

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLAN #684 AMENDMENT #14 FOR THE REMOVAL OF TIMBER TO REDUCE THE FUEL HAZARD NEAR CHU CHUA & FIRE SALVAGE NEAR DIXON LAKE

Tolko's Southern Interior Woodlands has an approved Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) #684 that encompasses the Kamloops, Merritt and Okanagan Timber Supply Areas (TSA), Tree Farm Licence #49 and a portion of the Arrow and Boundary TSAs. Each of these areas are in a Forest Development Unit (FDU) where timber harvesting and road construction activities may occur under the plan.

This proposed amendment is part of a strategic project identified by Simpcw to reduce the fuel hazard near the community of Chu Chua. Work is planned to occur on the benches and slopes along the east side of the North Thompson River from the Genier Lake area north to McTaggart Lakes. To successfully implement the identified fuel reduction strategies, an FSP amendment is proposed to allow for the road construction and harvest of timber to reduce tree densities and create more open forest conditions. The work includes partial harvest in mature stands in visually sensitive areas and deer winter range in areas greater than 40 ha along with a reduced stocking standard to promote more open stands with a deciduous component. The viewpoint locations applicable to this amendment are along Highway 5 near Darlington looking east towards Chu Chua. Tolko is working closely with Simpcw and local landowners to implement this project with the intent of starting operations in the spring of 2026.

This amendment also includes an alternate strategy for visual quality to allow for fire salvage in an area viewed from Dixon Lake east of Barriere.

The public, stakeholders, First Nations and other interested parties may provide comments specific to Tolko's planned amendment to Section 5.3.4 "KHLPO Deer", Section 5.14 "Wildlife and Biodiversity – Landscape Level, Section 5.19.3 "Visual Quality in Scenic Areas with a VQO" and Section 7 Stocking Standards. The proposed amendment will be available for Review and Comment from August 21, 2025 to October 21, 2025 at Tolko's Heffley Creek office. Hours of viewing will be between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday excluding holidays.

Tolko Southern Interior Woodlands Office - Address & Location
6275 Old Hwy 5, Heffley Creek BC V2H 1T8 (located 2 km south of the Sun Peak turnoff)

Interested persons can schedule an appointment by calling Jamie Skinner, RPF at 250-318-3779 or email jamie.skinner@tolko.com. All written comments must be received before 4:00 pm October 21st to be considered for this amendment. The FSP is available for viewing online through Tolko's website at:

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