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Monitoring and Decision Support for Forest Management in a Mountain Pine Beetle Environment

## Phase 2 Proposal for the Period

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## 1. Project Overview

### 1.1. Title and Initiative

FRIAA-FHRFHP September 2009: "Monitoring and Decision Support for Forest Management in a Mountain Pine Beetle Environment - Phase 2".

This project is complementary to Phase 1 of the same initiative, and is necessitated by increased beetle activity during 2008 and 2009. The Applicant has acquired funding and support for research aspects of the work from the Foothills Research Institute and through FRIAA Open Funds. The Phase 2 proposal to the FRIAA Fire Hazard Reduction and Forest Health Program is for funding to cover operational and field aspects of the work aimed at mitigating the impacts of MPB on industries and forest-dependent communities.

### 1.2. Applicant

The Applicant is the Foothills Growth and Yield Association (FGYA), a research partnership of 9 FRIAA members managed on their behalf by the Foothills Research Institute. The Director of the FGYA is R. W. Udell.

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### 1.3. Background Information on the Applicant and Partners

The Foothills Growth and Yield Association provides overall guidance and technical direction to the project. The mission and mandate of the FGYA are to continually improve the assessment of lodgepole pine growth and yield in managed stands. Because of the threat posed by mountain pine beetle (MPB) attack to their tenures, the mandate has been extended to providing FGYA members monitoring and operational decision support services related to silvicultural management of threatened and attacked stands.

Nine companies holding Forest Management Agreements throughout the range of lodgepole pine in Alberta cooperate in the Association as voting members and sponsors (see Table 1). The Forest Management Branch of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) and the Foothills Research Institute (FRI) participate as non-voting members, with the FRI acting as the coordinating agency.

The Foothills Research Institute (formerly Foothills Model Forest) provides administrative support and, through its Mountain Pine Beetle Ecology Program, funding and project management services to the project.

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) is responsible for managing and protecting Alberta's forest resources. SRD is the crown land manager and sets forest management policy for planning and operations. SRD is partnering with the FGYA in this project as it addresses key forest management issues identified by the department.

### 1.4. Site Selection

240 sample plots have been identified for monitoring the effect of MPB on forest stands (see Map 1). All of these sites are existing permanent sample plots of both FMA holders and Alberta Sustainable Resource Development for which historical mensurational data are available for benchmarking stand development. MPB infestation status and other supplementary baseline data were collected on 149 sites during 2008. In 2009, 6 additional candidate sites were confirmed as infested in areas subjected to extreme MPB over-wintering success in the winter of 2008-2009. Under Phase 1 of the Project, a further 42 plots known or suspected to have high levels of MPB activity are being assessed in 2009 to monitor MPB impact.

Table 1. Foothills Growth and Yield Association representatives and contacts (2009)

| Role / Affiliation | First Name | Last Name | Telephone |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Chairman | Dwight | Weeks | $(780) 538-7745$ |
| Management: |  |  |  |
| FRI General Manager | Tom | Archibald | $(780) 865-8332$ |
| FGYA Director | Bob | Udell | $(780) 865-4532$ |
| Research and Development Associate | Dick | Dempster | $(780) 984-2509$ |
| Field Coordinator | Rand | McPherson | $(780) 865-0220$ |
| Steering Committee: |  |  |  |
| ANC Timber | Greg | Branton | $(780) 778-7012$ |
| Alberta Sustainable Resource Development | Robert | Stokes | $(780) 422-2690$ |
| Blue Ridge Lumber | Tim | Burns | $(780) 648-6220$ |
| Canfor | Dwight | Weeks | $(780) 538-7745$ |
| Foothills Research Institute Board | Murray | Summers | $(780) 648-6325$ |
| Millar Western Forest Products | Tim | McCready | $(780) 778-2221$ |
| Spray Lakes Sawmills | Ed | Kulcsar | $(403) 932-2234$ |
| Sundance Forest Industries | John | Huey | $(780) 723-3977$ |
| Sundre Forest Products | Bob | Held | $(403) 638-4482$ |
| Hinton Wood Products | Richard | Briand | $(780) 8658181$ |
| Weyerhaeuser Canada | Greg | Behuniak | $(780) 539-8207$ |
| Technical Committee: |  |  |  |
| ANC Timber | Peter | Winther | $(780) 778-7000$ |
| Alberta Sustainable Resource Development | Daryl | Price | $(780) 422-0329$ |
| Blue Ridge Lumber | Colin | Scott | $(780) 648-6200$ |
| Canfor | Melonie | Zaichkowsky | $(780) 538-7720$ |
| Foothills Research Institute | Debbie | Mucha | $(780) 865-8290$ |
| Millar Western Forest Products | Tim | McCready | $(780) 778-2221$ |
| Spray Lakes Sawmills | Ed | Kulscar | $(403) 932-2234$ |
| Sundance Forest Industries | Pat | Golec | $(780) 723-3977$ |
| Sundre Forest Products | Bob | Held | $(403) 638-4482$ |
| Hinton Wood Products | Glenn | Buckmaster | $(780) 490-2307$ |
| Weyerhaeuser Grande Prairie | Greg | Behuniak | $(780) 539-8207$ |
| Weyerhaeuser Pembina | Tim | Gylander | $(780) 733-4206$ |

