

Summary of Proposed Amendments within the Lillooet Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP)

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1. Sec 5.2.2.6 Grizzly Bear

The strategy has been removed in accordance with legislative changes. Aspen is adopting in full the newly-approved Grizzly Bear GAR Order Legislation and the General Wildlife Measures found in the order.

2. Sec 5.2.2.1 Moose

This strategy has been amended to clarify that Moose Management Units (MMU's) remain in draft form, and in some cases contain less-than-optimal habitat areas. As such, if a qualified professional deems necessary, they may be replaced or deemed unsuitable (with rationale), and thus developed. Potential reasons for development include forest health factors as well (fire, pests, and damage events).

3. Sec 5.2.2.7 Ungulate Winter Range for Mule Deer, Bighorn Sheep, and Elk

As Biogeoclimatic zones have changed on the landscape over time, these new zones need to be incorporated into the definitions of Moderate and Shallow Snowpack areas – areas which are managed for Snow Interception Cover (SIC) as required for species success in winter.

Also, the definition of SIC has been amended in terms of minimum age, % Douglas-fir, and reduced crown closure for Shallow Snowpack Zones, recognizing that these stand types are less critical to species success in areas that experience lower relative snowfall (this strategy more closely follows the Merritt Mule Deer GAR Order as a result).

One definition - **Total LU (Landscape Unit) Area** - was added to clarify SIC requirement calculations (in place of planning cells).

And, as in the Moose strategy, recognition of the need to develop damaged, infested, and/or burned forest types was added where these stands may no longer have SIC attributes.

4. Sec 5.2.6.2 Cultural Heritage Resources (CHR) Strategy

Clarification was added to subparagraph (b)(ii) to indicate that Aspen Planers Ltd. will help to *facilitate* the completion of a Cultural Heritage Review, as needed - rather than *ensure* it is done, as the completion of this type of review is outside of Aspen's expertise.

In addition, subparagraph (b)(iii) was added to describe that while submission for approval may still occur in the absence of a response (within a 90-day period) and that while an Information Sharing Report and the Closing the Loop process may be initiated prior to a response, the plan development process remains open for feedback and comment.

5. Appendix A Sec 1.25 Fire Interface Stocking Standards

Additional stocking standards have been added for use in Wildland Urban Interface areas to facilitate and promote fire resiliency in these areas over the longer term.