

SCHEDULE A

PROGRESS REPORT

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RE: Project #: 03.W.Br.02 Project Name: Carpenter Lake Prescribed Fires

For the period from June 4, 2003 to July 31, 2004

The Carpenter Lake Prescribed Fires are on schedule to be conducted during September 2004. The initial plan of fire ignition in September 2003 had to be delayed due to the worst fire season in B.C.'s history and because the dryness codes were higher than prescribed. This first 'quarterly report' covers all project activities up to July 31, 2004.

June 2003

Project Review and consultation with stakeholders. A concern with possible Spotted Owl Habitat in Area 2 brought up by John Surgenor of the Ministry of Water, Land and Air Protection (WLAP). Supplied specific maps to John for review. Day trip to Lillooet to consult with Darwin John from the Lillooet Tribal Council. Darwin requests a walkthrough of prescribed burn areas by a native archeological crew to identify any values. Expect to find a native use trail through areas 10 and 11. Organize to have native crew access site with vegetation crew to keep helicopter costs down.

John Surgenor states that Area 2 planned for prescribed fire has attributes suitable for Spotted Owl habitat although no Owls identified in area. Need to conduct further assessment of area before prescribed fires would be allowed in this area. WLAP cannot support prescribed fires in Area 2 at this time due to lack of Spotted Owl data. No funding or time allotted to this type of activity by WLAP. Agree to drop Area 2 from prescribed fire plans until further studies are conducted. No studies planned for the foreseeable future. Doug Jury, WLAP, agrees with plan to drop Area 2 from the prescribed fire plans for 2003/4.

July 2003

Proceed with developing prescribed fire burn plans for three remaining areas. Complete helicopter flight on July 10, 2003 with Doug Jury from WLAP to review burn areas. Include representative from Seton Lake Indian Band on flight. Select fuel mixing sites and prescribed fire observation sites during flight. Complete prescribed burn plans and Prescribed Fire Prescriptions. Conduct a second flight over burn sites. Review burn plan documents with Steve Newton, Lillooet Fire Zone Manager, receive verbal approval of burn plans. Place advertisement in local newspaper about prescribed fire plans. Receive one request for further information. Ainsworth Lumber Co agrees to supply weather data from two local weather stations at no cost. Submit burn plans and

Prescribed Fire Prescription to Don Embury, Cascades Forest District for Land Manager approval. Receive verbal approval from Don Embury after he reviewed plans.

Extreme fire season interrupts prescribed fire planning. Areas too dry for prescribed fires. Steve Newton, Lillooet Fire Zone Manager, recommends no additional fires in 2003. Discuss delay plans with Janice Doane, Program Manager. Plan to re-submit proposal for prescribed fires in 2004.

July 2004

Review of documents, contract, etc. Consult with Steve Newton in Lillooet about suitability for prescribed fires in 2004. He continues to support burns. Review plans with Ainsworth Lumber Co representative Rudy Wortelboer. He requests a slight modification of Burn Management Zone on Areas 10 and 11 to ensure there is no conflict with their proposed cutting permit CP 175. Map and plan modifications made as requested, changes do not directly affect burn plans. Ainsworth Lumber again agrees to supply weather data at no cost. Place another advertisement in local paper about prescribed fire plans.

Send out referral letters to all stakeholders updating them on continued burn planning. Update burn plans and prescriptions to reflect 2004 conditions. Submit burn plans and prescriptions to Steve Newton in Lillooet and Doug Jury at WLAP. Steve Newton signs burn plans. Doug Jury on holidays, unavailable as of July 31 to sign documents. Organize burn fuel availability and transport through Cool Creek Esso in Lillooet.

Organize Cascadia Natural Resource Consultants to complete pre-burn vegetation plots. Plot work will commence on August 3, 2004. Native archeological crew also organized to visit Areas 10 and 11 on August 3 and 4 along with vegetation plot crew.

Work Still to Be Completed

1. Develop safety plan for fuel mixing sites at South Carpenter Road and Bighorn Creek.
2. Receive signed documents from Doug Jury at WLAP and submit to Don Embury at Cascades Forest District for Land Manager Approval.
3. Consult with Native Archeological Crew to discuss findings in Area 10 and 11.
4. Ensure all vegetation plot data is completed before the end of August.
5. Fuel delivery to burn fuel mix sites less than one week before burn ignition.
6. Co-ordinate burn fuel mixing crew, probably from Seton Lake Indian Band, for mid-September.
7. Monitor fire weather data to predict burn windows.
8. Contact all individuals on contact sheet at least 48 hours before planned ignition, including BCRP Program Manager.
9. Visit prescribed burn areas in early September to check local conditions.
10. Conduct prescribed burns as per the prescriptions.
11. Post-burn monitoring and reporting, including video, stills and complete report as per contract.