1.5. Application Form

Submitted separately.

Map 1. Project Area


## 2. Proposal Objectives

The overall objective of the project (Phase 1 and 2) is to provide operational decision support to forest managers assessing silvicultural treatment options for stands attacked by mountain pine beetle in Alberta. This infestation has the potential to overwhelm our capacity to cope with it through conventional salvage and treatment options. Thus it is critical to the mid and longer term survival of the forest industry as well as forest-dependent communities that salvage, treatment and remediation decisions are based on the best available information and Decision Support Tools - which is the focus of this project. The importance of monitoring and evaluation is critical to the development of these tools.

Achievement of the objective was commenced in Phase 1 by assembling baseline data and applying the best predictive capability immediately available to making projections from these data, while recognizing the need for ongoing monitoring in a second phase.

The high over-wintering success of beetles in 2008-09, combined with higher and more extensive than expected flight activity during the summer of 2009 , has created the urgent need for monitoring an expanded network of sites during 2010 and 2011. Failure to conduct such monitoring could incur an irretrievably lost opportunity for timely acquisition of critical information. Unfortunately, the increased MPB activity is coinciding with the economic downturn, threatening both the monitoring activities in the short-term, plus the longer term availability of forestry workers with the specialist skills required to conduct such work on an ongoing basis.

The primary objectives of Phase 2 are therefore:

1. Monitor dynamics of MPB-attacked stands in order to validate, inform and improve projections used in critical post-attack forest management decisions;
2. Provide experience and direct employment opportunities for Alberta forestry workers, thereby maintaining and enhancing their capacity to undertake specialized forest management activities in a MPB environment.

The proposal contributes significantly to the objectives of the Fire Hazard Reduction and Forest Health Program. It:

- Will provide direct employment opportunities for Albertans;
- Will help sustain forestry businesses by providing information on how best to direct scarce resources to planning, salvage and mitigation activities;
- Can be started immediately;
- Reduces the potential loss to Alberta forest-based communities through appropriate treatments to minimize impacts of MPB - while recognizing that losses will still occur;
- Will provide essential information for sustaining forest resources, selecting appropriate silviculture and reforestation treatments, and reducing potential losses to fire, insects and diseases; and therefore will mitigate the risk of loss to key forest resources from MPB;
- The proposal is directly targeted at forest health, arose from a key recommendation of a task force of leading ecologists convened to advise Alberta SRD on post-beetle strategies ${ }^{1}$, and is advancing with active support and participation of SRD specialists and data;

[^0]- Will be highly cost effective because it pools effort and resources across all the major lodgepole pine tenures in Alberta;
- Will be managed by applicants with the proven ability to manage and deliver such projects.


## 3. Project Information

### 3.1. Objectives

See Section 2 above.

### 3.2. Methods, Plan and Activities <br> (See also Section 4.3 - Work Plan and Schedule) <br> Decision Support Tool Development

Note: this component of the project is already funded and proceeding, but is included here to provide context for the proposed operational monitoring program.

It is clear, both from the recommendations of the Alberta expert panel mentioned earlier, as well as from observations and reports from areas already hit by MPB, that the post-beetle stand trajectories of Lodgepole pine will be substantially different from those developing either fire or normal harvest and reforestation. Therefore, the development of a Decision Support Tool to inform alternative choices for salvage and treatment is critical.

Consistent with the original Phase 1 proposal, the development of this Decision Support Tool (DST) will involve initial projection of baseline stand conditions under a range of mortality, secondary structure and regeneration scenarios. This will be followed by a synthesis of the projections and other expert knowledge to produce a Decision Support Tool suitable for planners scheduling harvests and silvicultural operations in forests under MPB attack.

