

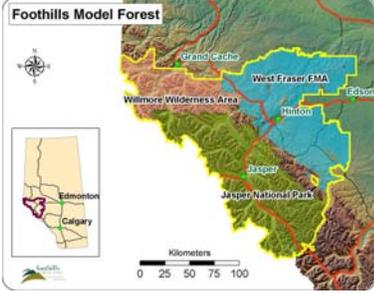
Hinton Area Operator's Group

## Aboriginal Involvement Program



March 6, 2007

## Map of the Foothills Model Forest



## Aboriginal Involvement Program

-Three inter-related sub program areas-

1. Standardized Multi-community Traditional Cultural Study (2002)
2. Industry Community Referral Process (2006)
3. Support Community – Industry site visitations (2006)



## Aboriginal Involvement Program

What We've Accomplished:

-Multi-community Traditional Cultural Study-

- 1) Documented and storing +1200 quality control checked cultural sites
- 2) 4 communities' sites in one central, protected database
- 3) Train and support community technicians
- 4) 1 'new' community just signed
- 5) 2 more communities interested



## Aboriginal Involvement Program

What We've Accomplished:

-Referral Process + Supporting Site Visitations-

- 1) Protected 9 cultural sites from potential disturbance
- 2) 8 pilot referral runs by 4 companies (Shell, Suncor, West Fraser, Coal Valley Resources)
- 3) Savings to companies of \$10-30k per day of planning time by using process



## Aboriginal Involvement Program

What We've Accomplished:

- 1) Incubating the first operational 'Alternative Regional Consultation Support Model' in the nation
- 2) Coordination table for access and communication with communities for land use issues
- 3) No major political blow ups or blockades



## Aboriginal Involvement Program

### How:

- 1) **Relationships: Leveraging Community – Industry – Government partnerships**
- 2) **Information: Relying on an Information base rather than strickly politics and policy**
- 3) **Respect: Utilize the data we have via relationships and technology**



## Aboriginal Involvement Program

### Recognizing the Context:

- 1) **Social Environment**
- 2) **Political Environment**
- 3) **Legal Environment**
- 4) **Business Environment**



## Context – Current Situations



## Context - Historical

### -A meeting of civilizations-

- 1876 Treaty 6
- 1877 Treaty 7
- 1899 Treaty 8
- 1905 Province of Alberta
- 1930 Natural Resources Tranfer Act
- Political, Legal, Physical, Cultural Dimensions and Legacies
- On-going relationships and developments



## Context - Political

### -A political/legal/ethical challenge-

- *UN International Bill of Rights and Universal Declaration of Human Rights:*
  1. All Peoples have the right to self determination
  2. Includes the right to develop natural wealth and resources for mutual benefit
  3. State parties have the responsibility to implement
- *The Government of Alberta's First Nations Consultation Policy on Land Management and Resource Development*
- *On-going litigation and conflict*

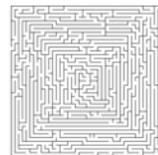


## Existing 'Approach' to Aboriginal Involvement with Land Use Decision Making

Swiss cheese



Maze



## Specifics - TCS

- **Interview information is stored in Microsoft Access database system**
  - Easy to use, inexpensive, high level of use
  - A database tool, not a spreadsheet
  - All information is in one database (interview info, life story, photos, videos...)
  - Standardized recording and storage
  - Proprietary and customized architecture



## Specifics - TCS

- **Consistent, high quality information**
  - Both GPS and interview information
  - Quality control reviewed data with juridical value
  - Protected and functional
- **Continuous training**
  - GPS, interviewing, Access, GIS
- **Continuous use and update of the information**
  - World class data management



## Specifics - TCS

- Intellectual property rights belong to individual Aboriginal/Indigenous groups
- Information is confidential and sequestered
- Data sharing is at the discretion of community and elders



