FOREST COVER Reporting to RESULTS Required Data Items

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Note: Free software required to create RESULTS forest cover submissions and a detailed manual of how to do it can be obtained from http://www.woodfor.com/WLGML/

CONTACT INFORMATION		
	Your Permit	Example
MOF Client Number		12345678
Client Location Code		00
Licensee Contact Name		
Licensee Contact Email		
Licensee Contact Phone #		2505551234
Forest District:		

Note: The OPENING and the STANDARDS UNIT must be defined before forest cover can be entered.

If these already exist in RESULTS, your service provider can likely access the required information.

If no, fill out the forms in SU_n_OPENING_to_RESULTS_2012.doc.

OPENING KEY INFORMATION (See pages after tables for more information / how to choose)			
Choice A - For a first time submission, also work	s for subsequent submissions:		
Licence:	W0436		
Cutting Permit:	CC		
Cut Block:	1		
Choice B - For subsequent submissions, if you k RESULTS:	now the Opening Number assigned by		
Opening Number:	СС		
Admin Regime:			
Pre-Forest Practices code?			
Forest Practices Code?			
FRPA?			
New Opening or Update Existing RESULTS Opening?			

Instructions on how to fill out the following forms and definitions of terms are found *after* the blank forms.

FOREST COVER POLYGON INFORMATION					
	Poly 1	Poly 2	Poly 3	Poly 4	Poly 5
Standard Unit ID:					
Licencee ID:					
Area:					
Site Index:					
Site Index Source:					
Reference Year					
Tree Cover Pattern:					
Re-Entry Year:					
Reserve Type:					
Reserve Objective:					
Stocking Status					
Stocking Type					
Non-Mappable Area ID					
Non-Mappable Area Stocking Status					
Non-Mappable Area Stocking Type					
Non-Mappable Area Hectares					



LAYER INFORMATION FOR A FOREST COVER POLYGON		Polygon#:	
Layer Code:			
Basal Area:			
Crown Closure:			
Total Stems:			
Total Well Spaced:			
Well Spaced:			
Free Growing:			
Damage Agent:			
Damage Incidence (%):			
Damage Incidence (ha):			
Species 1			
Species 1 Percent			
Species 1 Avg Age:			
Species 1 Avg Height			
Species 2			
Species 2 Percent			
Species 2 Avg Age:			
Species 2 Avg Height			
Species 3			
Species 4			
Species 5			
Species 6			





1. RESULTS Forest Cover Submission

1.1 Introduction

Reporting forest cover is more than a little complicated at first glance, but once you get used to it, it is not so bad.

The general principle is that you need to tell RESULTS about all the different vegetation types found within the Opening you have defined. The table below illustrates some common spatial relationships.

		Opening		
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Forcov: Part of SU 1 that is Pl Leading	Forcov: Part of	Forcov:	Forcov: NP-Man Made	Forcov: Reserve Patch
Contains non- mappable rock outcrops.	SU 1 that is Sx Leading	Sx Leading on Moist Site		Neselve Falch

- You will report forest cover for each SU. The forest cover will be NSR for the period before regeneration.
- A SU can contain more than one forest cover polygon if differing regeneration outcomes have occurred.
- Any forest cover polygon can have an estimated percentage of non-mappable nonforest area. These are areas that are too small or too dispersed to map effectively.
- Mappable areas (> 0.25 ha in general) of reserves, non-forested land or nonproductive land within an opening are reported as forest cover polygons. They have no forest cover, but they are reported here, in forest cover.
- Total area of Forest Cover polygons must equal total area of Opening.

1.2 Data Required

We need to add:

- forest cover polygons (spatial data) that fill the Opening,
- inventory and silvicultural layer or layers in each <u>forested</u> polygon, and tree species information for each layer above.
- Entries for NSR or non-forested forest cover polygons.

1.3 <u>What Are We Mapping Here?</u>

What you need is a shape file that contains polygons for the various vegetation units you wish to report on.

The total area of your forest cover polygons must equal the opening area.

Forest cover polygons often mirror SU polygons, but an SU can be subdivided into different forest cover polygons if regeneration outcomes are different.



Forest cover polygons also may be created for natural NP areas, man-made NP areas and reserve patches, where these things are large enough and contiguous enough to map. Such features can also be dealt with as non-mappable areas within a forest cover polygon.

RISS-ls¹ states that the preferred minimum size is 0.25 ha, but notes that RESULTS can cope with polygons down to 0.1 ha in size (RISS-ls page 32).

RISS-ls pages 31 to 38 addresses what to map and how to do it. There are fascinating distinctions like we do map a permanent CP road but we do not map a permanent RP road. You really should skim that section of RISS-ls in case something in there applies to your situation.

2. Opening Key

RESULTS uses descriptors called "keys" to identify each unique cut block. Two commonly used keys are TenureID key and OpeningID key.

• TenureID Key: Licence Number, Cutting Permit Name, Cut Block number. You must use the Tenure key for a first submission to RESULTS, i.e. to tell RESULTS about a block it has not heard of before.

The Licence Number, Cutting Permit Name, Cut Block number must be known to FTA, or RESULTS will not create a new entry.

You have to exactly match what FTA believes a block is called. One character different is not an exact match.

Data entry over time in FTA has not been consistent. Or example, a woodlot can be called W0666 on one CP entry in FTA, and WL666 on another. You have to know and use the right one.

• OpeningID Key: the Opening Number assigned by RESULTS Opening Number is assigned when a block is first entered in RESULTS. Blocks not yet in RESULTS have no OpeningID as they "don't exist" as far as RESULTS is concerned. You have to use the Tenure key.

It is, to say the least, **very**, **very important** to get the key right.

You can use the TenureID Key for an opening that already exists in RESULTS if you want. You do not have to use OpeningID key, but OpeningID key is a clearer-to-the-human link to the existing RESULTS data.

Given the variable quality legacy data from the early days of RESULTS for Woodlots still stuck in the system, it is impossible to predict what RESULTS knows and does not know about older blocks.

