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Appendix F
*Stakeholder Issues List
and Reply*

The following is a summary of questions, issues, or topics that were raised through the additional public Open Houses conducted during the summer of 2004. The following listed in *blue italics* is a summary of the notes of questions asked during the Open House. Answers to the question were provided to the individual or group at the time of asking. The text following each issue outlines how the concerns are address in the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Employment

- *Employment opportunities*
- *Various employment questions (i.e. What is the minimum level of education required by Tolko/Buchanan? What types of jobs are available? Do you hire women?)*
- *Employment within outer communities.*
- *Wanted to start logging for Tolko Industries Ltd.*
- *How does an individual get jobs at the mill?*
- *How do I get a job in the mill?*
- *Perception that the local suppliers are only in High Prairie.*
- *Would a catalogue of the services or a listing of contacts for the district be of assistance to Tolko Industries Ltd.?*
- *Approachability of the Woodlands and Mill.*
- *Bidding List for work in the Mill.*

Tolko Industries Ltd. and Buchanan Lumber provide numerous direct and indirect opportunities for employment and contract services for High Prairie and the surrounding communities. The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 3.3, and Strategy 3.3.1.

Purchase of Private Wood

- *Purchase of timber from individual farmers.*
- *Reverting of land from agriculture to forestry.*
- *Does Tolko/Buchanan's have operations on Aboriginal Settlements?*
- *Purchase of timber from individual farmers.*
- *Wants to get Whitefish logging back on track.*
- *Would Tolko allow East Prairie Investment Corporation to harvest off the settlement?*
- *Will Tolko be harvesting on the settlement this year?*
- *Forest Management Plans for the Settlement.*
- *How much volume did Sturgeon Lake deliver last year on contract?*
- *Interested in selling wood from the reserve.*
- *Asked if cutting on the reserve was similar to private? and how it worked?*
- *Why does Tolko stipulate logging contractors on private land? Should we (landowners) not have the right to choose contractors or log the land ourselves?*
- *Who is logging in Grouard?*

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Hybrid Poplar Plantation

- *Hybrid Poplar Plantation*
- *Asked what was growing in the front field at Tolko.*
- *Discussion regarding planting hybrid poplar on the reserve.*

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Forest Management Planning Process

- *What if the information in the plan is inaccurate?*
- *Are there safeguards in place?*
- *What is the difference between the gross landbase and the net landbase?*
- *Where do Tolko/Buchanan operate (FMA locations)?*
- *Could you provide information regarding the timber supply analysis? Do you have proof/research/analysis that ensure that the forest is sustainable?*
- *Of the net landbase, how much will you affect*
- *What age are the trees harvestable? Is this the most effective measure? Is this sustainable?*
- *Is the current landscape an appropriate landscape?*
- *What age is MAI?*
- *When are we going to start harvesting cutblocks?*
- *Wondered where we were logging this year*
- *Are we changing genetics on the landbase?*
- *Do we have sufficient protected areas?*
- *Example given of retention - photo*
- *Asked about time frame and if 20 years seemed applicable for the forest.*

The above issue is addressed in the Timber Supply Analysis Section 4 of Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Debris Management

- *Are nutrients being returned to the landbase where logs have been removed?*
- *Why are the piles burned if they contain the nutrients?*
- *Is it not easier to spread the debris?*

The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 1.4, Strategy 1.4.2, Strategy 1.4.3, Strategy 1.4.4, and Strategy 1.4.5.

Watercourse/Waterbodies

- *Are the watercourses buffered?*
- *Explanation of watershed analysis*

Ground Rule Buffers have been implemented on the landbase according to watercourse classification. Large Permanent watercourses have a sixty (60m) buffer, Small Permanent watercourses have a thirty meter (30m) buffer and Lakes greater than four (4) hectares in size have a one hundred (100) meter buffer. The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 2.1, Strategy 2.1.1, Strategy 2.1.2, Strategy 2.1.3, Strategy 2.1.4, and Strategy 2.1.5.