The activities involved in development of the preliminary DST are:

1. PSP data compilation: summarization of baseline (pre-attack) data already loaded into the project database, as required for input into selected tree and stand models;
2. Projection of stand development using 3 growth and yield models (GYPSY, MGM and TASS) and results of other research, for a simulation matrix of site strata, stand conditions and treatment options;
3. DST construction: incorporation of projections into a user-friendly web based tool allowing users to select from a range of site types, stand conditions, and operational interventions; and evaluate future stand development.

Needs for a preliminary DST were clarified and elaborated at a workshop held in Hinton June 26, 2009. ${ }^{2}$ The DST will take into account site conditions, pre-attack stand structure, and operational interventions to provide managers with forecasts of:

- Shelf-life and fall-down of killed timber (important for prioritizing harvest to extend the salvage "window" as long as possible);
- Post-attack regeneration;
- Growth response of the residual stand and post-attack regeneration;

[^1]- Non-tree vegetation responses (also important for both wildlife habitat and water conservation considerations).

In the preliminary system, projections will be made for user-specified levels of tree mortality (mild, moderate, severe). The system will be enhanced in 2011-12, incorporating the field measurements proposed below to:

- Predict tree mortality from susceptibility, climate, site and / or other risk factors;
- Improve characterization of relevant pre-attack stand conditions;
- Validate initial response predictions


### 3.2.1. Monitoring Program and Methods

The original monitoring program design prescribed a framework of 240 plots distributed across 8 ecological strata, and assembled a list of candidate permanent sample plots (PSPs) suitable for this purpose. Higher than expected costs for plot measurements led to a reprioritization and netting down of plots to be measured. In 2008, baseline mensurational data were assembled and supplementary field data were collected for 149 of the candidate plots. Further baseline measurements have not been made in 2009 pending development of the preliminary DST, assessment of beetle over-wintering success and summer flight activity, and review of funding priorities and limitations.

It is now urgent that the monitoring program be expanded to a total of 240 PSPs as originally planned, providing representation across the full range of ecological strata and operational areas under threat, and an improved ability for tracking impacts of an increasingly widespread and aggressive attack. The expansion of this monitoring program is the focus of this project proposal, to improve accuracy and reliability of this much-needed Decision Support Tool for Alberta forestry managers and the Province..

Appendix 1 lists the 240 candidate PSPs.
"Basic" monitoring will be conducted to measure the level of MPB attack and associated tree mortality. All candidate PSPs were prioritized based on (a) previous reports of infestation in the plot and / or surrounding stand, (b) over-wintering success of MPB in 2008-2009, as indicated by interpretive mapping of R-value surveys conducted by SRD in the Spring of 2009, and (c) recent status updates from SRD (e.g. Beetle Bulletin, August 16, 2009), and communications from FGYA member companies (e.g. Hinton Wood Products, personal communication, August 18, 2009).

Priorities identified for basic monitoring of PSPs are:

1. Extreme 2008-2009 over-wintering success;
2. High over-wintering success AND infestation previously reported;
3. Infestation previously reported OR high over-wintering success;
4. Moderate over-wintering and no previous infestation reported;
5. High 2009 summer activity and not meeting criteria for priorities $1-4$;
6. Other.

Basic monitoring will be scheduled as follows by the above priority classes:

- Classes 1-2: $\quad$ September 1, 2009 - December 31, 2009
- Class 3: January 1, 2010 - March 31, 2010
- Classes 4-5: $\quad$ August 1, 2010 - March 31, 2011
- Class 6: $\quad$ August 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Checks will be made in the actual PSPs, plus in the buffer area and / or surrounding stand. (The latter requirement may be dropped in the event of very heavy infestation and where plots are already known to be infested.) Procedures within plots will be the same regardless of plot design or ownership. Procedures for checking the surrounding stand will differ between SRD 4-plot groups and single plot samples.

Within the PSP, for those trees showing symptoms of MPB attack, the following data will be recorded:

- Tag number, species, DBH;
- Count of pitch tubes (by three categories: <20,20-50,>50);
- Attack stage (green, fader, red, grey) and condition.

If MPB attack has progressed beyond the green stage anywhere in the plot, horizontal digital photographs will be taken in each of the 4 cardinal directions from the plot centre to illustrate the stand condition, especially the presence or absence of understorey and other sub-canopy vegetation.

The stand area buffering the plot will be walked through in parallel sweeps close enough together to allow detection of any red or grey attacked trees, and not more than 20 m apart. For red or grey attacked trees, species, DBH , and attack stage will be recorded. The presence and frequency of observed green attack (number of live trees observed with pitch tubes), or faders will also be noted Any changes in stand conditions suspected to be caused by MPB-related tree mortality (gaps, increased light, vegetation response), will be photographed.

