

Cindy Graves

SPALLUMCHEEN

From: Doug Allin
Sent: Saturday, February 13, 2021 7:17 AM
To: Christine Fraser; Council; Christine Fraser; Cindy Graves
Subject: Fwd: Rose Swanson BCTS Harvest Planning and communication with the Township of Spallumcheen
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FYI. For discussion on Tuesday.

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Thank you
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Johnston, Colin FLNR:EX" <Colin.Johnston@gov.bc.ca>
Date: February 12, 2021 at 3:23:00 PM PST
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Subject: Rose Swanson BCTS Harvest Planning and communication with the Township of Spallumcheen

Hi Doug

My name is Colin Johnston and I am the Timber Sales Manager for BCTS in the Okanagan Columbia business area. I thought I would reach out to you and see if BCTS can do a better job of keeping the Township in the loop with what we are doing in regards to this file. I apologize for our communication with the Township to date and am committed to doing a more fulsome job moving forward. We have heard the community concerns loud and clear and that the Township believes there should be further community engagement on the harvest plans and we are committed to doing that. To that end we have decided to pause the timber sale auction for a period of no less than 6 months in order to refine the Results and Strategies in our Forest Stewardship Plan related to the Rose Swanson Sensitive Area and provide the community an opportunity to have input as we move forward with this amendment.

The Rose Swanson Sensitive Area order is still in effect and includes the following requirements of managing within the Sensitive Area

- a. Maintain and enhance trail network for use by recreationists
- b. Protect visual quality of the area
- c. Maintain recreation values by limiting timber harvesting to low impact silviculture systems
- d. Protect area against vandalism and timber theft

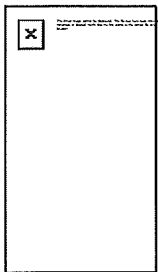
AGENDA ADDITION

The amendment to the Forest Stewardship Plan will describe strategies and Results on how to meet those requirements in the planned harvest. The first step will be for BCTS to develop some draft Results and Strategies over the next month and then to engage with first nations, stakeholders (including the Township of Spallumcheen) and the public in March and April on whether those results and strategies

will meet the requirements of the Order and address the concerns of users and stakeholders. The goal will be to maintain and enhance recreation while striking a reasonable balance in the promotion of wise forest management at a scale that is appropriate for this recreation area. As the Results and Strategies are refined we will be updating the information on the Q and A document that is posted to the BCTS public website. At the beginning of April (or when we believe we have Results and Strategies that meet the objectives) the draft amendment will be put out for formal 60 day review and comment to again capture any comments from stakeholders on the Results and Strategies and those will be addressed in the final submission of the FSP amendment to the district manager sometime June or July. Once approved the actual harvest plan will be evaluated for consistency with the new results and strategies and any adjustments necessary will be made then.

This process includes several steps and we are committed to building a communication plan that steers the public to the Q and A document that will be updated at a minimum monthly and also clearly identifies how they can provide feedback, whether it be written or verbal, as we follow through on the above steps. If the Township would like specific communication ahead of the wider public communication so that you can ask questions in anticipation of constituent feedback that may come your way we can organize that. If you have a specific person in the Township that you would like us to communicate through as we proceed through the above process please let me know and we will ensure that is done. If there are other issues that you would like us to consider prior to or during the engagement on the Rose Swanson Forest Stewardship Plan amendment and harvest planning please let us know. I am happy to be the main point of contact for the Township however our two experts are Warren Yablonski (778) 943-7017 on the harvest plan and Rick Garner (778) 943-6992 on the Forest Stewardship Plan Amendment and you are certainly welcome to contact them if you have specific questions.

Our Ministry is committed to delivering a balanced plan managing all forest values and following the Rose Swanson Sensitive Area Order.



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