

# Nicola Thompson Fraser SFM Advisory Group Spring 2012 Field Tour

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Hosted by: Tolko – Nicola Woodlands



**Location: Glimpse Lake / Peter Hope Lake Areas**

## **Attendees:**

Alan Burger – Merritt, BC  
Bert Parke – Logan Lake, BC  
Gerry Sanford – Merritt, BC  
Jill Sanford – Merritt, BC  
Rick Cooper, BCTS Kamloops  
Aline Lachapelle, Aspen Planers  
Michael Bragg, Tolko  
Shaun Hales, Tolko

## **Stop 1 – Glimpse Lake Area**

### **Block D82**

Block D82 was chosen as the first stop of the field trip to discuss:

Community Interface Planning  
Species at Risk

Block D82 is located directly adjacent to private land associated with the community of Glimpse Lake. Michael Bragg discussed the history of public consultation that Tolko has undertaken and the current state of discussions. Key topics during public consultation included recreational use and fire interface management.

During layout activities, crews conducting field assessment found a Heron rookery in the southern portion of the block. Michael discussed the sequence of events related to the discovery of the nests, including the utilization of qualified professionals to ensure appropriate management strategies were developed. Shaun Hales discussed the training and operational tools Tolko uses to ensure field staff are aware of species at risk and their habitats. The field trip was able to observe numerous Heron utilizing the area.



Heron Nests - Photo Courtesy of Alan Burger

## **Stop 2 – Blue Lake**

### **Block D17**

Block D17 was chosen for the field trip to discuss:

Multispecies planting and Root rot management

Block D17 was harvested in 2004, site prepped (stumping) in 2005 and planted in 2006. The pine leading stand had components of Douglas fir and Western Larch within the block. Less susceptible (Pine) and non-susceptible species (Lw) were discussed in the field as a part of the root rot management strategy being implemented on the block.

## **Stop 3 – Little Blue Lake**

### **Adjacent to Block D92**

Block D82 was chosen as the first stop of the field trip to discuss:

Block Referral Process

Preliminary Field Reconnaissance (PFR) Process and utilization of First Nations contractors

Culturally modified features (CMT's)

The Pine/Douglas fir stand adjacent to block D92 contained a number of pine culturally modified trees as a backdrop to discuss the referral process Tolko undertakes for First Nations and Range holders. The process, from initial plans on maps to the PFR process was discussed to give context to the planning and communication process involved with other stakeholders.

## **Stop 4 – Near Peter Hope Lake**

### **Adjacent to Block D87**

Block D87 was chosen as the first stop of the field trip to discuss:

Working with other stakeholders: BC Hydro

Ungulate Winter Range requirements

OGMA spatial designation

Viewing Douglas fir root rot in natural stand

The final stop of the day added to the previous stops. The mature Douglas fir stand south of Peter Hope Lake contains numerous openings created by *Phellinus sp.* root rot where the group discussed the dynamics of the forest health agent and how stumping seen at Stop 2 was implemented. The Douglas fir stand adjacent to block D86 was spatially designated as OGMA due to high value Ungulate Winter Range. Shaun described the Ungulate Winter Range designations and how they are mapped across the landscape. OGMA infringement and replacement requirements were also discussed with relation to block design and forest health agents. The road the group stopped at was planned to be upgraded under a BC Hydro 500kv line. Shaun described the process of approval and safety mechanisms that are put in place at the harvesting stage.



Ungulate Winter Range Designation 0 at Stop 4  
Photo Courtesy of Alan Burger