Detailed baseline measurements have already been assembled for 149 plots. This involved:

- Compilation of the most recently available measurements collected by the plot owners (see Section );
- Supplementary measurements of site, saplings, regeneration, non-tree vegetation, tree mortality, arboreal lichens, and cone serotiny.

Similar supplementary measurements will be repeated 2 years following MPB attack for plots already "baselined", and within 2 years of attack for any additional plots. The measurement protocol will:

- Assess the level of MPB attack and associated tree mortality;
- Assess survival/growth response of understorey trees for the purposes of growth and yield modeling;
- Document new tree regeneration;
- Document effects of MPB attack on cone serotiny and seed viability in lodgepole pine (trees killed by MPB and remaining live trees in stands that have been affected by MPB);
- Document changes in cover of non-tree vegetation including vascular and non-vascular plant species and ground and arboreal lichens.

Detailed measurements are scheduled in 2010 for plots reported as infested in 2008. Final reports of infestation in 2009 will not be available until March 31, 2010, but in the interim schedules for 2011 have been based on those plots that either:

- Have already been confirmed as infested;
- Had beetle attack reported in the surrounding stand in 2008;
- Are in areas that incurred extreme over-wintering survival in 2008-09;
- Are in areas that incurred high levels of both 2008-09 over-winter survival and summer 2009 flight activity.


### 3.2.2. Miscellaneous

Data compilation tasks will be conducted by a qualified Alberta consulting firm, and will be funded separately from this proposal. Technical management will be provided by the FGYA, and also funded externally to this proposal.

### 3.3. Areas To Be Treated

(Not applicable.)

### 3.4. Employment

Table 2 shows estimated direct employment for the fieldwork portion of the project only. It excludes analytical and research tasks, which are not part of the financial proposal to the FRIAA Forest Health Program.

Table 2. Person day inputs for fieldwork by year

| Year |  |  | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2009 | 2010 | 2011 |  |
| 156 | 195 | 388 | 739 |

The fieldwork will be sub-contracted to 3 or more Alberta firms providing field services to the forest industry.

### 3.5. Involvement

In addition to the field services sub-contractors, the project will involve 9 holders of forest management agreements. Table 3 shows the number of plots by tenure holder of the forest management area where the plots are located.

Table 3. Number of monitoring plots by forest management area

| FMA Holder | \# Plots |
| :--- | ---: |
| ANC Timber | 12 |
| Blue Ridge Lumber | 15 |
| Canfor | 8 |
| Hinton Wood Products | 25 |
| Millar Western | 20 |
| Sundance Forest Industries | 12 |
| Sundre Forest Products | 21 |
| Spray Lakes Sawmills | 6 |
| Weyerhaeuser Canada | 107 |
| Outside FM areas | 14 |
| Total | 240 |

### 3.6. Review of Soundness

This project proposal has been reviewed for soundness by technical representatives of the 9 participating FMA holders and SRD.

The basis for the project, both Phase 1 and Phase 2, was the report of the expert panel convened by SRD to provide advice on management issues surrounding the looming MPB infestation (Lodgepole Pine Stand Dynamics in Alberta Following Mountain Pine Beetle, J. Stadt and K. Greenway, SRD Forest Management Branch, Forestry Division, October 2007). The panel strongly recommended establishment of a monitoring system to test and validate its initial hypotheses, through the establishment of a Post-Mountain Pine Beetle Stand Development Program.

The FGYA provided further strong justification and reference information for the program, as documented in the project proposal: Monitoring and Decision Support for Forest Management in a Mountain Pine Beetle Environment submitted to the FRIAA-07-08 Provincial Projects Initiative, October 9, 2007.

A workshop was held in June 2009, bringing together experts from across Canada and Alberta forest managers to discuss the development of Decision Support Tools for MPB. The workshop served to clarify and refine program refinements, and identified important and relevant reference information, as described in the document: MPB-Silviculture Decision Tools Workshop Report, Friday, June 26, 2009, Hinton, Alberta, (available from FRI and FGYA).

The need and timing for a second phase of the project was predicated on expansion of the beetle infestation in Alberta and, unfortunately, this now appears to be the case as described in the recent status updates from SRD (e.g. Beetle Bulletin, August 16, 2009), and communications from FGYA member companies.

### 3.7. Funding Requested and Overall Budget

Table 4 shows activities, requested funding and the overall project budget for the period October 1, 2009 - March 31, 2012. Note that:

- Only the costs indicated in bold type are requested for funding under the Fire Hazard Reduction and Forest Health Program.
- "Year" refers to the operating period from April 1 to March 31 of the following calendar year, except for 2009, for which the plan covers the period September 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.
- Existing funding for Phase 1 , originally scheduled for completion in 2010, will be extended through 2011.