I recommend checking the Tenure ID key info in FTA using MapView before using TenureID key, just to verify that you and the ESF system agree.

Likewise, it is wise to check the Opening Number for known-to-RESULTS blocks in online RESULTS or in MapView before using the OpeningID key.

¹ http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/RISS_ls_3b_ed_Jan1.pdf



Detailed instructions are contained in the WLGML manual in Section 10.4.

3. Admin Regime

The legal framework used to authorize your harvest affects how your stocking standards get reported / entered.

Real old block under a PHSP or SMP? Pre-Code.

Block permitted under Forest Practices Code / Woodlot Licence Forest Management Regulation (WLFMR) / Forest Development Plan? <u>Code</u>.

Newish block permitted under Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA) / Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation (WLPPR) / Woodlot Licence Plan? <u>FRPA</u>.

4. Attributes Required for Forest Cover Polygon

We will start with the forested forest cover polygon. The first step is to fill in the main data field for the polygon.

1. **Standard Unit ID**. Conditional entry. Is the forest cover polygon within a Standards Unit? And is it required to be reforested?

If yes, provide the Standard Unit ID. If no, leave blank.

From your Site Plan. What did you call this SU in your site plan? Call it the same thing here.

2. Licencee ID. Mandatory entry. A unique identifier for the forest cover polygon assigned by the licensee.

In RESULTS web site, this field is referred to as Polygon ID.

No duplicates permitted. Can be up to 30 characters long, but short is better. e.g., 1, 2, 3; or X, Y, Z.

This label shows up in MapView as the polygon descriptor.

- 3. Area. The gross area in hectares, one decimal pace, of the forest cover polygon.
- 4. **Site Index**. Conditional entry. Required if tree species are entered in this polygon. i.e. if this is a forested area.

SI 50 standards. Integer, 2 characters. (i.e. 22, not 21.7)

Specifications not clear on conditionality for NSR areas, but it seems logical to enter for NSR that will be forested in future.

For multi-storey stands, the SI is for the layer with the highest volume or next due for harvest (the layer with the greatest site occupancy; e.g., mature, pole, or sapling layer).

For reserves, the SI may be based on previous stand information applied to the mature layer, or to the layer with the greatest site occupancy.

5. **Site Index Source**. Conditional entry. Must be filled if Site Index is filled, must be blank is Site Index is blank.

Where did your SI 50 data come from?

Choices are:

A Site index from adjacent stand



- C SI from site index curve
- E SI from BEC
- H SI from stand before harvest
- I SI from growth intercept
- M SI from G,M,P,L Site Class Conversion
- O SI from provincial SIBEC rollover
- S SI assigned by District Silv. Section

H is a good answer if you are not clear on the fine details of GMPL Site Class Conversion vs site index curve vs SIBEC.

6. Reference Year. Mandatory entry. Integer, 4 characters. e.g. 2010

Must not be greater than current year

The year the forest cover polygon data was collected. Typically the year of the survey

For roads and other NP areas, the reference year may be different from the survey date, and will be the date the road was measured or the block area was determined.

7. Tree Cover Pattern. Conditional. Integer, 1 character.

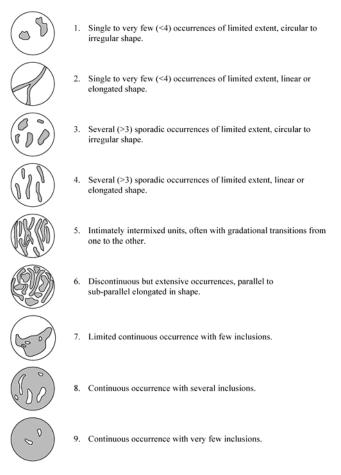
Applies to polygons, including reserves, in which trees are retained as part of the silvicultural system or disturbance characteristic. Leave blank if no overstory.

The example polygon does have some dispersed mature retention, so this value is filled in.

This code describes the spatial arrangement of residual patches of overstory in Layer 1.

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8. **Re-Entry Year**. Conditional entry. Integer, 4 characters. e.g. 2045

The year the next harvest entry is expected to occur in the opening.

Applies to partial-cut silvicultural systems in which a subsequent harvest entry is planned prior to the end of the rotational planning cycle.

Required where Reserve Objective = TIM (timber).

If there will not be a harvest "planned prior to the end of the rotational planning cycle", leave this field blank.

A 0 value will not be accepted, as it means year 0 which does not compute.

9. Reserve Type. Conditional entry. 1 character.

"Required if a reserve or a retention area is associated with the forest cover polygon." This means required if the polygon itself is a reserve, like a wildlife tree patch, or if the polygon contains reserved timber, like dispersed seed trees or timber that will be cut in a later harvest.

Valid codes are:

- D Dispersed
- G Group
- N No Reserve
- Null No Reserves

A reserved patch is a Group reserve.



"Retained live or standing dead trees that are pole size or larger for purposes other than regeneration" is a Dispersed reserve. (Those dead trees better not be for regeneration!).

Retained small groups of trees dispersed around a harvest unit is a... you better read the manuals. Please review RISS-ls page 32-33 and *Submitting Forest Cover To Results For Openings With Treed Retention*² if you are unsure about how to classify reserves.

Classifying and coding Reserves has been a challenge for RESULTS. There used to be more reserve codes, but they were recently retired in an attempt to get greater consistency.

10. Reserve Objective. Conditional. 3 characters.

Required if Reserve Type = G or D.

A code that identifies the reason for leaving the reserve.

A reserve, dispersed or grouped, that will be harvested before the next rotation is coded as TIM for timber.

If a reserve will remain standing until the next rotation, select the code which best defines the primary reserve purpose from the list.

Valid codes are:

BIO	Biodiversity
BOT	Botanical Forest Products
CHR	Cultural Heritage Resource
CWD	Coarse Woody Debris
FH	Forest health
FUE	Fuel Management
MSM	MSMA Treated Area
OTH	Other
REC	Recreation
RMA	Riparian Management Area
SEN	Sensitive Site
TER	Terrain Stability
TIM	Timber management
VIS	Visual
WTR	Wildlife Tree Retention Goals
Null	No Reserves
11. Stocking Statu	us . Mandatory entry. 3 characters.