Access Management

- *Is there anything that you are doing to minimize access and damage caused because of increased access?*

The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 2.12, Strategy 2.12.1, Strategy 2.12.2, Strategy 2.12.4, Strategy 2.12.5, Strategy 2.12.6, Strategy 2.12.7 and Strategy 2.12.8.

Aesthetics

- *Aesthetics?*
- *Possible to have selective logging in aesthetically sensitive areas?*
- *What about horse logging?*
- *Individual was concerned with trees that were being cut around her house. Wants to stop cutting trees so that her kids can see them.*

The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 1.5, Strategy 1.5.1 and Strategy 1.5.2.

Other Stakeholders

- *Trapper Consultation*

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- *Oil and Gas Activities (seismic and roads)*

The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.2, Strategy 6.2.1, Strategy 6.2.2, and strategy 6.2.4

- *Is a grazing lease harvestable?*
- *If you harvest on a grazing lease would you be required to regenerate? Any stand harvested*

The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.1, Strategy 6.1.5, and Strategy 6.1.6

- *How do you seek public/ Aboriginal input?*
- *Happy to see us in the community to give input into plans.*

The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objectives 3.2, Strategy 3.2.1, Objective 3.4 and Strategy 3.4.1.

- *Can I buy Traditional Use Area on Crown Land*
- *Want to protect traditional landuse issues hunting/ herb collection etc.*
- *Have made a map has Tolko/ Buchanan seen it?*
- *Issues involving communication between aboriginals specifically regarding acquiring information/ location of traditional landuse areas and traditional values.*

The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 3.1, Strategy 3.1.4

- *Concerned with traditional area in G15*

The above listed question, comment or issue is outside the scope of the Joint or Original Detailed Forest Management Plan. The Forest Management Unit G15 is part of Canadian Forest Products (CANFOR) Grande Prairie Operations Forest Management Area.

Fire

- *Forest Fires*

The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 2.8, Strategy 2.8.1, Strategy 2.8.2, Strategy 2.8.3, Strategy 2.8.4.

- *Asked how long after a fire we could use burnt wood*

The usability of burnt timber after a fire is dependant on several factors. For example, the forest fire characteristics, the milling process and the final product. Generally speaking deciduous and coniferous timber should be harvested and processed within two years of a forest fire.

Regeneration

- *Questions about how Tolko does regeneration surveys.*
- *Asked how Buchanan does regeneration surveys and who does the surveys.*

Establishment and Performance surveys are conducted by both Buchanan Lumber and Tolko Industries on harvested areas as outlined in the Alberta Regeneration Survey Manual. The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 1.10, Strategy 1.10.1, Strategy 1.10.2, Strategy 1.10.3, Strategy 1.10.4, and Strategy 1.10.7.

- *What happens if nothing grows?*

The companies are required to ensure trees established on harvested areas. Harvest areas are monitored post harvest to ensure that acceptable tree species are growing on the site. If regeneration does not meet the required standard and a block is declared NSR (Not Satisfactorily Restocked) the company utilizes a variety of site preparation and silviculture interventions to establish trees on an harvested area. The above listed question, comment, or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Strategy 1.10.2

- *Talked about how the individual did regeneration surveys in High Level and did not enjoy it.*

The above listed comment is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Wildlife

- *How can you ensure that the wildlife are sustainable?*

The Government of Alberta has the responsibility for management of wildlife populations and hunting licensing. Tolko Industries Ltd. and Buchanan Lumber managed their forestry operations and provide wildlife habitat or protect wildlife habitat features. The above listed question, comment or issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 2.3, Strategy 2.3.1, Strategy 2.3.2, Strategy 2.3.3, Strategy 2.3.3, Strategy 2.3.4, Strategy 2.3.6, Strategy 2.3.7, Strategy 2.3.8, Strategy 2.3.9, Objective 2.4, Strategy 2.4.1, Strategy 2.4.2, Strategy 2.4.3, Strategy 2.4.4, Strategy 2.4.5, Strategy 2.4.6, Strategy 2.4.7, Objective 2.5, Strategy 2.5.1, Strategy 2.5.2, Strategy 2.5.3, Strategy 2.5.4, Strategy 2.5.5, Strategy 2.5.6, Objective 2.6, Strategy 2.6.1, Strategy 2.6.2, Strategy 2.6.3.