Table 4. Costs (\$) by activity, year and proposed funding source

| Funding | Activity | Costs |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Per Plot | $2009{ }^{3}$ | 2010 | 2011 | Total |
| Phase1 / MPBEP (already committed) | Preliminary Decision Support Tool |  | 73500 |  |  | 73500 |
|  | Enhanced Decision Support Tool |  |  |  | 26500 | 26500 |
|  | Measurement - basic (to 31/12/09) | 735 | 30870 |  |  | 30870 |
|  | Data compilation |  | 8715 | 8925 | 15855 | 33495 |
|  | Technical management |  | 15960 | 15960 | 15960 | 47880 |
|  | Vegetation specialist |  | 15750 |  |  | 15750 |
| Subtotal Existing Phase 1 / MPBFEP Funding |  | 735 | 144795 | 24885 | 58315 | 227995 |
| Requested | Monitoring - basic | 735 | 30135 | 45570 | 65415 | 141120 |
|  | Monitoring - detailed | 1575 | 0 | 36225 | 97650 | 133875 |
| Subtotal FRIAA Forest Health Funding |  |  | 30135 | 81795 | 163065 | 274995 |
| Total All Funding Sources |  |  | 174930 | 106680 | 221380 | 502990 |

### 3.8. Other Funding and In-kind Contributions

Activities conducted prior to October 1, 2009, and thereafter ongoing research and development work, will be funded by the Forest Research Institute Mountain Pine Beetle Fire Ecology Program and the FGYA, with support for Phase 1 of the Project already provided under the FRIAA Open Funds Program.

The Foothills Research Institute will administer the proposed project. It has financially supported components of the baseline assessment and the simulations and projections that provided direction to the development of the Decision Support Tool and whole project.

Inputs by the FGYA will be partly supported by FRIP funding under FRIAA Project \# FOOMOD-01-03 (Foothills Growth and Yield Association - Second Five-year Term) and partly by FGYA industrial sponsors. The FGYA has committed 24 days per year of input by its Director and Research and Development Associate (RDA). This will be continued.

### 3.9. Sub-contracts

Field work will be contracted to qualified local contractors with proven track records working for FGYA members in their forest management areas. Such contractors will be identified and approved by FGYA members, and / or selected by competitive bidding. All requested funds identified in Table 4 will be dispersed in this way.

### 3.10. Project Management

Overall responsibility for project implementation will reside with the Project Manager. The Project Manager will be Don Podlubny, RPFT, the MPB Ecology Program Leader of the Foothills Research Institute.

The project management responsibilities include:

[^2]- Recruitment and direction of required staff and sub-contracted services;
- Financial administration of the project;
- Ensuring that work is completed on time and within budget;
- Ensuring that work is coordinated with related initiatives being conducted in Alberta and elsewhere.

The Project and Program Manager will be assisted by the Director of the Foothills Growth and Yield Association. The Director, R.W. (Bob) Udell, R.P.F., will oversee provide the linkages between the Project, the Program Manager and the Steering Committee of the FGYA. The Research and Development Associate of the FGYA, W.R. (Dick) Dempster, Ph.D., R.P.F., will be accountable to the Project Manager and FGYA Director for technical management of the project, including:

- Work planning, including twice-yearly review and (as necessary) revision of project schedules based on project results and other sources of information on infestation status;
- Technical specification of work contracts, and direction of contractors;
- Progress and technical reporting of project results.


### 3.11. Required Authorizations

All of the project field work will involve non-destructive field measurements endorsed by the plot owner. No further authorizations are required.

### 3.12. Impact on Other Resources and Users

The Project will not have any adverse impacts on any other forest resources or the environment.

### 3.13. Results and Outcomes

The project will provide information essential for forest managers making decisions in an MPB environment. The decisions of most importance are where (and where not) to salvage, and where and what other silvicultural interventions to make. The information required for these decisions are forecasts of post-attack stand development with or without salvage and / or other silvicultural treatments, and of the related effects on timber production and wildlife habitat.

The development and deployment of the Decision Support Tool will result in reductions in operating costs, management risks, and losses of timber and habitat values.

The proposed monitoring program will provide invaluable knowledge on the dynamics and impacts of the unprecedented infestation, improving over time the basis for critical post-attack forest management decisions, and thus further reducing costs, risk and losses.

The project will provide experience and direct employment opportunities for Alberta forestry workers, maintaining and enhancing their capacity to undertake specialized forest management activities in a MPB environment.

