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Mandatory Discussion Item	Evidence in DFMP or SFMP	Evidence in past meeting minutes
Forest fragmentation and forest loss	Patch size analysis conducted in DFMP and block size builder within forest model.	12/2006: Ecology presentation by John Stadt (SRD)
Management in the context of natural disturbance regimes and patterns and the range of natural variation		12/2006: Ecology presentation by John Stadt (SRD) 02/2007: Forest Health presentation by Mike Maximchuk (SRD) 03/2007: Natural range of variation on FMA, presentation by David Andison (consultant) 06/2007: "Ecosystem Management Emulating Natural Disturbance – EMEND" presentation by Tim Vinge. Research site north west of Peace River. 01/2009: Forest Health presentation by Mike Maximchuk (SRD) 01/2010: Forest Health presentation by Mike Maximchuk (SRD)
Maintenance of populations and communities over time	Yes. Wildlife habitat models.	2003 – some discussion when DFMP was being submitted 06/2006: Wildlife habitat management 03/2008: Owl presentation by Gord Court (Alberta) 07/2009: Presentation on "Grizzly Bears in Alberta", Jamie Bruha (SRD-Edmonton)
Local and regional protected areas and integrated landscape management	Yes. Removal of areas from net land base or from future harvesting consideration.	12/2003 – Chinchaga Wilderness presentation 06/2005 – Enduring features protection areas gap analysis 04/2006: Natural & Environmentally significant areas on the FMA
Silvicultural regimes and tools such as plantations, pesticides (including integrated pest management and pesticide-use regulations), structural retention, and timber harvest practices (including clear-cutting)	Retention targets set.	06/2005: herbicide 06/2006: scarification systems 10/2006: scarification systems presentation (D. Sidders with Canadian Forest Service) 04/2009: Presentation, "Reforestation in Alberta" by Marty O'Byrne (SRD-Peace River)
Practices to limit the spread of invasive alien species, and the regulatory prohibitions related to adverse ecological effects and the use of exotic tree species		
The gene pool of native seed stock, and genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and the associated regulatory/policy requirements	SFMP target on limiting use of enhanced seedlings.	

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Management and protection of biological resources of cultural heritage significance		02/2007: Presentation on Archaeological assessments conducted for Tolko/FFP
Management of cultural values and resources		02/2007: Presentation on Archaeological assessments conducted for Tolko/FFP
Locally available processes and methods for identifying sites with special biological and cultural significance	Use of the Alberta Natural Heritage Information Committee database (ANHIC) for planning	02/2007: Presentation on Archaeological assessments conducted for Tolko/FFP
Conservation of old-growth forest attributes	Yes. Old growth targets set in DFMP/SFMP.	10/2004: presentation on old growth forecast within DFMP
Participation in government programs to protect threatened and endangered species		07/2004: Species at risk
Climate change impacts and adaptation		
Trends in natural and human-caused disturbances		
Proportion of naturally disturbed area that is not salvage harvested	Partially met. Target is set in SFMP to salvage disturbed forest.	
Biomass utilization		2003 - discussion about co-generation plant (waste from mill)
Soil productivity (long-term nutrient levels, shallow soils, best management practices for soil protection)	Current target is to maintain a Growth and Yield program to eventually compare natural vs managed forest yield	
Seasons of operations (operating windows, impacts on soil during frozen and unfrozen conditions)		09/2003 – summer vs winter logging
Site rehabilitation in areas of severe soil disturbance	Indicator on soil disturbance.	
Water quality in watersheds supplying domestic water		
Healthy watersheds	Indicator related to watershed effects	

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Management practices and regulatory requirements that protect water quality and quantity	Targets in DFMP/SFMP on managing water quality and quantity	
Carbon emissions from fossil fuels used in forest operations		
Benefits for local communities and Aboriginal Peoples (cultural, spiritual, economic, health, etc.)	Indicators on “timber” and “non-timber values” stakeholder discussions	10/2004: Private sales 12/2004: Private sales
Fair distribution of benefits and costs	Target in SFMP on utilizing local contractors.	05/2003 – concerns brought forward about opportunities for small mills, horse loggers and private landowners 06/2003 – question about local employment in the tree plant 07/2003 – employment for truck drivers during winter and summer months 12/2003 – discussion about horselogging
Proportion of goods and services sourced from local communities (to the extent that they are available and reasonably cost-competitive)	Target in SFMP on utilizing local contractors.	
Development of working relationships with willing Aboriginal communities and/or people		04/2007: discussion of how to increase FN involvement and input

NOTES:

- Salvage wood was a discussion item on the PAC agenda <2006. Somewhat related to Biomass utilization.
- VOIT discussions starting in 2007 briefly covered many topics listed above.
- Presentation on Owls in March 2008, that provided information on owl habitat use that ties to VOITs related to: unsalvaged burned forest, unsalvaged blowdown, retain stand level structure, maintain habitat for identified high value species, minimize impact of operations in riparian areas