- *Why type of analysis is completed to ensure that wildlife, water etc are protected/ maintained?*

The above listed question is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 2.1, Strategy 2.1.2, Strategy 2.1.3, Objective 2.3, and Strategy 2.3.9

Donations/Money

- *When is Tolko/Buchanan going to contribute to the Winagami Conservation Project?*

The above listed question, comment or issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Other

- *Water Quality in Swan Hills Area with regard to PCB's and the Waste Treatment Plant located in Swan Hills.*

The above listed comment or issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

- *Did Buchanan Lumber change the burner because of regulations or was that a company initiative?*

The above listed question or issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

- *Various mill process specific questions (i.e. What do you make? How are the products made? Could you explain the process?)*

Refer to Section 1 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan for a detailed description of the company mill facilities. Tolko Industries Ltd. High Prairie mill facility makes Oriented Strand Board (OSB) from deciduous timber. Buchanan Lumber mill facility makes dimensional lumber from coniferous timber.

A presentation was made to the following Municipal Districts: Municipal District of Smoky, Municipal District of Greenview, Municipal District of Big Lakes, Northern Sunrise County
The text presented in *blue italics* is a summary of questions or comments from notes made after the presentation to Municipal Districts or County. Answers to the question were provided to the individual or group during the question and answer period following the presentation. The text following each issue outlines how the concerns are address in the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Municipal District of Smoky

General Corporate Questions

Origin of Tolko and Owners

Meadow Lake Division

Refer to Section 1 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan for a detailed description of the company mill facilities.

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Private Wood Purchasing

Price difference between crown and private

Location

Stumpage

Purchase of agricultural Land in MD Greenview

Amount

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Deliveries

Amount

AAC/Timber Flow

Difference between years

1998 Fire Questions

The above listed question is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan. This information is provided annually in the General Development Plan.

CSA

Who does the third party independent Audit for the CSA?

The above listed question is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Municipal District of Greenview

- *How much does Tolko pay for private wood?*
- *Changes between 60% private last year and 37% forecast for this year - what determines*
- *Why the increase in consumption this year? Is the mill more efficient?*

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- *Recycling of planting boxes*

The above listed issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

- *Government changes in licensing*

The above listed issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

- *Hauling of Buchanan wood from Chinchangua Area*

The above listed issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Municipal District of Big Lakes

- *Carbon credit rights*
- *Are farmers going to get credits*
- *Kyoto any additional information*

The above listed issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

- *Reforestation activities*

The above listed issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 1.10, Strategy 1.10.3, and Strategy 1.10.4.

- *Hybrid poplar plantation*
- *Are spruce more competitive to weeds*

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- *Noxious weeds - ensure equipment is washed off for road building and construction*
- *Ensure haulers wash equipment prior to going to bush*
- *Requirement to have clean equipment*

The above listed issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 2.10

- *"incidental" is misleading term*

For deciduous timber operators "Incidental" timber is deciduous timber produced during the harvesting of coniferous blocks under dispositions held by other companies or individuals within a Forest Management Area. For coniferous timber operators "Incidental" timber is conifer timber produced during the harvesting of deciduous blocks under dispositions held by other companies or individuals within a Forest Management Area.

- *Trucking problems*

The above listed issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

- *Amount of Wood in Slave Lake Yard*
- *Expansion potential with Slave Lake purchase*

The above listed issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

- *Disease affecting aspen coming into Alberta from Saskatchewan*
- *Mountain pine beetle infestation in BC*

The above listed issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 2.10. The companies are not aware of a disease affecting aspen. The mountain pine beetle is currently being monitored by Alberta Sustainable Resource Development

Northern Sunrise County

- *Deliveries:*

Log Deliveries: Amount/Operating Location/Log Haul Routes/Number of Loads
Difference Between Private and Crown Stumpage Charges

The above listed question is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan. This information is provided annually in the General Development Plan.