## 4. Project Schedules

### 4.1. Progress Reporting Schedule

Progress reports will be provided at approximately 6-month intervals as follows:

- April 30, 2010 (for the period October 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010);
- September 30, 2010 (mid-year report);
- April 30, 2011 (year-end report for the period April 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011);
- September 30, 2011 (mid-year report);
- April 30, 2012 (year-end report for the period April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012).


### 4.2. Proposed Payment Schedule

It is proposed that FRIAA will forward Project funds to the Foothills Model Forest in advance of expenditures (see Table 4) on an annual basis, subject to:

- Submission of an annual work plan (for the period April 1 to March 31 of the following year);
- Submission of the annual report as per Section 4.1 (applicable for operating years 2010 and 2011);
- A holdback of $10 \%$ each year, pending submission of the annual report and any other deliverables scheduled for the year.

This would result in the following payment schedule, consistent with Table 4 after holdbacks:

- On approval: $\$ 27,121$
- April 1, 2010: $\$ 73,615$
- April 1, 2011: $\$ 146,758$
- January 31, 2012: \$27,501 (final payment $10 \%$ hold back)
- Total Project: $\$ 274,995$


### 4.3. Work Plan and Schedule

Table 5 shows project activities scheduled by year and funding source for the period October 1, 2009 - March 31, 2012. Note that, as in Table 4: "year" refers to the operating period from April 1 to March 31 of the following calendar year, except for 2009 , for which the plan covers the period September 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

The monitoring component of the plan will be reviewed, and re-scheduled if necessary, each year based on results of spring SRD R-value surveys and project monitoring activities conducted in the Fall and winter.

Table 5. Project activities by year

| Funding <br> Source | Activity |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Activity Year / Number of Plot Measurements |  |  |  |
|  |  | $\mathbf{2 0 0 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 0 1 1}$ | Total |
| Phase1 / <br> MPBFEP <br> (already <br> funded) | Preliminary Decision Support Tool | x |  |  |  |
|  | Enhanced Decision Support Tool |  |  | x |  |
|  | Measurement - basic (to 31/12/09) | 42 |  |  | 42 |
|  | Data compilation | x | x | x |  |
|  | Technical management | x | x | x |  |
|  | Vegetation specialist | x |  |  |  |
| Requested <br> - FRIAA | Monitoring - basic | $\mathbf{4 1}$ | $\mathbf{6 2}$ | $\mathbf{8 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 9 2}$ |
|  | Monitoring - detailed | $\mathbf{0}$ | $\mathbf{2 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 2}$ | $\mathbf{8 5}$ |

## Appendix 1. Permanent Sample Plot Monitoring Schedule

| Map \# | Sample Id | Owner | FMA <br> holder | \# of <br> plots | Assumed initial attack year | Basic monitoring priority | Basic monitoring year | Detailed monitoring year | UTM east | UTM north | Stratum |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 8 | SRD | MWF | 4 |  | 3 | 2009 |  | 545641 | 6017568 | 7 |
| 2 | 9 | SRD | MWF | 4 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 548819 | 6019846 | 3 |
| 3 | 14 | SRD | MWF | 4 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 555752 | 6015362 | 1 |
| 4 | 16 | SRD | BRL | 4 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 570482 | 6067316 | 4 |
| 5 | 20 | SRD | BRL | 4 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 584521 | 6065659 | 2 |
| 6 | 55 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 2 | 2009 | 2011 | 371689 | 6055401 | 5 |
| 7 | 56 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2008 | 2 | 2009 | 2010 | 372613 | 6056259 | 7 |
| 8 | 58 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 371289 | 6056657 | 8 |
| 9 | 59 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 372015 | 6057123 | 3 |
| 10 | 65 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2008 | 2 | 2009 | 2010 | 372207 | 6061676 | 7 |
| 11 | 68 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2008 | 1 | 2009 | 2010 | 374281 | 6065429 | 7 |
| 12 | 70 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 1 | 2009 | 2011 | 373217 | 6067664 | 5 |
| 13 | 86 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 2 | 2009 | 2011 | 392166 | 6048521 | 5 |
| 14 | 87 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2008 | 2 | 2009 | 2010 | 392537 | 6047247 | 7 |
| 15 | 88 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2008 | 2 | 2009 | 2010 | 391231 | 6046780 | 8 |
| 16 | 89 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 388357 | 6046276 | 3 |
| 17 | 101 | SRD | WEY | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 525496 | 5848517 | 1 |
| 18 | 105 | SRD | SDA | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 532684 | 5844328 | 4 |
| 19 | 106 | SRD | SDA | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 533277 | 5843237 | 4 |
| 20 | 111 | SRD | WEY | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 543003 | 5833892 | 2 |
| 21 | 135 | SRD | WEY | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 571804 | 5838793 | 6 |
| 22 | 144 | SRD | SFP | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 576224 | 5774505 | 1 |
| 23 | 156 | SRD | SFP | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 590453 | 5807889 | 7 |
| 24 | 162 | SRD | SFP | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 588333 | 5798056 | 1 |
| 25 | 167 | SRD | SFP | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 624514 | 5743217 | 2 |
| 26 | 176 | SRD | WEY | 4 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 584322 | 5884101 | 3 |
| 27 | 461 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 675795 | 5544789 | 1 |