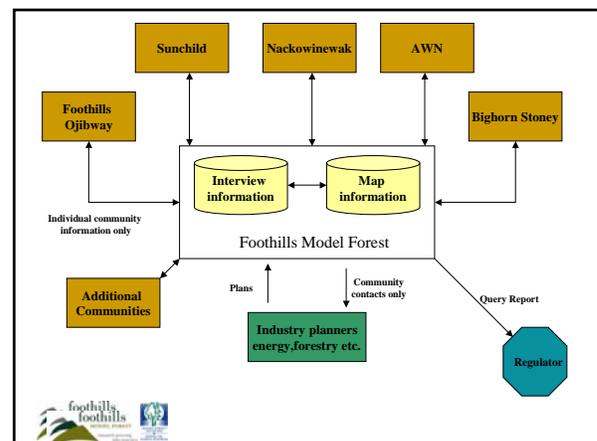
## Specifics – Referral Process

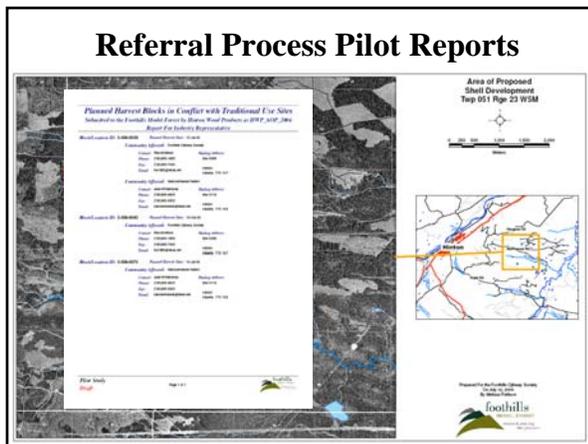
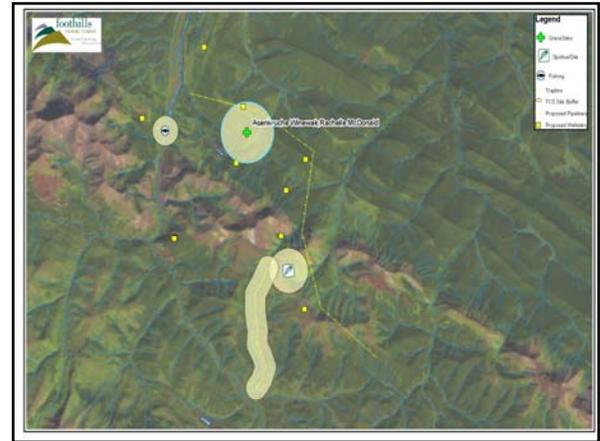
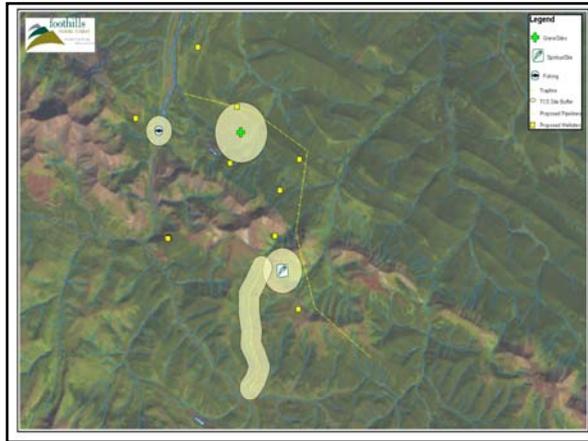
- **TEK Community information is stored in ArcGIS Geographic Information System**
  - Industry standard, already used by the FtMF
  - All information is stored in one GIS system (GPS points and lines)
- **Database can be queried to flag any potential development conflicts with a built in reporting mechanism**
- **Capacity for high volumes of queries**
- **Deals with overlapping sites confidentially**



## How the Partners Envision it Working

### The Highlights





## The FMF Advantage

- Coordinated
- Co-operation
- One window information
- Decreases uncertainty
- Holistic approach with Aboriginal communities

## The FMF Advantage

- Is client focused and knowledge based
- Builds trust
- Right people are involved
- Nurture positive relationships
- Efficient



## The FMF Advantage

- A pilot area coordinated by a non-governmental entity (transferability built-in)
- Network of partners committed to trying an alternative on a pilot basis
- Non-derogation of Rights
- Recognized research body overseeing process
- Presence of contentious and rewarding discussions amongst partners



## The FMF Advantage

- Act as a Champion
- Has the administrative capacity
- Has research expertise
- Deals with community proscription against “making deals with the ‘little government’”
- Established network of researchers, gov’t and industry



## Future Directions

### -Short Term-

- Complete community TCS’s
- Continue referral process pilots
- Continue training communities
- Fully automate for confidential on-line access
- Accessing additional resources to expand



## Future Directions

### -Mid term-

- Interface with government regulatory processes
- Enhance community management efforts
- Explore and develop self-sufficiency
- Explore integrating TEK into FtMF



## Future Directions

### -Long term-

- Self-sufficiency
- Enhance community management functions
- Transferring process to other regions
- Working examples of TEK and Sustainable Resource Management



## **AIP Team**

### **Aboriginal Partners**

**Foothills Ojibway Society (Non-status FN)**

**Aseniwuche Winewak (Non-status FN)**

**Nakcowinewak (Non-status FN)**

**Sunchild First Nation (Status FN)**

**Bighorn Stoney First Nation (Status FN)**



## **AIP Team**

### **Government Partners**

**Alberta Sustainable Resource Development**

**Alberta Aboriginal And Northern Affairs**

**Canadian Forest Service**

**Jasper National Park**



## **AIP Team**

### **Industry Partners**

**West Fraser Mills Ltd.**

**PetroCanada**

**Talisman**

**Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers**

**Coal Valley Resources**



## **Future AIP**

### **Handling Eastern Slopes Dispositions**

Can Technically Handle thousands of  
Dispositions

If

Resources Commesurate with Activity

Proposal: Shared Funding Plan with Forestry,  
Energy, Government



## **Future AIP**

### **Handling Eastern Slopes Dispositions**

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