

## **Nakusp and Area Community Forest (2013) Inc.**

### **AMENDMENT REQUEST FOR FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN #761**

#### **Community Forest Agreement K2S, Selkirk Natural Resource District**

In accordance with Section 20 (1) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation, Nakusp and Area Community Forest (NACFOR) is inviting the public to review and comment on a proposed amendment to *Section 5.5 Scenic Area and Visual Quality Objectives (VQO)* of the approved Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) #761. The FSP is a landscape-level plan that identifies how the holder of the plan will be consistent with government objectives for managing and protecting forest and range values through the results, strategies and measures proposed in the plan.

Per FSP #761 Section 5.5(3) and pursuant to Section 25.1(1) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation, notice is hereby given that Nakusp and Area Community Forest (2013) Inc. is requesting an exemption from meeting the established visual quality objective for Visual Landscape Inventory polygon 765 in the McDonald Creek area. The proposed FSP amendment will result in a change to the visual quality objective from Partial Retention to Maximum Modification in VLI Polygon 765.

NACFOR is requesting this amendment to facilitate the salvage and sanitation harvesting of Douglas-fir bark beetle infested timber in the McDonald Creek area. To mitigate impacts to the visual condition, proposed harvesting will be small in scale with in-block tree retention, as much as practicable, followed by prompt reforestation and rehabilitation of roads and landings. Salvage harvesting is proposed as part of a suite of forest health management activities on the community forest. Other strategies to mitigate Douglas-fir bark beetle infestations and other forest health issues include: ground and aerial surveys to monitor infestations, prompt removal of post-harvest blowdown and slash, and installation of insect funnel traps to monitor, track and control beetle populations.

The proposed amendment is available for review and comment from July 30, 2021 to September 7, 2021. The proposal is available for review on the NACFOR website ([nakuspcommunityforest.com](http://nakuspcommunityforest.com)) or by contacting the undersigned.

Written comments or questions may be submitted to Frances Swan, by email at [fswan@truenorthforestry.com](mailto:fswan@truenorthforestry.com) or by mail at the address below, until September 7, 2021.

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