

## **PART XIIV:** Management Plan Administration

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## 18. PLANNING AND NOTIFICATIONS TO GOVERNMENT

### 18.1 Notification of commencement of operations

Notifications to government upon commencement of forest harvesting, and related road construction will be consistent with the ALRF's statutory responsibilities under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*, the *Forest Act*, the *Wildfire Act*, or the *Environmental Management Act*.

### 18.2 Annual reporting of reforestation obligations and performance

As detailed in Section 13 of this plan, the ALRF as tenure holder will ensure consistent reporting and tracking of forest harvesting and related ALRF reforestation obligations, and related updates to the Provincial forest inventory. This will include the timely electronic submission of reforestation obligations in the Provincial silvicultural database (currently known as RESULTS or the "Reporting Silviculture Updates and Land Status Tracking System") and the provincial Forest Tenures Administration System (or FTAS).

### 18.3 Other direction by government

An authorized agent of the Province may direct the ALRF to undertake additional measures regarding planning and/or reporting of forest practices and outcomes.

## 19. BEST AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The ALRF will rely upon the judgment of qualified, experienced forest professionals (or where appropriate, allied qualified professionals) to determine the best available information to be used in the preparation of operational plans or strategic plans (including this Management Plan). Qualified professionals employed by the ALRF Society on their behalf may exercise their experience and judgment to evaluate forest management situations where limited or partial information is available on a topic, and determine the best course of action to prudently manage and balance forest resource values in the face of uncertainty or inadequate information.

When experimenting or testing innovative, non-conventional, and new forest practices for which information on treatment methods, outcomes, or success is relatively limited, unreliable, or non-existent, qualified professionals employed or contracted by the ALRF will consider the following:

- a) The most reliable available published information, to the degree that it exists,
- b) Similar or comparable information or experience from other biogeoclimatic zones or other regions,
- c) Expert opinion,
- d) Timely and diligent field monitoring of treatment results, and
- e) The exercise of professional due diligence and appropriate cautionary measures in limiting the areal extent and application of such practices on the ALRF until such time as the treatment results can be assessed in greater detail and with more certainty



## 20. MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENTS, EXTENSIONS, AND REPLACEMENT

In general, major amendments to the management plan should be considered only when substantial changes to the strategic direction or statutory authority of the plan are deemed necessary, due to major disruptions in external circumstances, or extensive natural disturbances within the ALRF area.

Minor amendments of the plan may be necessary from time to time during the term of the plan, for routine plan administration and updating.

### 20.1 Mandatory amendments

The District Manager, at their discretion, may direct the Aleza Lake Research Forest Society to prepare an amendment to this plan, and specify any required supporting information.

### 20.2 Discretionary amendments

The Aleza Lake Research Forest Society may submit to the District Manager for consideration and/or approval, a request for an amendment to this plan. The request will include the rationale for the requested amendment, and any supporting information required by the District Manager.

### 20.3 Extension of the term of the plan

The Aleza Lake Research Forest Society may submit to the District Manager for consideration and/or approval, a request for an extension to the term of this plan. The request will include the rationale for the requested term extension, and any supporting information required by the District Manager.

### 20.4 Expiry and Replacement of the Plan

The term of the management plan commences on the effective date specified by the District Manager. Should the effective date not be specified in the notice of approval of the plan, the default effective date shall be the date of the District Manager's letter of approval of the plan.

**The plan commences on the effective date, and remains in force until:**

- Ten (10) years from the effective date,
- The term is otherwise extended by the District Manager,
- Approval of a replacement plan by the District Manager, or
- Termination of the management plan by the District Manager or Province.

Within one year of the pending expiry of the plan, or at any time following the expiry of the plan term, the ALRFS may submit, for approval by the District Manager, a replacement management plan.

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