

# 2018 SFM Reporting Summary



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**Photo:** 2018 SFM Public Advisory Group Field Tour – Merritt, BC

## 2018 SFM Performance Highlights

SFM Plan performance targets were achieved on all reportable targets in the Nicola Thompson Fraser SFM Plan. The following is a short summary for a selection of the CSA Criteria:

### Criterion 1 – Biological Diversity

- All targets were met. (Target #'s 1-15 & 26).  
**Merritt TSA – Expanding target #26 as reportable - will be developed/expanded in 2019 to mirror Target #13 for the Lillooet TSA.**

### Criterion 2 – Ecosystem Condition and Productivity

- All targets were met (Target #'s 10, 16-20).

### Criterion 3 – Soil and Water

- All targets were met for Lillooet & Merritt (Targets reported on 11, 18, 20-25).  
**Merritt TSA. Target 25 - Two road maintenance action items slated for 2018 were re-scheduled for 2019 (22 of 24 items completed in 2018 - 92% achieved – target 95%). Lillooet TSA = 100%.**

### Criterion 4 – Role in Global Ecological Cycles

- All targets were met. (Targets reported on 3,16-18)

### Criterion 5 – Economic & Social Benefits

- All targets were met (Target reported on 19, 28-34, 36-37)

### Criterion 6 – Society's Responsibility

- All targets were met (Target reported on 28, 29, 31, 36-42)

### Criterion 7– Aboriginal Relations

- All targets, except Target 27, were met (Targets reported on 14, 27, 35, 41)  
**Lillooet TSA – Target 14 - Reportable items from 2017 were included in this annual report, regarding strategies developed and implemented to better protect Cultural Heritage Features and to increase awareness across all facets of the Aspen Planers organization as well as our contracting force (CHR features now mappable, robust information sharing process designed to better capture and report on community concerns in place, and thorough follow-up post-operations to ensure compliance with plans and strategies now completed on all harvest areas).**

#### **Target 27: 11/13 written requests for information were followed up on**

**Two requests for digital files (SHP) were not followed up, as the reason for the requests were not fully understood at the time of the request being made (PDF files had been provided and were thought to be adequate for the review required). SHP files have since been shared with the requesting parties for office review purposes (regardless of final Cultural and Heritage review process) as some communities are not equipped to use PDF data that was shared.**

### Specific Highlights of our Plan Report

- The number of man-hours worked in 2018 dropped from 2017 levels in all Merritt operations (down nearly 25,000 man-hours at Aspen Site 1, more than 6200 man-hours at Coldwater P&R, and more than 21,000 man-hours at NVCL), due primarily to a decrease in available log supply. However increases in man-hours (up 6% this year) worked were realized as a result of strong demand for the products from the Lillooet Veneer and Savona Specialty Plywood facilities.
- Aspen underwent its annual CSA Z809:2016 Surveillance Audit October 24-25, 2018 (conducted by SAI Global) on operations within its Defined Forest Area, resulting in 2 minor non-conformances (see Criterion 7 for a description, above). In addition, positive highlights from the audit mentioned good practice regarding road decommissioning to protect Ungulate Winter Range, as well as the use of digital data collection software by cultural & heritage field crews working in the Lillooet TSA.