

WHAT IS A FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN (FSP)?

An FSP is an operational plan where license holders propose how they will meet government’s regulatory objectives for forest management. The FSP provides government with a set of measurable, or verifiable, results or strategies against which government enforces compliance and to assure the public that all resource values are being conserved and protected. The FSP consists of text and maps specified by the *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA) and *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation* (FPPR). FSPs do not identify the location of planned cutblocks and roads. Some of the main items required in an FSP are:

- Results or strategies designed to meet government objectives
- Measures for invasive plants and natural range barriers
- Reforestation standards that define suitable tree species to replant & free-growing criteria
- Forest Development Unit (FDU) Maps which define the areas to which the plan applies and show designations in effect such as ungulate winter ranges and scenic areas.

The FSP is the **only** operational plan that must be made available for public review and comment, and is the **only** operational plan that requires government approval.

Tolko’s 2018-2022 Southern Interior Woodlands FSP has designated 5 FDU’s as follows:

FDU Number	FDU Name	Description
1	Kamloops	Kamloops TSA (excluding Battle Bluffs Habitat Area)
2	Merritt	Merritt TSA
3	Okanagan	Okanagan TSA and Monashee Community Forest
4	TFL 49	TFL 49 Area
5	Arrow	Portions of the Arrow TSA as indicated on the FSP maps

The FSP sets out the operational commitments to meet government **OBJECTIVES** and provides guidance to site plans. The FSP must specify **results** or **strategies** that describe how a forest agreement holder will achieve consistency with the objectives set by government for the 11 FRPA resource values:

1. soils
2. timber, including forest health
3. wildlife
4. fish, riparian and watershed
5. water
6. biodiversity (stand level and landscape level)
7. cultural heritage resources
8. resource features
9. recreation resources
10. visual quality objectives
11. forage and associated plan communities

In addition to the FRPA values, Tolko’s FSP addresses the relevant objectives established under the Land Act for the Okanagan-Shuswap LRMP, Kamloops Higher Level Plan Order and the Kootenay-Boundary Higher Level Plan Order.

RESULT means a description of:

- a) measurable or verifiable **outcomes** for an established objective
- b) situations or circumstances that determine where in a FDU the outcomes will be applied

STRATEGY means a description of:

- a) measurable or verifiable **steps or practices** that will be carried out to meet an established objective
- b) the situations or circumstances that determine where in an FDU the steps or practices will be applied

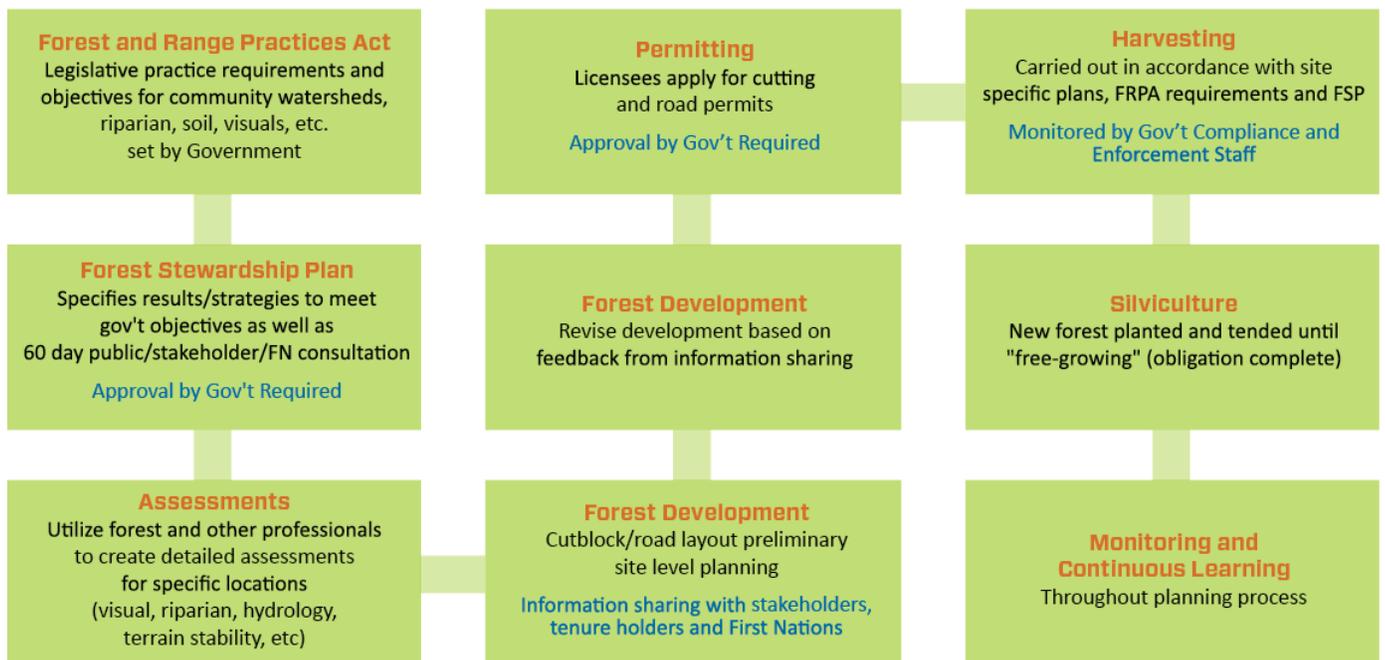
WHY IS THE FSP IMPORTANT?

