest Advisory Committee (RFAC) was established in the spring of 1997 to provide advice and recommendations to the forest industry and SRD on matters dealing with land use planning so that the companies could take suggestions into consideration in the forest management planning process. Current and past members include:

Greg Branton, ANC Timber Ltd.
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