A code indicating the growing space occupancy according to the latest silviculture survey.

Stocking status of areas in the net area to be reforested is described as not satisfactorily restocked (NSR), immature (IMM) or mature (MAT).

In a multi-storied stand, select the code which describes the stocking status of the next layer to be harvested, the layer with the highest site occupancy.

Stocking status is also used to describe non-forested and non-productive polygons.

² http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/results/Forest_Cover_Retention_Submissions.pdf

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Valid codes are:

- A Alpine
- AF Alpine Forest
- C Cultivated
- G Gravel Bar
- IMM Immature
- L Lake
- M Meadow
- MAT Mature
- NC Non-commercial
- NF Non-forest
- NP Non-productive
- NSR Not Satisfactorily Restocked
- OR Open Range
- R Rock
- **RES** Residual
- S Swamp
- U Urban

12. Stocking Type. Mandatory entry. 3 characters.

Code to add more information on stocking status.

In a multi-storied stand, select the code which describes the stocking type of the next layer to be harvested, the layer with the highest site occupancy.

Valid codes are:

Null	No stocking type required
ART	Artificial
BR	Brush
FOR	Forested
NAT	Natural
NPL	Non-plantable
PL	Plantable
RD	Road
UNN	Unnatural

Note that there are only some allowed Stocking Status / Stocking Type combinations. The allowed combinations are shown in the table below.

Stocking Status	Stocking Type
А	NAT
AF	FOR
С	UNN
G	NAT
IMM	ART
IMM	NAT
L	NAT
М	NAT
MAT	ART
MAT	NAT
NC	BR



NC	FOR
NF	NAT
NP	FOR
NP	NAT
NP	RD
NP	RHR
NP	UNN
NSR	NAT
NSR	NPL
NSR	PL
OR	NAT
R	NAT
RES	NAT
S	NAT
U	UNN

13. Non-Mappable Areas - ID. Conditional entry. Required if non-mappable areas defined. 3 characters.

Non-Mappable areas are used to describe inclusions of NP Areas (e.g., rock or swamp) that are too small or too dispersed to map but which should be deducted from the Net Area to be Reforested.

The Non-Mappable Area ID is an identifier for the non-mapped component defined by the licensee. ID must be unique within the forest cover polygon.

14. Non-Mappable Areas - Stocking Status. Conditional entry. Required if nonmappable areas defined. 3 characters.

The same data requirements as discussed under 11. Stocking Status above, except entry cannot be IMM or MAT, as these are by definition NP areas.

NSR would seem to be unsuitable as well, but it is not specifically mentioned in the literature.

15. Non-Mappable Areas - Stocking Type. Conditional entry. Required if nonmappable areas defined. 3 characters.

The same data requirements as discussed under 12. Stocking Type above, with same constraints on Stocking Status / Stocking Type combinations.

- 16. Non-Mappable Areas Area. Conditional entry. Required if non-mappable areas defined. Area in hectares, one decimal point.
- 5. Forest Cover Polygon Layer Entry

This is obviously complicated stuff. Not if you are a regen surveyor with years of experience under your belt, but a bit much for everyone else. If you have a regen survey report from a certified surveyor, you can try supplying that to you RESULTS submission provider and skip inputting the details yourself.

And/or, you can give this form and materials to your regen surveyor and tell them to fill it out, and then give that info to your RESULTS service provider.



5.1 What Are Layers?

A Layer holds information about the trees in a polygon. Layers are vertically stratified: Mature, Pole, Sapling, Regen. The table below provides the layer specs. As you note, we are dividing the forest into height classes using stem diameter classes to $1/100^{\text{th}}$ of a centimeter, but that's the way we are told to do it.

Layer Code	Description	Notes
[blank]	Inventory - even-aged	Blank only valid for even-aged stand
S	Silviculture - even-aged	Silviculture label for even-aged stand.
	stand	Cannot have without corresponding inventory layer.
1	Inventory Mature Layer - uneven-aged	Trees>12.5 cm dbh - based on all commercial trees.
1S	Silviculture Mature Layer - uneven-aged	Trees>12.5 cm dbh - based on all well-spaced trees.
2	Inventory Pole Layer - uneven-aged	Trees 7.5 to 12.49 dbh - based on all commercial trees.
2S	Silviculture Pole Layer - uneven-aged	Trees 7.5 to 12.49 dbh - based on all well-spaced trees.
3	Inventory Sapling Layer - uneven-aged	Trees 1.3 to 7.49 dbh - based on all commercial trees.
3S	Silviculture Sapling Layer - uneven-aged	Trees 1.3 to 7.49 dbh - based on all well-spaced trees.
4	Inventory Regeneration Layer - uneven-aged	Trees <1.3 dbh - based on all commercial trees.
4S	Regeneration Layer - uneven-aged	Trees <1.3 dbh - based on all well-spaced trees.

Generally, layers are already determined by the silvicultural surveyor who assessed your block. The only common exception is the one in our example block: a dispersed overstory of retained mature trees, that the surveyor ignored as they have no relevance to future harvest.

Some stands have all 4 layers, some have only 1.

If our example FC Polygon 1 was NSR and had no residual stocking, or was not forested, we would not add layers. However, as it does have trees, we need to add *at least* an even aged Inventory layer and an even-aged Silviculture layer. We may need to add other layers to describe it properly.

Why are there Inventory and Silviculture layers? Because Inventory wants to track what is growing on the site at all times. But Silviculture wants to track what the future crop trees are and how they are doing. In theory, the two should coincide in managed forests once we are past free to grow.

Inventory information is required for all forested polygons within an opening, inside and outside of SUs.



Silviculture information is required for polygons that are inside SUs. A polygon with a silviculture entry must also have an inventory entry. The silviculture entries track information that is used for monitoring legal reforestation obligations.