Forest operations enabled by an FSP can affect the public, interest groups, First Nations groups and other resource users. They provide a means for government to see how forest licensees propose to meet government’s objectives, and provide government with a set of measurable or verifiable results or strategies against which to enforce compliance. FSPs are important for licensees too. First, licensees must have an approved FSP before harvesting timber. Second, licensees, through the FSP, make commitments to government, First Nations and the public on how they will achieve government’s objectives.

THE PLANNING PROCESS

The following flow chart provides an overview of the forest management planning process:

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The FSP is an integral part of the planning process but it does not identify the location of planned blocks and roads. This is done at the Forest Development stage. Tolko provides opportunities for input during the referral and information sharing process as per below.

TOLKO'S REFERRAL AND INFORMATION SHARING PROCESS

In addition to the required 60-day Review and Comment period for the FSP, Tolko contacts First Nations groups and tenured stakeholders potentially affected by planned cutblocks and road development prior to road construction and harvesting. This is your opportunity to provide comments at the block and road level.

TOLKO'S FOREST MANAGEMENT

Many different aspects guide Tolko's Forest Management activities on the landbase. In addition to the legislative requirements, Tolko is guided by our own Forest Management Principles, Environmental Policy, Aboriginal Policy, Health and Safety Policy and by our Environmental Management System and Forest Certification requirements and standard operating procedures. We also work with First Nations and concerned stakeholders to understand issues and develop solutions while achieving our timber objectives. Highlights from our Forest Management Principles include:

- *Maintaining or improving the health and productivity of forest ecosystems and biological diversity;*
- *Actively promoting stakeholder and public participation through open communication;*
- *Respecting and recognizing established aboriginal title and rights, and treaty rights;*
- *Providing for safeguards to the health and safety of employees, contractors, and the public in our Woodlands operations;*
- *Complying with relevant forest management legislation, policies, and legally binding international conventions or agreements to which Canada is a signatory.*
- *Evaluating our forest management performance through internal and external audits, reviews, and benchmarking; and,*
- *Increasing our knowledge and expertise through advances in science and the implementation of adaptive management.*

WHEN IS THE FSP REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD?

From May 29, 2017 – July 28, 2017 interested persons can review the Tolko Southern Interior Woodlands FSP. All written comments must be received before 4:00 pm PDT July 28, 2017 to be considered in the FSP. The FSP and associated maps are available for viewing online through Tolko's website at <http://tolko.com> . Follow the link to the Southern Interior Woodlands Forest Stewardship Plan.

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions related to Tolko's Southern Interior Woodlands FSP then please contact Jamie Skinner, RPF at 250-578-2177 or jamie.skinner@tolko.com.