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Overlapping Data Procedures and Encumbrance Checking

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1.0 DISTURBANCE PARTIALLY OVERLAPS MFR* FG OPENINGS

- 1.1 See RISS
- 1.2 Create new Opening
- 1.3 Update all required information
- 1.4 Note Opening ID(s) of any overlapping Openings in RESULTS General Comments
- 1.5 Send list of affected (by overlap) openings to the Forest Practices Branch RESULTS Coordinator (Caroline.MacLeod@gov.bc.ca) along with the date that they were submitted to RESULTS.

* MFR includes Licensee FG Openings and pre-87 not in TFL. Where Opening is Licensee FG declared, verify FG status with district.

2.0 DISTURBANCE PARTIALLY OVERLAPS NON-FG MFR* OPENING(S)

- 3.1 See RISS
- 3.2 Create new Opening
- 3.3 Update all required information
- 3.4 Update/amend existing Opening(s) to remove the disturbed area
 - (a) Obtain Opening information from District
 - (b) Update Forest Cover with revised area (attribute & spatial)
 - (c) Update SP Map, NAR and Gross Area (where required)
 - (d) Edit future planned treatment hectares to reflect new hectares
- 3.5 Include adjusted Opening ID(s) for QA

* MFR includes Licensee FG Openings and pre-87 not in TFL. Where Opening is Licensee FG declared, verify FG status with district.

3.0 DISTURBANCE COMPLETELY OVERLAPS MFR* OPENING(S)

3.6 See RISS – Create new opening

3.7 Submit old Opening(s) for removal or amalgamation (amalgamation may not be available)

3.8 Include old Opening ID(s) for QA (after removal or amalgamation).

4.0 DISTURBANCE OVERLAPS LICENSEE OPENINGS (AREAS NOT YET DECLARED FG OR WITHIN TFL)

4.1 See RISS

4.2 If overlap is greater than 1 ha:

- (a) Notify District/Licensee of disturbance (overlap area) and confirm correct boundaries where overlap area is confirmed from GPS data.
- (b) Adjust new Opening boundaries to exclude existing Licensee Openings (in RESULTS) where District / Licensee confirm existing boundary is correct.
- (c) Adjust new Opening boundaries to exclude any overlaps with TFL's.

4.3 If overlap is less than 1 ha:

- (a) The boundary with obligation will be considered correct and the recipient will adjust the FFT boundary.

4.4 If overlap is less than 1 ha and the two conflicting adjacent areas that have had silviculture activities during the same reporting period

- (a) No change to the boundary is required by the recipient.

5.0 ACCURACY OF GPS BOUNDARIES AND ENCOMBRANCE CHECKS

5.1 Overlapping Accuracy

- (a) See SISG (Silviculture Information Specification Guidebook) pages 101 – 102, Mapping Standards

* Mapping accuracy issues arise from adjusting the GPS boundary for some items and not for other features, which compromises the original GPS data (e.g., adjustments that overlap Licensee openings, regardless of the accuracy of the licensee opening boundary; not adjusting for features (Lakes, Rivers, etc.)).

5.2 Spatial/Encumbrance Checks

- (a) New Openings require checks against encumbrances
 - i. Mapview
 - 1. Silviculture
 - a. Opening
 - b. Silviculture Forest cover Polygons
 - ii. ILRR
 - 1. Forest Tenures (TFL)

2. Range rights
3. Research plots
4. Trap Lines
5. Ungulate Winter Range
6. Private land
7. Oil, gas, and mineral rights

(b) Additional Encumbrance Checks (not yet mandatory).

i. Mapview

1. Forest Tenure
 - a. Approved Cutblocks
 - b. Pending Cutblocks
 - c. Approved Cutting Permits