The fundamental divide in the layer structure is between Even-Aged and Un-Even Aged management. You can not mix uneven-aged Inventory layers with even aged Silviculture layers, or vice versa. This can be a bit clunky. If there are more than 2 m^2 /ha of basal area retained in a harvest unit, or if your site plan discusses dispersed retention objectives, you will report the retained stems in an Un-Even Aged Inventory layer, which forces you to report your very even-aged plantation of young trees as an Un-Even Aged Silviculture layer as well. It is how it is.

The simple layer situation is, of course, a full on clearcut. The overstory is gone, the only growing stock is young planted trees. Add an Even Aged Inventory layer and an Even Aged Silviculture layer and you are done.

Consider an example of a regenerated clearcut with some retained dispersed overstory. We would add a Layer 1 - Mature Inventory Layer for the overstory, a Layer 4 - Regen Inventory Layer for the regeneration, and a Layer 4S Silviculture Layer for the regeneration. The retained overstory has nothing to do with long term Silviculture and crop trees, so we do not enter it in the Silviculture data set. While it is tempting to use the even-aged silviculture layer S, as the silvicultural component of the stand will be managed on an even aged basis, this is not the correct approach, as we have defined multiple Inventory layers.

5.2 Inventory Layer Entry - Retained Overstory

Important: The layer data entry table is a "one size fits all" table. It contains all the possible entry blanks for all types of layers. Only a subset of the available entries is used for any particular layer.

We will start with an **Inventory Layer with the overstory trees**. The following fields are used.

1. Layer Code. What layer are we reporting?

Conditional entry, required if you have tree species growing on a site.

2 character code selected from drop down list.

Valid codes are:

- I Inventory Layer, even-aged stand
- S Silviculture Layer, even-aged stand
- 1 Inv Mature, uneven aged
- 1S Silviculture Layer 1, uneven aged
- 2 Inv Pole, uneven aged
- 2S Silviculture Layer 2, uneven aged
- 3 Inv Sapling, uneven aged
- 3S Silviculture Layer 3, uneven aged
- 4 Inv Regen, uneven aged
- 4S Silviculture Layer 4, uneven aged

Technically speaking, the I code is supposed to be a <Blank>, but the program converts it to a <Blank> in the submission.



There was once a V Veteran code. This code has been retired and should not be used. Veterans are now described as an overstory layer, like the one we are discussing here.

2. Basal Area. Basal area per hectare of overstory trees.

Conditional entry. Required for Inventory Layer 1 in openings where basal area is part of a stocking or retention standard. Optional for Layer 1S in these situations.

Integer, 3 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 2

Not used in layers 2, 2S, 3, 3S, 4, 4S.

For inventory layer, basal area of all stems > 12.5 cm DBH.

For silviculture label, basal area of well spaced preferred and acceptable stems > 12.5 cm DBH.

In the example block, the site plan specified that there would be an average of 6 m^2 /ha retained basal area, with a range of 0 to 14 m^2 /ha. So we report our result: 2 m^2 /ha, following a windthrow event.

- 3. Total Well Spaced. Does not apply to an inventory layer. Leave as 0.
- 4. **Crown Closure**. The percentage of ground area covered by the vertically projected crowns of the tree cover in the layer.

Conditional. Required if trees are entered for layer.³

Integer, 3 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 25

In multi layer stands crown closure describes the crown closure of each stand layer, submitted separately for each separate stand layer.

Crown closure is very interesting parameter that is almost never "measured", it is estimated. And those estimates can very a lot between people. Give it your best shot.

- 5. **Total Stems**. Stems per hectare in the inventory layer being reported. Integer, 6 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 125 or 1850
- 6. Well Spaced. Does not apply to an inventory layer. Leave as 0.
- 7. Free Growing. Does not apply to an inventory layer. Leave as 0.
- 8. **Damage Agent**. Insect, disease, or other factor that has caused tree damage in the layer.

Conditional entry. Required where damage agent is present within the layer. 3 characters.

Different layers can have the same damage agent code.

9. **Incidence %**. The percent of host species within the layer impacted by the damage agent.

Conditional entry. Required where damage agent is present within the layer. Integer, 3 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 25 meaning 25%.

10. **Incident Area**. Number of hectares affected by the damage agent.

³ Yes, that is a roundabout way of saying mandatory, as we would not even be here if there were no trees growing. I'm just quoting the manuals!



Conditional entry. Required where damage agent is present within the layer. Number, 5 characters, 1 decimals. e.g.: 4.2

5.3 Inventory Layer Entry - Regeneration

Onwards to the next layer. In our example, the layer describing the Inventory-Regeneration layer is next.

Remember, if this was a simple clearcut, we would not have multiple layers, just an evenaged inventory layer and an even-aged silviculture layer.

We are filling in an Inventory Layer with regeneration. The following fields are used.

1. Layer Code. What layer are we reporting?

Conditional entry, required if you have tree species growing on a site.

2 character code selected from drop down list.

We have used 4 Inv Regen, uneven aged because a) we are using uneven-aged layers to report the presence of a retained overstory component, and b) this layer contains regeneration.

- 2. Basal Area. Does not apply to regeneration. Leave as 0.
- 3. Total Well Spaced. Does not apply to an inventory layer. Leave as 0.
- 4. **Crown Closure**. The percentage of ground area covered by the vertically projected crowns of the tree cover in the layer.

Conditional. Required if trees are entered for layer.

Integer, 3 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 25

In multi layer stands crown closure describes the crown closure of each stand layer, submitted separately for each separate stand layer.

Crown closure is very interesting parameter that is almost never "measured", it is estimated. And those estimates can very a lot between people. Give it your best shot.

- 5. **Total Stems**. Stems per hectare in the inventory layer being reported. Integer, 6 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 125 or 1850
- 6. Well Spaced. Does not apply to an inventory layer. Leave as 0.
- 7. Free Growing. Does not apply to an inventory layer. Leave as 0.
- 8. **Damage Agent**. Insect, disease, or other factor that has caused tree damage in the layer.

