



MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT

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PART 1 Registered Owner

Name		Agent	
Contact Person		Contact Person	
Telephone #	Fax #	Telephone #	Fax #
E-mail		E-mail	
Address		Address	
	Postal Code		Postal Code

PART 2 Identification of Lands *(Indicate on a location map. Attach an appendix if description is lengthy.)*

Local government <i>(nearest municipality or regional district):</i>			
Legal Description	Assessment Roll Number	Parcel Identifier (PID)	Area (hectares)
Total			

PART 3 Long Term Forest Management Objectives

State long-term management objectives for the property. Must include objective regarding the growing and harvesting of trees. Also include objectives for reforestation, fire protection, soil conservation, water quality, fish habitat, wildlife habitat, where appropriate.



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PART 5 Soil Quality Assessment

Enter the total area of the land classified as good, medium and poor, as well as inoperable and nonproductive. See the Management Commitment Instructions.

Site Class	Good	Medium	Poor	Inoperable*	Nonproductive**
Area (hectares)					

* Inoperable means land which is productive for commercial tree species but its physical nature prevents harvesting by current methods

** Nonproductive means land that is physically incapable of growing commercial tree species

PART 6 Inventory of Existing Roads

Attach a map indicating the location of existing roads within the property. This information may be on the same map as for Part 7.

PART 7 Forest Cover Information

Attach a map indicating forest cover. Must identify any Land to Reforest areas (LTR) greater than 1 hectare. Enter total LTR area in table. See Management Commitment Instructions for detail.

Land to Reforest total area (hectares)	
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PART 8 Commercial Species

Specify the species of commercial trees that will be used for reforestation.

PART 9 Commitment

I hereby commit to:

- use the specified lands for the production and harvesting of timber;
- harvest trees in accordance with the Act and regulations;
- reforest the areas as required under the Act and regulations;
- pay the annual administration fee and any levy
- pay the exit fee, if applicable.

I hereby recognize the authority of the Council under the *Private Managed Forest Land Act* and persons authorized under the Act by the Minister responsible for the administration of the *Wildlife Act* to enter onto my lands to determine compliance with the Act and Regulations.

Signature of Owner or Authorized Agent

Printed Name

Date

Attach map(s) showing: (note: all map requirements may be submitted on the same map if suitable)

- Location of property parcels (per Part 2)
- Existing roads (per Part 6)
- Forest cover (per Part 7)

MANAGEMENT COMMITMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions for Completing Management Commitment

Application for managed forest land class includes the Management Commitment and accompanying map(s). **Two (2) complete applications for Managed Forest Class must be received by the Council by August 31 of each year in order to be processed and listed in the next year's assessment roll.**

The instructions outlined provide some detail for completing the main sections of the Management Commitment form. Please contact the Council if you have questions regarding the requirements of this form.

Management Commitment Part	Required Information	Instruction
Part 1: Registered Owner	Name	Fill in the owner's name as it appears on the Land Title notice
	Agent	If an agent manages the property, specify the agent's name along with contact information
Part 2: Identification of Lands	Legal description	Fill in the legal description as shown on the Property Assessment notice
	Assessment Roll Number	Available on Property Assessment notice
	Parcel Identifier (PID)	Fill in the parcel identifier (PID) as shown on your Property Assessment notice
	Area	Enter area in hectares for each parcel. One source for converting acres to hectares is via a simple entry at www.sciencemadesimple.net/area.html Show total hectares
	General Location	Describe general location of property with respect to major town(s) and/or water body in area
Part 3: Long Term Forest Management Objectives	Objectives	Provide brief, concise long-term management objectives for the stated values and management practices that apply to the property. For example, some common objectives may be to grow and harvest trees when merchantable, and to maintain forest cover through natural regeneration or by planting cleared areas.
		Objectives will depend on the nature of the property, and would cover significant key environmental values as identified by the Private Managed Forest Land legislation. The five key environmental values are fish habitat, water quality, critical wildlife habitat, soil conservation and reforestation. Include any other long-term management objectives that apply to the property.
Part 4: Strategies to Achieve Forest Management Objectives	Strategies	Describe in your own words how you intend to manage the property with respect to the stated items in part 3, and any other management activities specific to your property
Part 5: Soil Quality Assessment	Site Class by area	Site class ratings are required by BC Assessment for assessing the bare land value. Site class ratings are summarized in hectares. Site class or site index may be available on an existing forest cover map for the property, or could be provided by a forestry consultant. If site class is available, enter the hectares included in each of the good (G), medium (M), and poor (P) classes, as well as area on the property that is inoperable or nonproductive according to the definitions on the Management Commitment form. Site index is more commonly shown on forest cover maps than site class. Site index can be converted to site class according to Appendix 1 of these instructions. Using the table in Appendix 1, look up the leading species in forest cover polygon, and choose the site class with the closest corresponding site index. Add up the hectares in each of these separate forest cover polygons by site class to complete Part 5 of the Management Commitment.