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| 28 | 488 | SRD | NA | 1 | 2008 | 3 | 2009 | 2010 | 687543 | 5479418 | 7 |
| 29 | 508 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 708084 | 5469667 | 4 |
| 30 | 512 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 706830 | 5469622 | 4 |
| 31 | 522 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 678209 | 5559152 | 4 |
| 32 | 531 | SRD | SLS | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 662996 | 5586305 | 4 |
| 33 | 532 | SRD | SLS | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 671747 | 5571038 | 4 |
| 34 | 12023-F | BRL | BRL | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 604807 | 6043671 | 3 |
| 35 | 13273-F | BRL | BRL | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 577588 | 6039766 | 4 |
| 36 | 14508-F | BRL | BRL | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 538675 | 6035897 | 3 |
| 37 | 15788-F | BRL | BRL | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 534795 | 6032014 | 3 |
| 38 | 5588-F | BRL | BRL | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 597026 | 6063124 | 1 |
| 39 | G0101NW | CAN | CAN | 1 | 2009 | 2 | 2009 | 2011 | 405387 | 6090136 | 5 |
| 40 | G0103NE | CAN | CAN | 1 | 2009 | 2 | 2009 | 2011 | 403001 | 6090166 | 1 |
| 41 | R431601 | CAN | CAN | 1 | 2008 | 1 | 2009 | 2010 | 364261 | 6239204 | 4 |
| 42 | R463101 | CAN | CAN | 1 | 2009 | 1 | 2009 | 2011 | 370721 | 6234161 | 4 |
| 43 | 1010214 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 468927 | 5955147 | 8 |
| 44 | 1010216 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 469062 | 5955009 | 8 |
| 45 | 3010288 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 524293 | 5903349 | 3 |
| 46 | 3010331 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 524318 | 5900124 | 3 |
| 47 | 3010447 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 524367 | 5890593 | 8 |
| 48 | 4010077 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 483691 | 5922852 | 4 |
| 49 | 4010078 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 483833 | 5922855 | 4 |
| 50 | 4010289 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 472239 | 5906659 | 6 |
| 51 | 4010290 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 472388 | 5906669 | 6 |
| 52 | 4010291 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 472387 | 5906529 | 6 |
| 53 | 5010003 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 407969 | 5965685 | 2 |
| 54 | 5010004 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 407825 | 5965696 | 2 |
| 55 | 5010005 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 404767 | 5962729 | 2 |
| 56 | 581624A | MWF | MWF | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 548893 | 5986634 | 4 |


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| 57 | 581632A | MWF | MWF | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 542893 | 5989686 | 5 |
| 58 | 591501A | MWF | MWF | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 557886 | 5992660 | 3 |
| 59 | BM601A | MWF | MWF | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 560673 | 5995540 | 3 |
| 60 | T-46-R-16-SW-NE | SDA | SDA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 545589 | 5864857 | 4 |
| 61 | T-46-R-16-SW-NW | SDA | SDA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 545455 | 5864842 | 4 |
| 62 | T-46-R-16-SW-SE | SDA | SDA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 545604 | 5864716 | 4 |
| 63 | T-46-R-16-SW-SW | SDA | SDA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 545464 | 5864700 | 4 |
| 64 | 187 | SFP | SFP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 642534 | 5769042 | 8 |
| 65 | 212 | SFP | SFP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 626219 | 5750077 | 7 |
| 66 | 272 | SFP | SFP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 622448 | 5740862 | 8 |
| 67 | 273 | SFP | SFP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 639730 | 5758322 | 7 |
| 68 | 274 | SFP | SFP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 641312 | 5758021 | 8 |
| 69 | 5291555 | SLS | SLS | 1 | 2008 | 3 | 2009 | 2010 | 666357 | 5573171 | 4 |
| 70 | 8251465 | SLS | SLS | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 665063 | 5563264 | 2 |
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| 73 | 60 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 372534 | 6057104 | 8 |
| 74 | 61 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 371164 | 6058543 | 7 |
| 75 | 63 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 371456 | 6059945 | 7 |
| 76 | 76 | SRD | WEY | 4 |  | 4 | 2010 |  | 370648 | 6037885 | 2 |
| 77 | 77 | SRD | WEY | 4 |  | 4 | 2010 |  | 371481 | 6037200 | 6 |
| 78 | 78 | SRD | WEY | 4 |  | 4 | 2010 |  | 370643 | 6036842 | 8 |
| 79 | 80 | SRD | WEY | 4 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 371138 | 6034881 | 6 |
| 80 | 84 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 1 | 2009 | 2011 | 392021 | 6051415 | 8 |
| 81 | 85 | SRD | WEY | 4 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 391747 | 6050748 | 3 |
| 82 | 245 | SRD | ANC | 4 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 497100 | 5991647 | 2 |
| 84 | 247 | SRD | ANC | 4 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 495394 | 5990999 | 6 |
| 86 | 251 | SRD | ANC | 4 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 484356 | 5988456 | 8 |
| 87 | 276 | SRD | CAN | 4 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 466009 | 6041294 | 3 |