Conditional entry. Required where damage agent is present within the layer. 3 characters.

The damage agent codes table is huge. It is located at the end of this document. Different layers can have the same damage agent code.

9. **Incidence %**. The percent of host species within the layer impacted by the damage agent.

Conditional entry. Required where damage agent is present within the layer. Integer, 3 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 25 meaning 25%.

10. Incident Area. Number of hectares affected by the damage agent.



Conditional entry. Required where damage agent is present within the layer. Number, 5 characters, 1 decimals. e.g.: 4.2

5.4 Silviculture Layer Entry - Regeneration

Onwards to the silviculture layer. There is only one layer of trees that are silviculturally relevant in this block, the regeneration. So we have only one Silviculture layer.

We are filling in a Silviculture Layer with regeneration. The following fields are used.

1. Layer Code. What layer are we reporting?

Conditional entry, required if you have tree species growing on a site.

2 character code selected from drop down list.

We have used 4S Silviculture Layer 4, uneven aged because a) we are using unevenaged layers to report the presence of a retained overstory component, and b) this layer contains the Silvicultural information on the regeneration layer.

2. Basal Area. Does not apply to regeneration.

Basal area can apply to Silviculture Layer 1 if basal area is part of the stocking standard to be achieved.

Leave as 0.

3. **Total Well Spaced**. The total well spaced stems per hectare in silviculture layer, disregarding the M-value⁴. From the regen survey summary report.

Integer, 6 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 1025

Conditional entry: Required for all polygons within an SU where well-spaced stems/ha are a specified regeneration target.

Trees are healthy, preferred, or acceptable species, and well-spaced using the minimum inter-tree distance in the stocking standards

The total well spaced trees must be <= the total stems reported in the corresponding inventory layer.

4. **Crown Closure**. The percentage of ground area covered by the vertically projected crowns of the tree cover in the layer.

Conditional. Required if trees are entered for layer.

Integer, 3 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 25

In multi layer stands crown closure describes the crown closure of each stand layer, submitted separately for each separate stand layer.

Crown closure is very interesting parameter that is almost never "measured", it is estimated. And those estimates can very a lot between people. Give it your best shot.

5. **Total Stems**. Total stems is allegedly not required in silviculture layers, but submissions fail without it, so we'll put it in.

⁴ The M-value has to do with the maximum number of well spaced trees per plot that can count towards restocking. It is used to ensure that areas with dense stocking cannot compensate for / obscure the presence of areas with very thin stocking. See discussion on pages 24 and 35 of *Silviculture Survey Procedures Manual - Stocking and Free Growing Survey - April 1, 2009.*



The value to enter is the Stems per hectare in the Inventory Layer that is paired with this Silviculture Layer. In this case, 6467.

Integer, 6 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 125 or 1850

6. **Well Spaced**. The total well spaced stems per hectare in silviculture layer, considering the M-value. From the regen survey summary report.

Integer, 6 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 1025

Conditional entry: Required for all polygons within an SU where well-spaced stems/ha are a specified regeneration target.

Trees are healthy, preferred, or acceptable species, and well-spaced using the minimum inter-tree distance in the stocking standards

The total well spaced trees must be <= the total stems reported in the corresponding inventory layer.

7. **Free Growing**. The number of free-growing stems per hectare in this silviculture layer based on the M-value.

Conditional entry: Required for all polygons within an SU where well-spaced stems/ha are a specified regeneration target and there are free growing stems to report.

Integer, 6 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 1025

Must be <= Total Stems reported in total stems reported in the corresponding inventory layer.

Must be > = the minimum stocking standard if SU is declared free-growing Does not apply to an inventory layer.

If zero or does not apply, enter a 0 not a blank.

8. **Damage Agent**. Insect, disease, or other factor that has caused tree damage in the layer.

Conditional entry. Required where damage agent is present within the layer. 3 characters. Select from damage agent codes list, at end of documents.

Different layers can have the same damage agent code.

9. **Incidence %**. The percent of host species within the layer impacted by the damage agent.

Conditional entry. Required where damage agent is present within the layer. Integer, 3 characters, no decimals. e.g.: 25 meaning 25%.

 Incident Area. Number of hectares affected by the damage agent. Conditional entry. Required where damage agent is present within the layer. Number, 5 characters, 1 decimals. e.g.: 4.2

5.5 Forest Cover Polygon/Layer - Tree Species Entry

Having established the Layer structure within Polygon 1, one now populate the layers with tree cover data.

Exactly what one would expect for forest cover entry:



- Enter species in order of importance, most prevalent species in the layer first. You may have up to 6 tree species in a polygon.
- Enter the percent of the layer that the species makes up. Generally, a straight transcription from the regen survey. Total of all species percents must equal 100.
- Enter average age. Only entered for the two most two most prevalent species in the layer.
- Enter average height in meters. Only entered for the two most two most prevalent species in the layer.

Valid tree species codes are:

species of	codes are:
Code	Description
AC	Poplar
ACB	Balsam Poplar
ACT	Black Cottonwood
AT	Trembling Aspen
AX	Poplar Hybrid
BA	Amabilis Fir
BB	Balsam Fir
BG	Grand Fir
BL	Subalpine Fir
BP	Noble Fir
CW	Western Red Cedar
DR	Red Alder
EA	Alaska Paper Birch
EP	Paper Birch
FDC	Douglas-Fir (Coast)
FDI	Douglas-Fir (Interior)
HM	Mountain Hemlock
HW	Western Hemlock
LA	Alpine Larch
LS	Siberian Larch
LT	Tamarack
LW	Western Larch
MB	Bigleaf Maple
PA	Whitebark Pine
PF	Limber Pine
PJ	Jack Pine
PLC	Lodgepole Pine (Coast)
PLI	Lodgepole Pine (Interior)
PR	Red Pine
PW	Western White Pine
PY	Yellow Pine
SB	Black Spruce
SE	Engelmann Spruce
SS	Sitka Spruce
SW	White Spruce
SX	Spruce Hybrid
SXL	White X Sitka (Picea X Lu
SXS	Sitka X Unknown Hybrid

SXW

White X Engelmann

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TWWestern YewVBBitter Cherry (N)YCYellow Cedar

6. Reporting Non Forested Polygons

Non-forested areas like permanent roads, landings, swamps etc are also reported to forest cover.

