

Total Resource Plan Development

Ulkatcho First Nations Traditional Territory within the

Anahim Timber Supply Block and Quesnel and Stuart-Nechako Forest Districts Administrative Areas

Introduction

The BC Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) entered into an Agreement on March 21, 2016 with the Ulkatcho First Nations (UFN) to provide funding for the development of a Total Resource Plan (TRP also known as “the Plan”) for the Anahim Timber Supply Block (ATSB). The ATSB is located on the Chilcotin Plateau within the Williams Lake Timber Supply Area (TSA).¹ UFN is leading the development of the land use planning process within UFN’s Traditional Territory with stakeholders and government. UFN contracted with Rick Publicover of RPRM Consulting Ltd. (the “Consultant”) to facilitate a collaborative process with Anahim Round Table (ART) members and other interested parties and stakeholders with support from government representatives to develop the Anahim Timber Supply Block Total Resource Plan.

Total Resource Plan (TRP) Purpose

The purpose of the TRP is to provide direction to Forest Licensees on harvesting Mountain Pine Beetle affected timber stands within the ATSB while respecting other resource values and interests on the landbase. This plan is being submitted by Ulkatcho First Nations in collaboration with members of the Anahim Round Table and other signatories to the Plan to provide direction and agreed upon commitments by government, Forest Licensees, UFN, ART members and others with respect to Landscape Level unit planning within the ASTB. Landscape Unit geographical boundaries generally encompass a major watershed or sub-basin within a larger watershed and are 5000 hectares or more in size². A PDF map of UFN’s Traditional Territory with the Landscape Units is attached.

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Through delivery of funds in support of UFN’s Proposal to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) for the development of the TRP, the Province sought to realize the following outcomes:

- 1) Develop a TRP with industry stakeholders ensuring a coordinated approach to operational issues surrounding Northern Caribou recovery and other resource values in the ATSB
- 2) Increase stability and continuity of forest resource development on the land base
- 3) Provide for an accommodation for the potential adverse impacts of ongoing forest resource development on any established or asserted aboriginal rights, including aboriginal title, of UFN
- 4) Increased opportunities for UFN’s participation in forest resource development, and

¹ The Ministry has also contracted with Ulkatcho First Nations to develop a Total Resource Plan within the Nations’ Traditional Territory within the Quesnel and Vanderhoof Forest Districts which is being developed in a separate coordinated planning process that includes additional First Nations, forest licensees and stakeholders that is commencing in May 2017

² Landscape Unit definition from FLNRO CCLUP Land Use Order Implementation Direction June 21, 2011

5) Enhanced social, economic and cultural well-being of Ulkatcho First Nations' communities.

Total Resource Plan Builds on Anahim Round Table Plan (2000)

The ATSB TRP complements and builds on the land use planning completed under the 2000 Anahim Round Table (ART) Plan. The TRP updates the ART Plan strategies and recommendations and addresses new concerns raised regarding resource and land interests and values identified by UFN, communities and stakeholders since the formation of the original plan. Many of the strategies and recommendations from the original ART Plan were based on the existence of "green" forests and since the development of that plan a severe Mountain Pine Beetle epidemic swept across the Central Interior causing extensive Pine mortality. In recent years, there has been an increased focus on salvaging the dead Pine which has led to accelerated harvest rates within the ATSB and identified the need to revisit management strategies in light of the new beetle killed Pine landscape.

UFN and Other Planning Table Members Engagement

A Working Group was established that consisted of ART representatives (local community associations, a natural resource association, resource user associations (Cattlemen, Guide Outfitters, and Range Tenure holders), forest licensees, tourism operators and associations, an independent small-scale salvage logger, and UFN Natural Resources Department representative), area resident representatives, and UFN members to assist in the development of the TRP.

