

10/30/2018
Trevor Lafreniere
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Tolko Industries Ltd.
High Level Lumber Division

ATTN: *Mr. Lafreniere*

RE: Tolko Ltd, Norbord Inc., La Crete Sawmills – 2018 Bassett 2: Forest Harvest Plan (FHP)

The Tolko Ltd, Norbord Inc., La Crete Sawmills Forest Harvest Plan, received on September 28, 2018 and subsequent resubmissions has been reviewed by Alberta Agriculture and Forestry (AF, the Department), High Level Forest Area. All proposed operating ground rule variances have been appraised and the plan is approved for a period of five years, ending April 30, 2023.

This approval does not constitute harvest authority.

Conditions:

- *The spatial data submitted as per the Spatial Data Directive has not yet been validated by the Department, however it has been deemed usable for operational purposes. The Company will continue to work with the Department to ensure the spatial data meets the requirements of the Spatial Data Directive.*
- *When the Companies become aware of sites with specific concerns or values to First Nations or Metis Settlements, including but not limited to, historic campsites, ceremonial sites, burial sites or historic artifacts, the sites are to remain undisturbed. GoA shall be promptly informed with included associated mitigation. GoA may require an immediate amendment to the applicable Annual Operating Plan (AOP) and/or Forest Harvest Plan (FHP).*
- *Identified site-specific concerns shall be stated in the record of consultation (ROC) and require reasonable and timely mitigation strategies to be developed for these concerns. The Companies shall postpone obtaining AOP approvals for activities that could negatively affect the site-specific concerns until an appropriate mitigation strategy has been identified or the appropriate review period expires; the outstanding concerns shall be specific and directly linked to a proposed cutblock. The Companies may submit an AOP, but it should have no activities requiring mitigation strategies. GoA shall review and may propose appropriate mitigation strategies within an appropriate timeframe. If any Company identified mitigation strategies fail to reach a reasonable outcome, GoA reserves the right to determine and/or propose appropriate mitigation strategies to the Companies, First Nations and Metis subject to the risk involved for all parties. GoA has the rights to defer activities from high-risk areas and or cutblocks from harvesting until an appropriate resolution to site-specific concerns is in place.*
- *Any block submitted within the FHP that is not designated as "LAID OUT" is not approved.*
- *As per the submitted checklist, historical resource assessment and potential landuse conflicts are still awaiting final clearance and third party clearance. Any findings from both these processes may dictate the need for resubmission or amendment of the effected plan.*

Should you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact Dan Coombs at 780-926-7007 .

Sincerely,

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