The only fields required are:

- Licencee ID
- Area
- Reference Year
- Stocking Status
- Stocking Type

These fields have all been discussed previously. A few notes:

- The Reference Year may pre-date the regen survey. It would be a bit of a stretch to assert we only found a main access road during the regen survey..
- There is no SU ID because the non-forested areas in this case are not part of the Net Area to be Reforested, so are not in a Standards Unit.
- The other blank fields all apply directly to vegetation or reserves, and this is a non-vegetated area and is not a reserve.

7. Reporting Reserves

The example block used above contains no reserves. Therefore, I used an different block for an example of this one. Typical Kootenay cut block:



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Again, no real surprises. The field contents have all been discussed previously. A few notes:

- The Reference Year is 2005 not 2009 because the reserves were located and mapped in 2005. It would be a stretch to assert we only found them in the 2009 regen survey.
- There is no SU ID because the reserves are not part of the Net Area to be Reforested, so are thus not in a Standards Unit.
- There is no re-entry year as we do not plan on logging these areas during the next rotation.
- Stocking Status is Immature because the forest in this area is LwFd leading and 95 years old. While eminently merchantable, it is still "Immature" per MoFLNRO specifications.
- Because this is a forested polygon, we also report the forest cover in an Inventory layer. A silviculture layer is not required for a group reserve that does not have a TIMber reserve objective.

The MoF guide to reporting forested Reserves in harvested areas is worth a read if you have a more complex situation on your hands. It can be obtained from:

http://www.woodfor.com/WLGML/Submitting Forest Cover to Results for Openings with Treed Retentio n.pdf

Or just go to http://www.woodfor.com/WLGML/ and look around, you'll find it.





Table 1: Pest Species Code Table

	Corporate Pest Species Code Table						
Code	Description	Code	Description				
А	Animal Damage	1	Insects				
AB	Bear	IA	Aphids				
AC	Cattle	IAB	Balsam Woolly Adelgid (Adelges piceae)				
AD	Deer	IAC	Giant Conifer Aphid (Cinara spp.)				
AE	Elk	IAG	Cooley Spruce Gall Adelgid (Adelges cooleyi)				
AH	Hare or Rabbit	IAL	Larch (Lw) Cone Woolly Aphid (Adelges lariciatus)				
AM	Moose	IAS	Green Spruce Aphid (Elatobium abietinum)				
AO	Pika (Ochotona spp.)	IB	Bark Beetles				
AP	Porcupine	IBB	Western Balsam Bark Beetle (Dryocoetes confusus)				
AS	Squirrel	IBD	Douglas-fir Beetle (Dendroctonus pseudotsugae)				
AV	Vole	IBE	Silver Fir Beetle (Pseudohylesinus sericeus)				
AX	Birds	IBF	Fir Engraver Beetle (Scolytus ventralis)				
AZ	Beaver	IBH	Hylurgops Beetle (Hylurgops rugipennis)				
C	Cone and Seed Insects	IBI	Engraver Beetles (Ips spp.)				
CAH	Cone Resin Midge (Asynapta hopkinsi)	IBL	Lodgepole Pine Beetle (Dendroctonus murryanae)				
CBC	Fir (Fd) Cone Moth (Barbara colfaxiana)	IBM	Mountain Pine Beetle (Dendroctorius manyanae)				
CBX	Fir Cone Moth (Barbara spp.) Douglas-fir Cone Scale Midge (Camptomyia	IBP	Twig Beetles (Pityogenes, Pityophthorus spp.)				
CCP CDC	pseudotsugae) Spruce (Sx) Cone Gall Midge (Kaltenbachiola (Dasineura) canadensis)	IBR IBS	Fir Root Bark Beetle (Pseudohylesinus granulatus) Spruce Beetle (Dendroctonus rufipennis)				
CDD	Fir Seed Midge (Kaltenbachiola (Dasineura) abiesemia)	IBT	Red Turpentine Beetle (Dendroctonus valens)				
CDR	Spruce (Sx) Cone Axis Midge (Kaltenbachiola(Dasineura) rachiphaga)	IBW	Western Pine Beetle (Dendroctonus brevicomis)				
CDX	Kaltenbachiola (Dasineura) Midges (Kaltenbachiola (Dasineura) spp.)	ID	Defoliators				
CEA	Fir Seed Maggot (Earomyia abietum)	ID1	Leaf Beetles (Chrysomela spp.)				
CEB	Spruce Cone Maggot (Earomyia barbara)	ID2	Bruce Spanworm (Operophtera bruceata)				
CEQ	(Earomyia aquilonia)	ID3	Winter Moth (Operophtera brumata)				
CEX	Earomyia Maggots (Earomyia spp.)	ID4	Cottonwood Sawfly (Nematus currani)				
CFP	Fir (Fd) Cone Beetle (Ernobius punctulatus)	ID5	Fall Webworm (Hyphantria cunea)				
CHX	Budworms (Choristoneura spp.)	ID6	Aspen Leaf Miner (Phyllocristis populiella)				
CIA	Fir Coneworm (Dioryctria abietivorella)	ID7	Woolly Alder Sawfly (Eriocampa ovata)				
CIP	Fir (Fd) Coneworm (Dioryctria pseudotsugella)	ID8	Aspen Leaf Roller (Pseudexentera oregonana)				
CIR	Spruce (Sx) Coneworm (Dioryctria reniculelloides)	ID9	Birch Leaf Skeletonizer (Buccalatrix spp.)				
CIS	Pine (Py) Coneworm (Dioryctria rossi)	IDA	Black Army Cutworm (Actebia fennica)				
CIV	Ponderosa pine (Py) Coneworm (Dioryctria auranticella)	IDB	Two-year Budworm (Choristoneura biennis)				
CIX	Coneworms (Dioryctria spp.)	IDC	Larch Casebearer (Coleophora laricella)				
CLO	Western Conifer Seed Bug (Leptoglossus occidentalis)	IDD	Western Winter Moth (Erranis tiliaria vancouverensis)				
CMA	Ponderosa pine (Py) Seed Chalcid (Megastigmus albifrons)	IDE	Eastern Spruce Budworm (Choristoneura fumiferana)				
CMC	Spruce (Sx) Seed Chalcid (Megastigmus piceae)	IDF	Forest Tent Caterpillar (Malacosoma disstria)				
CML	Subalpine fir (BI) Seed Chalcid (Megastigmus	IDG	Greenstriped Forest Looper (Melanolophia imitata)				



