

PART XII: Public Consultation and Information Sharing

16. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

16.1 Management Plan Consultation

This Management Plan, upon approval by the Province, will be the primary strategic planning document and statement of government objectives for the ALRF landbase, until its amendment or replacement by a newer plan.

As required by the Province, this Management Plan has been subject to a minimum 60-day public advertising and consultation period, during which time the public has had the opportunity for review and comment on the proposed plan to the ALRF. During this period, the ALRF Society made available

the plan for public review, solicited public input, and conferred with licensed stakeholders.

The Province also referred this Management Plan to local First Nations for consultation, based on a minimum 60-day referral period.

The ALRF responded to public and stakeholder comments submitted within the consultation period and provided such information (comments and responses) to the Province as well.

16.2 Information sharing regarding harvesting and road construction

The ALRF as tenure holder will be guided by the following Best Practices for information sharing and public awareness of its operational planning relating to major timber harvesting and road construction. **The ALRF will:**

1. Prioritize workplace safety, the rights of First Nations and licensed tenure-holders, and the best interests of ALRF land and resource stewardship in its best practices for information sharing.
2. Make information available on the proposed location of forest harvesting activities including main access routes, and proposed cutblocks, for the information of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, licensed stakeholders and interested members of the public in a timely manner in advance of operations. Site Plans, where applicable, will also be made available upon request.
3. Provide map information on the proposed location of planned main access roads and cutblocks in suitable geographic detail and scale for stakeholders and the public, including general information on the anticipated scheduling of cutblocks and road construction.
4. Strive to provide relevant information to all relevant parties (as above) well in advance of planned operations, and in plain language that avoids unnecessary jargon or highly technical or legal language.

The ALRF under Special Use Permit 23615 does not prepare Forest Stewardship Plans (FSP's) and therefore is not subject to the legal requirements relating to FSP preparation and advertising.

16.3 ALRF Community Outreach

On a regular or periodic basis as needed, the ALRF will provide information to the public on its activities, general forestry activities, road maintenance plans, trails, and other facilities, via various media, potentially including, but not restricted or limited to:

- a) ALRF website posts, updates, and features.
- b) Newsletters – digital (generally) and hard copy (for rural and remote communities).
- c) Community posters in public locations (e.g. community halls, general stores) for rural residents.
- d) Community “Open Houses” (for example, Open House events at the Aleza Field Education Centre).
- e) Social media, as appropriate.