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Part 6: Inventory of Existing Roads	Map	Include a map that shows existing roads on the property. Road locations may be shown on the same map required by Parts 2 and 7.
Part 7: Forest Cover Information	Stratify and label forest cover into distinct polygons. Must identify any LTR area	<p>Usually owners have forest cover mapping of the property(s). Forest cover information is shown for discreet areas of the property that have significant differences in major tree species, age class, height class, or site class. A typical map groups the tree cover into polygons by order of tree species, age class, height class, and site index or site class.</p> <p>The map must include identification of the Land to Reforest (LTR) areas greater than 1 hectare. These are areas where timber has been harvested or destroyed, and not yet restocked per the Private Managed Forest Land Council Regulation section 31*.</p> <p>Owners have discretion on the type of map submitted with an application. If an existing forest cover map is not available, one option is to have one prepared by a forestry/mapping consultant.</p> <p>Forest cover information can be shown on the same map required by Parts 2 and 6. (Also see Part 5 above)</p>
Part 8: Commercial Species	List of commercial tree species	<p>Identify which commercial species will be suitable for planting or natural regeneration, whether or not reforestation is needed at the time of application.</p> <p>If you are unsure of which commercial tree species are suitable for growing a commercial crop on your property, check the following website for tree species by BC region and biogeoclimatic unit: http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/forsite/stocking_stdts.htm</p>
Part 9: Declaration	<p>Commitments</p> <p>Authority for entry onto land</p>	<p>The commitments specified in this section are required in order to apply for Managed Forest class. Please refer to the Managed Forest Program webpage for more information on Managed Forest Land Class obligations, and the Legislation webpage for copies of the <i>Private Managed Forest Land Act</i> and regulations.</p> <p>Under sections 23 and 24 of the Private Managed Forest Land Act, Council and persons authorized by the Minister responsible for the administration of the Wildlife Act may enter private Managed Forest land at reasonable times and with reasonable grounds to determine compliance with the Act and regulations or for any purpose related to the management of critical wildlife habitat.</p> <p>See also the Private Managed Forest Land Act section 15 for the critical wildlife habitat management objective, and the Private Managed Forest Land Regulation for provisions for critical wildlife habitat</p>
Signature	Owner(s) or authorized agent	Must be signed by all owners or in the case of a corporation, a signing officer of the corporation. If there is more than one owner, the Management Commitment can be signed by one of the owners, and the other owners must sign the standard letter authorizing the signing owner to act as agent with respect to the Managed Forest.
Attachments	Maps	Required maps for property location, existing roads, and forest cover are identified in Parts 2, 6, and 7 above. The requirements for all 3 parts can be submitted on one map if practicable.

*Private Managed Forest Land Council Regulation Section 31:

'restock' means to establish a stand of trees that contains at least 400 crop trees per hectare reasonably well distributed across the denuded area if the stand is on the Coast; and at least 600 crop trees per hectare reasonably well distributed across the disturbed area if the stand is in the Interior. See regulation for entire reforestation requirements.

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Appendix 1: Site Class – Site Index Conversion Table

Use this table for Part 5 of the Management Commitment, to determine site class where forest cover information for the property provides site index. For the identified leading species, select the site class by comparing site index to the given site index values in the table for each of the good, medium, poor, site classes, and nonproductive. Determine the site class by the closest matching site index.

Leading tree species	Region	Site Class by Site Index			
		Good	Medium	Poor	Nonproductive
Ac (cottonwood)	Province	26	18	9	3
At (aspen)	Province	27	20	12	4
B, Ba, Bg (balsam)	Coastal	29	23	14	5
B, Ba ,Bg (balsam)	Interior	18	15	11	5
Bl (subalpine fir)	Province	18	15	11	5
Cw (red cedar)	Coastal	29	23	15	6
Cw (red cedar)	Interior	22	19	13	5
Dr (alder)	Province	33	23	13	6
E, Ea, Ep (birch)	Province	27	20	12	4
Fd (Douglas-fir)	Coastal	32	27	18	7
Fd (Douglas-fir)	Interior	20	17	12	5
H, Hm, Hw (hemlock)	Coastal	28	22	14	5
H, Hm, Hw (hemlock)	Interior	21	18	12	4
L, La, Lw (larch)	Province	20	16	10	3
Mb (big leaf maple)	Province	33	23	13	6
Pl, (pine- except Ponderosa and western white)	Province	20	16	11	4
Pw (western white pine)	Province	28	22	12	4
Py (Ponderosa/ yellow pine)	Province	17	14	10	4
S (spruce)	Coastal	28	21	11	4
S (spruce)	Interior	19	15	10	5
Ss (Sitka spruce)	Province	28	21	11	4
Sb, Se, Sw (black, Englemann, white spruce)	Province	19	15	10	5
Yc (yellow cedar)	Coastal	29	23	15	6
Yc (yellow cedar)	Interior	22	19	13	5

Modified from Appendix 6: Procedures for Obtaining Site Index for Silviculture Polygons from the published course workbook How to Determine Site Index in Silviculture, Participant's Workbook 1999 (available at www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/pubs/sicourse/)
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