	lasiocarpae)		
CMP	Fir Seed Chalcid (Megastigmus pinus)	IDH	Western Blackheaded Budworm (Acleris gloverana)
CMR	(Megastigmus rafni)	IDI	Pine Needle Sheath Miner (Zellaria haimbachi)
	Fir (Fd) Seed Chalcid (Megastigmus		
CMS	spermotrophus)	IDJ	Gray Forest Loooper (Caripeta divista)
CMT	Hemlock Seed Chalcid (Megastigmus tsugae)	IDK	Northern Tent Caterpillar (Malacosoma californicum)
СМХ	Seed Chalcids (Megastigmus spp.)	IDL	Western Hemlock Looper (Lambdina fiscellaria lugubrosa)
CNP	Pine Cone Beetle (Conophthorus ponderosae)	IDM	Gypsy Moth (Lymantria dispar)
CPS	Spruce Gall Adelgid (Pineus similis)	IDN	Birch Leaf Miner (Fenusa pusilla)
CRX	Cone Scale Midges (Resseliella spp.)	IDO	Filament Bearer (Nematocampa fiamentaria)
	Spiral Spruce Cone Borer (Strobilomyia		
CSN	neanthracina)	IDP	Larch Sawfly (Pristophora erichsoni)
СТО	Fir (Fd) Cone Gall Midge (Contarinia oregonensis)	IDQ	Hemlock Needle Miner (Epinotia tsugana)
	Fir (Fd) Cone Scale Midge (Contarinia		
CTW	washingtonensis)	IDR	Alder Sawfly (Eriocampa ovata)
CVP	White pine (Pw) Cone Borer (Eucosma ponderosa)	IDS	Balsam Fir Sawfly (Neodiprion abietis)
CVR	Lodgepole pine (PI) Cone Borer (Eucosma recissoriana)	IDT	Douglas-fir Tussock Moth (Orgyia pseudotsugata)
CYC	Spruce (Sx) Seed Midge (Mayetiola carpophaga)	IDU	Satin Moth (Leucoma salicis)
CYP	Ponderosa pine (Py) Seedworm (Cydia piperana)	IDV	Variegated Cutworm (Peridroma saucia)
CYS	Spruce (Sx) Seedworm (Cydia strobilella)	IDW	Western Spruce Budworm (Choristoneura occidentalis)
СҮТ	Cedar (Cw) Cone Midge (Mayetiola thujae)	IDX	Large Aspen Tortrix (Choristoneura conflictana)
СҮХ	Seedworms (Cydia spp.)	IDY	Birch-Aspen Leafroller (Epinotia solandriana (Linnaeus))
D	Diseases	IDZ	Western False Hemlock Looper (Nepytia freemani
DB	Broom Rusts	IEA	Unidentified Aspen Defoliation
DBF	Fir Broom Rust (Melampsorella caryophyllacearum)	IEB	Hemlock Sawfly (Neodiprion tsugae)
DBS	Spruce Broom Rust (Chrysomyxa arctostaphyli)	IEC	Larch Budmoth (Zairaphera improbana)
DD	Stem Decay	IED	Larch Looper (Semiothis sexmaculata)
			Cottonwood Leaf Skeletonizer (Phyllonorycytes
DDA	White Mottled Rot (Ganoderma applanatum)	IEF	apparella)
DDB	Birch Trunk Rot (Fomes fomentarius)	IEG	Lodgepole pine Sawfly (Neodiprion burkei)
DDC	Brown Cubical Rot of Birch (Piptoporus betulinus)	IEH	Phantom Hemlock Looper (Nepytia phantasmaria)
DDD	Sulfur Fungus (Laetiporus sulphureus)	IEI	Saddleback Looper (Ectropis crepuscularia)
DDE	Rust Red Stringy Rot (Echindontium tinctorium)	IEJ	Willow Leafminer (Micrurapteryx salicifoliella)
DDF	Brown Crumbly Rot (Fomitopsis pinicola)	IS	Shoot Insects
DDG	Sterile Conk Trunk Rot of Birch (Inonotus obliguus)	ISA	Bronze Birch Borer (Agrilus anxius)
DDH	Hardwood Trunk Rot (Phellinus ignarius)	ISB	Western Cedar Borer (Trachykele blondeli)
DDO	Cedar Brown Pocket Rot (Poria sericeomollis)	ISC	Poplar Borer (Saperda calcarata)
DDP	Red Ring Rot (Phellinus pini)	ISE	European Pine Shoot Moth (Rhyacionia buoliana)
DDQ	Quinine Conk Rot (Fomitopsis officinalis)	ISG	Gouty Pitch Midge (Cecidomyia piniinopsis)
DDT	Aspen Trunk Rot (Phellinus tremulae)	ISP	Pitch Nodule Moths (Petrova species)
DF	Foliage Diseases	ISQ	Sequoia Pitch Moth (Vespamima sequoiae)
DFA	Western pine Aster Rust (Coleosporium asterum)	ISS	Western Pine Shoot Borer (Eucosma sonomana)
DFB	Delphinella Tip Blight (Delphinella spp.)	ISW	Poplar and Willow Borer (Cryptorhynchus lapathi)
DFC	Large-spored Spruce-Labrador tea Rust (Chrysomyxa ledicola)	IW	Weevils
	Spruce Needle Cast (Lirula macrospora)	IWC	Conifer Seedling Weevil (Steremnius carinatus)
DFD	Soluce needle Cast (Litula macrosolia)		