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| 88 | 429 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 686438 | 5524645 | 1 |
| 89 | 460 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 4 | 2010 |  | 686881 | 5532092 | 1 |
| 90 | 479 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 712055 | 5530521 | 5 |
| 91 | 503 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 4 | 2010 |  | 693473 | 5480338 | 7 |
| 92 | 511 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 4 | 2010 |  | 689779 | 5473502 | 5 |
| 93 | 513 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 680927 | 5520682 | 4 |
| 94 | 516 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 683813 | 5547678 | 4 |
| 95 | 518 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 681658 | 5505120 | 7 |
| 96 | 529 | SRD | NA | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 680588 | 5561027 | 4 |
| 97 | 533 | SRD | SLS | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 671037 | 5570261 | 4 |
| 112 | 17078-F | BRL | BRL | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 538676 | 6028094 | 8 |
| 113 | 5553-F | BRL | BRL | 1 |  | 5 | 2010 |  | 569781 | 6063101 | 2 |
| 114 | 1010417 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 464307 | 5948837 | 2 |
| 115 | 1010419 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 464447 | 5948692 | 4 |
| 116 | 2010009 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 517098 | 5980887 | 6 |
| 117 | 2010010 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 517304 | 5980896 | 4 |
| 118 | 2010116 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 531028 | 5974715 | 7 |
| 119 | 3010395 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 504830 | 5893566 | 6 |
| 120 | 4010180 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 479004 | 5913058 | 8 |
| 121 | 5010007 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 407873 | 5962627 | 2 |
| 122 | 5010010 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 407884 | 5962471 | 2 |
| 123 | 5010142 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 411082 | 5956078 | 2 |
| 124 | 5010143 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 411232 | 5956080 | 2 |
| 125 | 5010145 | HWP | HWP | 1 |  | 6 | 2011 |  | 411079 | 5955934 | 2 |
| 149 | 606113000001 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 316334 | 6015045 | 2 |
| 150 | 606113000003 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 313924 | 6015136 | 4 |
| 151 | 606213000016 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 3 | 2009 | 2011 | 311941 | 6027367 | 4 |
| 152 | 606712000024 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 2 | 2009 | 2011 | 326671 | 6077954 | 1 |
| 153 | 606809000019 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 2 | 2009 | 2011 | 348850 | 6086906 | 1 |


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| 154 | 607505000004 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 1 | 2009 | 2011 | 391422 | 6148664 | 5 |
| 155 | 607708000006 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 1 | 2009 | 2011 | 360107 | 6169032 | 5 |
| 156 | 607709000006 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 1 | 2009 | 2011 | 350508 | 6169391 | 7 |
| 157 | 607710000013 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 1 | 2009 | 2011 | 348038 | 6171859 | 5 |
| 158 | 607812000001 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 1 | 2009 | 2011 | 328846 | 6179883 | 5 |
| 159 | 607812000016 | WEY | WEY | 1 | 2009 | 1 | 2009 | 2011 | 324188 | 6182368 | 5 |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ (SRD draft report, 2007, Dynamics of Alberta's Pine Dominated Ecosites Following Mountain Pine Beetle, ed. J. Stadt)

[^1]:    ${ }^{2}$ Foothills Research Institute - Foothills Growth and Yield Association. Report of MPB-Silviculture Decision Tools Workshop, held June 26, 2009, Hinton Training Centre, Hinton, Alberta.

[^2]:    ${ }^{3}$ Only a portion of the 2009 fiscal year is included: October 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010.

