

Development Area Summary - DA 7010 (Fosthall)

Location: Fosthall

Development Area status: This area was harvested in 2013 using a Strip Selection harvest system (alternate strips of logged and timber reserve areas) to protect mushroom habitat. In June 2018 a large windstorm damaged some of the leave strips at the south end of the previous harvest area. The blowdown area was developed for salvage harvesting in the fall of 2018.

Approximate Volume: 2,000 m³

Block	Area	Harvest System	Harvest Method	Status
7011	6.6 ha	Clearcut leave strips with heavy blowdown	Ground-based	Planned – February/March 2019

Cutting Specifications

Leave strips heavily impacted by blowdown will be salvage harvested in early 2019 to manage for forest health and wildfire risks in the Fosthall area.

Standing timber along reserve strips will be protected where practicable; in harvest areas retain dispersed or groups conifers >25 cm where they are windfirm and will not be damaged when removing blowdown. Healthy cottonwood and birch can be left standing where possible to contribute to stand diversity, wildlife habitat and visual quality. The existing Wildlife Tree Retention Areas continue to protect wildlife and riparian habitat areas.

Roads

No new road construction required.

Other Resources

The strip selection system was used for previous harvesting in the Fosthall area to balance timber values against other resource values, particularly pine mushrooms. The goal of maintaining narrow block openings was to preserve mushroom habitat along the perimeter of these openings. During development of the previous harvest areas, NACFOR consulted with local mushroom advocates and a mycologist to discuss possible further protection of the mushroom resource. Several areas identified as high priority mushroom habitat were dropped by NACFOR from its harvest plans.

Silviculture

Cut blocks harvested in 2013 were planted with Douglas-fir, western larch, western white pine and western red cedar. All blocks are fully stocked and growing well. Blowdown salvage areas will be planted in spring 2020.