DFF	Marssonina Leaf Blights (Marssonina spp.)	IWP	Lodgepole pine Terminal Weevil (Pissodes terminalis)
DFG	Cottonwood Leaf Rust (Melampsora occidentalis)	IWS	White pine Weevil (on Spruce) (Pissodes strobi)
DFH	Larch Needle Blight (Hypodermella laricis)	IWW	Warrens Root Collar Weevil (Hylobius warreni)
DFI	Linospora Leaf Blotch (Linospora tetraspora)	IWY	Cylindrocopturus Weevil (Cylindrocopturus spp.)
DFJ	Phaeoseptoria Needle Cast (Phaeoseptoria contortae)	IWZ	Yosemite Bark Weevil (Pissodes schwartzii)
DFK	Septoria Leaf Spot (Septoria populicola)	М	Mite Damage (Trisetacus spp.)
DFL	Pine Needle Cast (Lophodermella concolor)	N	Non-Biological (Abiotic) Injuries
DFM	Larch Needle Cast (Meria laricis)	NAV	Avalanche or Snow Slide
	Leptomelanconium Needle Blight		
DFN	(Leptomelanconium pinicola)	NB	Fire
DFO	Lophodermium Needle Cast (Lophodermium seditiosum)	NCA	Aspen Decline
DFP	Fir Fireweed Rust (Pucciniastrum epilobi)	NCB	Birch Decline
	Douglas-fir needle cast (Rhabdocline	NOV	Mallace as des (Ma). De alia a
DFR	pseudotsugae) Dothistroma Needle Blight (Dothistroma	NCY	Yellow cedar (Yc) Decline
DFS	septosporum)	ND	Drought
DFT	Sirococcus Tip Blight (Sirococcus conigenus)	NF	Flooding
DFU	Cedar Leaf Blight (Didymascella thujina)	NG	Frost
DFX	Brown Felt Blight (Herpotrichia spp.)	NGC	Frost Crack
DFY	Hendersonia Needle Cast (Hendersonia pinicola)	NGH	Frost Heaved
	Rhizosphaera Needle Cast (Rhizosphaera	NOK	
DFZ	kalkhoffii)	NGK	Shoot/Bud Frost Kill
DL	Disease Caused Dieback	NH	Hail
DLD	Dermea Canker (Dermea pseudotsugae)	NK	Fumekill
DLF	Red Flag Disease (Potebniamyces balsamicola)	NL	Lightning
DLK	Conifer Cytospora Canker (Leucostoma kunzei)	NN	Road Salt
DLP	Phomopsis Canker (Phomopsis lokoyae)	NR	Redbelt
DLS	Sydowia (Sclerophoma) Tip Dieback (Sclerophoma pithyophila)	NS	Slide
DLV	Aspen-Poplar Twig Blight (Venturia spp.)	NW	Windthrow
	Dwarf Mistletoe	NWS	Windthrow - Soil Failure
DIVI	Douglas-fir Dwarf Mistletoe (Arceuthobium	INVIG	
DMF	douglasii)	NWT	Windthrow - Treatment or Harvest-related
DMH	Hemlock Dwarf Mistletoe (Arceuthobium tsugense)	NX	Wind scarring or rubbing
DML	Larch Dwarf Mistletoe (Arceuthobium laricis)	NY	Snow or Ice (includes snow press)
DMP	Lodgepole pine Dwarf Mistletoe (Arceuthobium americanum)	NZ	Sunscald
DR	Root Disease	P	
DRA	Armillaria Root Disease (Armillaria ostoyae)	PAX	Cone and Seedling Fungal Pathogens (Alternaria spp.)
DRA	Black Stain Root Disease (Leptographium	PBC	
DVD	wageneri) Laminated Root Rot (cedar strain) (Phellinus	FBC	Gray Mould (Botrytris cinerea)
DRC	weirii)	PCD	(Neonectria radicicola)
DRL	Laminated Root Rot (Fd form) (Inonotus sulphurascens)	PCF	Seed or Cold Fungus (Caloscypha fulgens)
DRN	Annosus Root Disease (Heterobasidion annosum)	PCP	Inland Spruce Cone Rust (Chrysomyxa pirolata)
DRR	Rhizina Root Disease (Rhizina undulata)	PFX	(Fusarium spp.)
DRS	Schweinitzii Butt Rot (Phaeolus schweinitzii)	PPG	Damping-off Disease (Phoma glomerata)
DRT	Tomentosus Root Rot (Inonotus tomentosus)	PPX	(Penicillium spp.)
DS	Stem Diseases (Cankers and Rusts)	PTX	(Trichothecium spp.)
DSA	Atropellis Canker (Lodgepole pine) (Atropellis piniphila)	т	Treatment Injuries

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DSB	White pine Blister Rust (Cronartium ribicola)	тс	Chemical Injury
DSC	Comandra Blister Rust (Cronartium comandrae)	TL	Logging Wounds
DSE	Sooty Bark Canker (Encoelia pruinosa)	ТМ	Other Mechanical Damage (non-logging)
DSG	Western Gall Rust (Endocronartium harknessii)	TP	Planting (incorrectly planted)
DSH	Hypoxylon Canker (Entoleuca (Hypoxylon) mammatum)	ТРМ	Planting (poor microsite)
DSP	Cryptosphaeria Canker (Cryptosphaeria populina)	TR	Pruning Wound
DSR	Ceratocystis Canker (Ceratocystis fimbriata)	ТТ	Thinning or Spacing Wound
DSS	Stalactiform Blister Rust (Cronartium coleosporioides)	V	Problem Vegetation
DST	Target Canker (Nectria galligena)	VH	Herbaceous Competition
DSY	Cytospora Canker (Cytospora chrysosperma)	VP	Vegetation Press
		VS	Shrub Competition
		VT	Tree Competition