

# 2007 SFM MONITORING SUMMARY



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Photo Taken by Dale Jones, Area Supervisor, Thompson Nicola Woodlands – Merritt. Location: George Creek

## Tolko Industries Ltd.'s 2007 SFM Performance Highlights

*SFM Plan performance targets were achieved for 31 of 34 indicators and objectives relating to the sustainability criteria in the SFM Plan for our Forest Licenses (FL A18696, A18697, & A74911). SFM Plan performance targets were achieved for 15 of 15 indicators and objectives relating to the sustainability criteria in the SFM Plan for our Salvage Non-Replaceable Forest License (SNRFL A75427 & A82565). The following summary highlights Tolko's contribution to the Merritt TSA 2007 Sustainable Forest Management report:*

- There were no non-conformances in Tolko's SNRFL A75427 for the 2007 reporting period.
- There were no non-conformances to riparian commitments.
- 100% of cutblocks greater than 5 ha had associated Wildlife Tree Retention as compared to the target of 90%.
- 44% of cutblocks achieved free growing prior to or at Early Free Growing.
- 99.97% of the areas prescribed for planting were planted within 3 years of harvest, compared to a target of 90 %.
- The harvested area occupied by permanent roads and landings was 5.0 % for our Forest License areas and 6.0 % for our SNRFL area, compared to the target of 6 %.
- On average, road cuts and fill slopes were seeded or planted within 2.5 months of completed road construction, compared to a target of 12 months.
- 100% retention of net OGMA area as compared to a target of 100%.



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*SFM Plan performance targets were not achieved for 3 indicators (Forest License Areas). These indicators are listed below along with a brief explanation as to why the indicator was not met.*

Targets were not achieved for the following indicators:

- Indicator No.: 10 The number of hectares achieving free growing on or before late free growing was 93% as compared to a target of 100%.  
Three blocks totalling 58 ha were not surveyed or reported prior to the late free growing date. However, all three areas would have met free growing requirements if the survey information was collected within the appropriate time frame.
- Indicator No.: 16 Road maintenance inspections were completed on 99.7% of items scheduled for completion as compared to a target of 100%.  
A 40 m section of road was missed during inspection this year. This road poses very low risk and will be rescheduled for 2008. The total length of inspected roads to be completed was 744 889.5. The percentage of roads not completed by length is .005%.  
Road maintenance items were completed on 94% of the items scheduled as compared to a target of 100%.  
Section 17-30 – Fill over 1000 mm pipe (on tributary of Skwum Creek) is starting to erode. The scheduled removable/extension of the pipe in 2007 was not carried out. Rescheduled for 2008.
- Indicator No.: 22 Visual impact assessments (VIAs) completed on 87.5% of cutblocks requiring VIAs as compared to a target of 100%.  
A 1.0 ha portion of a 1.3 ha opening in CP 225-4-A18696 falls within an identified scenic area, which had a known recommended VQO of Modification. The Site Plan (dated June 7, 1998) did not acknowledge that the area was within a scenic area. As a consequence, no VIA was completed. In reviewing the opening size and the recommended VQO, there is no negative impact on the scenic quality.