APPENDIX D: SILVICULTURE

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ALRF guidance matrix for reporting Retention Openings and Partial-cut Silvicultural Systems into RESULTS (modified and adapted from BC MFLNRORD Silviculture Surveys Procedures Manual, 2016)

| Silviculture Survey Manual Guidance | | | | | Treed Retention Submission into RESULTS Guidance | |
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| Conifer-leading Management Regime | Variant | Planned and/or Resultant Stand Structure | Residual-tree Basal area retention OR opening size(s) | Recommended Silviculture Survey Methodology (MFLNRORD 2016) | Long-term Leave-tree Retention (Reserves) | Shorter-term Retention – part of a Silvicultural System |
| Single Entry – Even-aged | Clearcut with dispersed mature reserve trees | Retained mature leave trees, minor regen retention | < 6 m³/ha | Clearcut survey method | Dispersed | Unharvested stems |
| | Overstory removal with regeneration retention | Substantial pre-harvest regeneration retention | < 6 m³/ha | Layered survey | Dispersed | Unharvested stems |
| Multiple Entry – Multi-aged | Large-group (or Strip) Selection | Complex horizontal gap structure (harvest openings ± 3 to 6 mature tree heights wide) & group retention | Harvest openings ≥ 1 ha but ≤ 4 ha in forested matrix | Clearcut survey method | | Group selection |
| | Small-group Selection | Complex horizontal gap structure (harvest openings ± 1 to 3 mature tree heights wide) & group retention | Small group - or patch-cuts >0.1 ha to < 1.0 ha in forested matrix | Small scale Openings survey method | | Group selection |
| | SB Irregular Selection | Complex vertical and horizontal spruce-Abies stand structure with small harvest gaps << 1 tree height wide. | 6 to ± 20 m³/ha of post-harvest basal area. | Multi-storey survey method | | Single tree selection |
| Intermediate Cuts (No regeneration objectives req'd) | Commercial Thin OR Shelterwood preliminary cuts (prep. & seed cuts) | Generally even- aged dispersed mature tree canopy, few to no gaps | ≥ 20 m³/ha | Commercial thin survey method | | No Regen Objectives |
| | Stand Improvement Cut (including for timber, forest health, habitat and ecosystem goals) | Even-aged (to two- aged) dispersed older immature to mature tree canopy, minor gaps | ≥ 20 m³/ha | Commercial thin survey method | | No Regen Objectives |