The Consultant held separate meetings with UFN members generally in advance of the full TRP Planning Table meetings to:

- 1) facilitate increased dialogue on the TRP planning process with UFN members
- 2) allow an opportunity for increased participation of UFN members to contribute to the TRP in a proactive and collaborative manner, and
- 3) allow a forum for UFN members to discuss confidential resource, land and traditional values and interests and how information could be conveyed to the broader TRP Planning Table for inclusion into the TRP.

Some UFN members including Chief and Council and staff attended the broader TRP Planning Table meetings with ART members, area resident and government representatives and others.

Timber and Other Resource and Land Values and Interests

The forests within the ATSB, in addition to timber values, are home to a wide variety of important resource and land values and interests including but not limited to wildlife species including furbearers, ungulates and large mammals; avian (bird) species including forest dwellers, migratory birds, raptors and waterfowl; fish species that reside in lakes and rivers; resource user groups including range, guide outfitter and trapper tenure holders; recreation and tourism interests including lodge owners, commercial and non-commercial backcountry recreational users, cabins, and trails; First Nation interests and special features, vegetation including food, medicinal and rare plants and commercially harvested mushrooms. There are many mountains located within several landscape units and maintaining visual quality across the landscape is important to local residents including UFN members, ranchers, lodge owners, and back country recreation users.

A summary of the projected timber volumes and resource and land values and interests by Landscape Unit within the Anahim Timber Supply Block (PDF Table) is attached.

Forest Types and Resource and Land Values and Interests Interactive Map

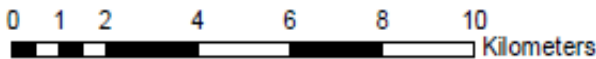
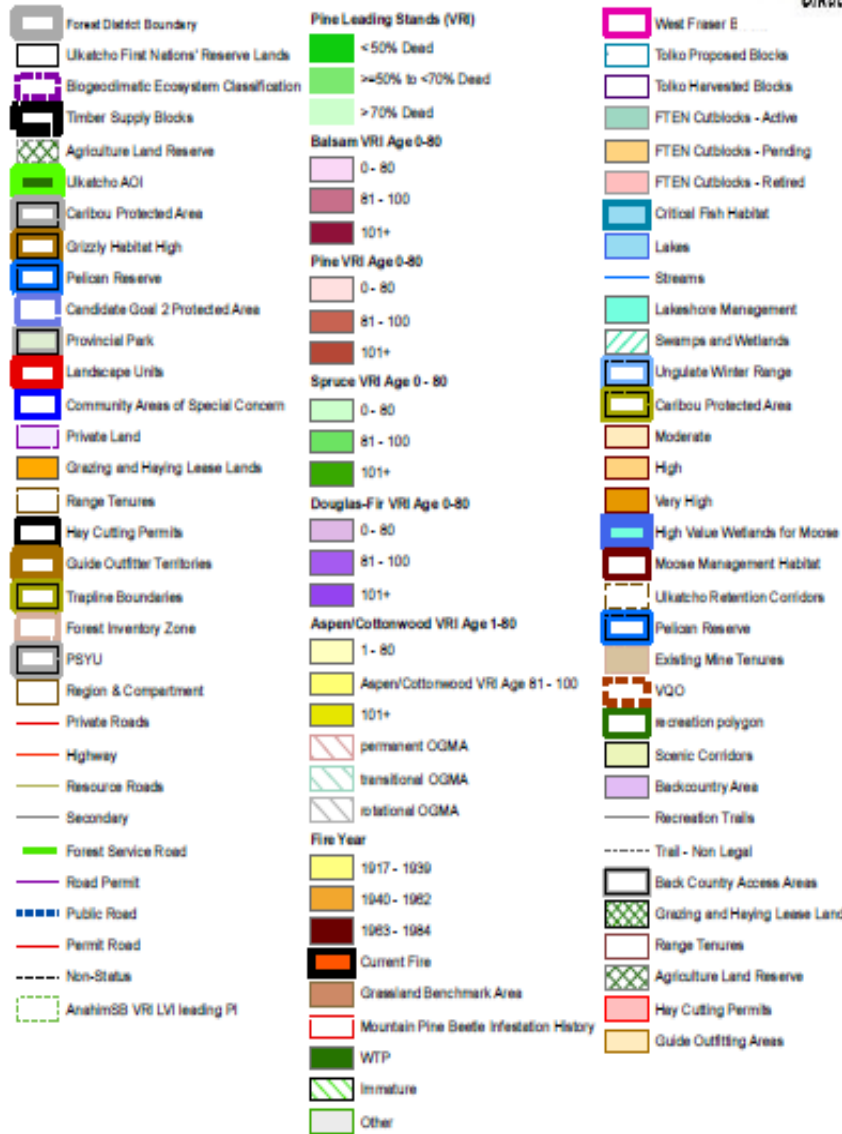
An interactive PDF Map is located at the following link:

<https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DCC/external/!publish/Ulkatcho%20Territory%20Planning/>. Once the map has been downloaded from the website and saved on a computer, then the map can be opened up and various layers can be viewed by “clicking on or off” with a computer mouse to determine where overlapping interests intersect (e.g. proposed harvest areas and trapping and guiding outfitter areas or important wildlife habitats (wetlands, Caribou and Grizzly Bear habitats, etc.)). All layers are “clicked on” when the map is loaded up and will need to be “clicked” off excepting the base layer and then the layers that the viewer wishes to see can be “clicked on”. A copy of the map legend is indicated below.

Total Resource Plan Map Anahim Timber Supply Block



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Management Strategies for Resource and Land Values and Interests

The Planning Table is now working on management strategies to be agreed to by the various parties to the planning process including government (Forest Lands and Natural Resource Operations), Forest Licensees, UFN, ART and others. The management strategies identify resource and land values and interests that must be respected and incorporated into the landscape level, road and cutblock planning by forest licensees.

The target is to complete the management strategies for resource and land values and interests and finalize the Total Resource Plan for the Anahim Timber Supply Block by the end of May 2017. Then forest licensees can start including these management strategies in their landscape level and cutting and road permit planning processes.

Quesnel and Stuart-Nechako (Vanderhoof) Forest Districts Total Resource Plan

UFN is scheduled to commence Phase II of the development of the Total Resource Plan within the Quesnel and Stuart-Nechako (Vanderhoof) Forest Districts in late May and the target completion of this process is for the fall in 2017. UFN will be working with other First Nations that have overlapping territories, forest licensees, mining companies, Anahim Round Table members, government representatives and UFN members.

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Anahim Timber Supply Block and Quesnel and Stuart-Nechako Areas Planning

UFN Internal Meeting – May 16, 2017 at the Anahim Lake Community Hall 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Anahim Timber Supply Block

External Meeting – May 17, 2017 at the Anahim Lake Community Hall 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Quesnel and Stuart – Nechako Areas Planning

External Meeting (Quesnel Forest District Office) – May 19, 2017 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with video conference link from Ulkatcho Board Room

Future Planned Meetings (Tentative Dates) – UFN Traditional Territory within Quesnel and Stuart-Nechako Forest Districts

Dates	Meeting Locations	Internal or External
June 6, 2017	Elder's Lounge	Internal
June 9, 2017	Quesnel District Office with UFN Boardroom video-link	External
July 11, 2017	Elder's Lounge	Internal
July 14, 2017	Quesnel District Office with UFN Boardroom video-link	External
August 15, 2017	Elder's Lounge	Internal
August 18, 2017	Quesnel District Office with UFN Boardroom video-link	External
September 12, 2017	Elder's Lounge	Internal
September 15, 2017	Quesnel District Office with UFN Boardroom video-link	External

Contact Rick Publicover at rick.publicover@gmail.com for further information on the Planning Process or how to be involved.