- *Operational Questions*

Width of lake and creek buffers
Oil and Gas locations
GIS Information available
Noxious weeds

The above listed issue is addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 2.10

- *Private Land*

Private Land amount versus crown/Location
What happens to land after harvest
Are there any private land tree farms/ wood lots managed from private land

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- *CSA*

community stability
Road construction
Joint Cooperative projects

The above listed issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

A Trapline Licence Holder Stakeholder communication process was conducted the week of August 23rd to 27th, 2004. A total of sixty one trapline licence holders were sent an invitation via Canada Post to attend an Open House Meeting to review the Detailed Forest Management Plan and identify any issues or concerns.

The text presented in *blue italics* is a summary of questions or comments made by the Trapline License Holders. Answers to the question were provided to the individual or group during the question and answer period. The text following each issue outlines how the concerns are address in the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Trapline Licence: #1887

- *Has 5 cabins located on the Trapline Area*
- *Concerned regarding notice and information*
- *Consultation one year prior*
- *Notice prior to operations*

The above listed issues are addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.1, Strategy 6.1.1, Strategy 6.1.2, Strategy 6.1.3

- *Concerned with protection understory conifer*
- *Mixedwood stands*
- *Wildlife leave trees*
- *Leave trees along creek*
- *Conifer Harvest Rights*

The above listed issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

- *Contact for Tolko Operations on the Slave Lake FMA*

The above listed issue is outside the scope of the Detailed Forest Management Plan.

Trapline Licence #1947 & Trapline Licence #2068

- *Understory Spruce*
- *Herbicide use in the forest*
- *Operations for upcoming year*
- *Notice regarding operations*
- *Protection of cabins*
- *Do not present maps with cabins shown*

The above listed issues are addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.1, Strategy 6.1.1, Strategy 6.1.2, Strategy 6.1.3

Trapline Licence #2941

- *Main Haul Routes*
- *Access along Goose Tower and Brush Mountain*
- *Keep some lines open, Not closing up trails*
- *Bridge on McGowan to Blue Mountain*
- *Sweathouse Map*
- *5 Cabins on Trapline. No public display of cabin locations*
- *Timing of notifications*

The above listed issues are addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.1, Strategy 6.1.1, Strategy 6.1.2, Strategy 6.1.3

Trapline Licence #1835, Trapline Licence #1932, Trapline Licence #2715

- *Discussed cabin locations. No public display of cabin locations*
- *Discussed Trapper notification*
- *Trails into area*
- *Garbage left by other users*
- *Requested copies of AVI Base Maps*

The above listed issues are addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.1, Strategy 6.1.1, Strategy 6.1.2, Strategy 6.1.3

Trapline Licence #2387

- *Requested logs for a cabin*
- *Discussed cabin locations. No public display of cabin locations*

The above listed issues are addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.1, Strategy 6.1.1, Strategy 6.1.2, Strategy 6.1.3

Trapline Licence #2177

- *Has two cabins.*
- *Wants to ensure cabins are protected.*
- *Consultation and information for review.*
- *Looking for improved access for trappers but does not want increased public access.*
- *Quad access only with crossings on creeks.*
- *Ensure A large buffer on lake.*

The above listed issues are addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.1, Strategy 6.1.1, Strategy 6.1.2, Strategy 6.1.3

Trapline Licence #2389

- *Reviewed 20 year spatial harvest sequence in relation to Trapline Area*
- *Discussed notification*

The above listed issues are addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.1, Strategy 6.1.1, Strategy 6.1.2, Strategy 6.1.3

Trapline Licence #1445

- *Reviewed 20 year spatial harvest sequence in relation to Trapline Area*
- *Discussed trapper notification*

The above listed issues are addressed in the Detailed Forest Management Plan through the following objectives or strategies identified in Section 3 of the Detailed Forest Management Plan: Objective 6.1, Strategy 6.1.1, Strategy 6.1.2, Strategy 6.1.3