

**Spray Lake Sawmills
Public Advisory Committee
Virtual Meeting (Zoom)
June 23rd, 2020**

Present: Ken Birkett, Liz Breakey, Erik Butters, Tim Giese, Jacqueline Nelson, Norma Ruecker, Jason Mogilefsky, Matt Denney

Absent: Doug Collister, Scotty Manyguns, Mike Korman, Judy Stewart, Corey Stoneman, Richard Right Hand, Daniel Grant, Joe Nickel, Denise Nickel, John Buckley

Meeting started at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda item – Review of draft FMP

- The complete draft FMP is available on the SLS website.
 - The only thing that is in progress is annex VIII, future growth and yield monitoring commitments – this was not noted in the meeting
- SLS went through a power point presentation that highlighted various components of the Draft FMP
- Asked everyone to provide input by July 8th, 2020.
- PAC Comment – City of Calgary appreciates all the work that SLS has done keeping them involved, they are still interested in reducing wildfire within their source water area, specifically the Elbow watershed as it is smaller than the Bow watershed. Recommend having a meeting external to the PAC as the plan is being implemented for reduction of wildfire risk and potential collaborative partnerships with water quality monitoring.
- PAC comment – With the lack of fires, it's getting harder to graze. We're losing grasslands. This is somewhat of a larger policy issue than SLS's FMP.
- SLS comment – Agreed, that is a larger policy question and it is somewhat discussed in chapter 7 of the FMP.
- PAC comment – Appreciate the way the FMP is laid out. Even though it is a very large document, finding it good to review.
- PAC comment- Chapter 5 it's a bit confusing as the outlined organizational convention for the VOITs is the same convention used for the FMP document.

Agenda item – Review of upcoming year's operation

- SLS went through a General Development Plan map available on the SLS website. Described where SLS will be harvesting in the future. Showed that areas where road reclamation work will be done and where we are operating this year and are planning to operate in the next 2-4 years. If anyone wants more detail or an additional look at the reviewed content, Allen would be happy to meet with you.
- PAC comment – how is random camping dealt with when planning blocks.

- SLS comments – it is on a case by case base in conjunction with Alberta Agriculture and Forestry. A lot of times we need to be out 'laying out' the harvest areas before we know where these areas are.

Meeting wrap up – Anticipate the next meeting will be some time in the fall, possibly September

Adjourn: 2:45 p.m.