

Purpose: This project will produce a spatial product with written supporting information summarizing identified environmental, economic and social values of significance to key contributors stakeholders and First Nations of the THLB within the Mackenzie TSA. This will provide support and informed guidance for forest planning decisions that will facilitate forest stewardship and maintain forest yield.

Background: The ADM for the North Area set an Omineca Region priority of "Advance engagement with First Nations to address forest stewardship issues arising from an increase in AAC in the Mackenzie Timber Supply Area". The 2014 AAC rationale specified a need for government, First Nations and industry to work collaboratively to ensure that designated habitat areas are collocated to minimize the impact on other forest resources values. These priorities along with recent collaborative agreements with First Nations and concurrent stewardship initiatives and local stakeholder input has led to the need for this project.

Objectives

- Objective 1-Develop a decision support product to facilitate comprehensive & durable decisions based on scientific and traditional knowledge.
- Objective 2-Collaborate with First Nations, industry and stakeholders to seek, understand and record information on location and extent of resource values
- Objective 3-Identify opportunities to build on monitoring and cumulative effects work.
- Objective 4- Provide desired options based on scenario analysis and outputs

Critical Success Factors

- CSF 1- Meaningful and productive engagement with First Nations and stakeholders
- CSF 2- Adequate resourcing from the Province.
- CSF 3-Product must be accepted by statutory decision makers as an accurate representation of values and utilized as a planning and development tool.

In Scope

- Information sharing between First Nations, FLNRO licencees and stakeholders within the Mackenzie TSA
- Compilation of known information on environmental, economic and social values in the Mackenzie TSA
- Creation of a robust report for the SDM's which includes spatial and temporal protection/ conservation/ mitigation
- Periodic communication & info sharing across government agencies

Out of Scope

- Representation by mining, oil and gas industry & other gov. agencies
- Decisions and legal orders resulting from land use report recommendations.
- Negotiations and agreements with First Nations and stakeholders.
- Influence on COSEWIC related decisions

Budget	
Item	Cost
Workshops	\$25,000
FLRN Travel for First Nations engagement	\$25,000
Spatial Analysis and Reports	\$100,000
Total	\$150,000

Links & Dependencies

- Link –Concurrent projects: ESI, Spatial Old Growth, Moose Management, Watershed Health, Caribou and Grizzly LNG Programs
- Dependency-CSTC Collaboration Agreements, Treaty 8 agreements and Kaska SEA
- Link-Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board/ UNBC research
- Dependency: Completion of the RFP and execution of contract by LBI
- Dependency-First Nation involvement
- Dependency-Int. Silv. Strategies Com.

Project Team		
Name/Project Role	Duration	% FTE
Greg Rawling Project Sponsor		
Yvonne Parkinson/Mike McLachlan PM		
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Heather Wiebe/ Resource Mng.		
FLNR staff District, Region		
Paul Rehler/Res. Pract. Branch		

Stakeholders & First Nations
Nakazdli, Takla Lake, McLeod Lake, West Moberly, Tsay Keh Dene, Kwadacha, Gitxsan, Halfway River, Sauleau, and Tahltan First Nations
Community members of Mackenzie, Germansen Landing, Manson Creek
FLNRO Licensees in Mackenzie TSA
Muskwa-Kechika Advisory Board
FLNRO staff & Other Gov. Ministries & Agencies

Workplan Overview	
Deliverable/Milestone	Targeted Completion
Finalize Draft & obtain approval of Project charter	June 20, 2015
Hold meeting with district staff in Mackenzie. Complete detailed project work plan.	June 15, 2015
Collection & analysis of existing and proposed spatial and non spatial levels of conservation.	Sept 30, 2015
One on one meetings with First Nations & key stakeholders	Dec 31, 2015
Key contributor workshops	Jan 31, 2015
1st Draft of spatial and supporting product created	March 31, 2016
Internal review. Development and implementation of strategic plan.	March 31, 2017
Monitoring and evaluating progress towards meeting key goals and objectives	March 31, 2018

Risk Assessment				
Risk	Probability	Impact	Response Strategy	Residual Risk
Poor level of First Nations engagement & acceptance to proj.	Med	High	Consult FLRN staff for recommendations. Go forward with best known information.	Med
Low level of acceptance of product by SDM's	Low /Med	High	Communicate and collaborate with stakeholders early and through out project	Low
LBI and contract proposal not successfully completed	Low	Mod	Maintain communications with Branch	Low
High level support for project may shift	Low	High	Report progress and maintain comm.	Low
Key stewardship initiatives not included in project	Low	Mod	Communication plan	Low
CSTC agreement	Mod	Mod	Communication plan	Low
Staff Resources. Understaffing & conflicting priorities (i.e. fires)	Mod	High	Role sharing and potentially timeline delays	Mod

Project Manager Approval:
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Sponsor Approval:
 _____ Date _____