Spelkúmtn Community Forest – 2021 Proposed Harvesting Summary

Lil'wat Forestry Ventures on behalf of the Spelkúmtn Community Forest is seeking review and comment regarding the proposed harvesting and associated road construction for cutblocks GC10B, GC10C, GC11 and GC12. These blocks are proposed to be harvested under the Spelkúmtn Community Forest tenure agreement, a partnership between the Lil'wat Nation and the Village of Pemberton. The proposed harvesting and road building details are provided below.

Block Name(s): GC10B, GC10C, GC11 and GC12

Block Descriptions:

GC10B, GC10C, GC11 and GC12 are located between 4.5km and 7.0km on the Green River FSR. The blocks are accessed via the existing Green River FSR and existing spur road Br GC7-1. Harvesting operations will utilize the existing roads and planned road systems as illustrated on the attached maps. All spur roads planned for construction or upgrades to existing spurs required for harvest operations are included in this referral.

The blocks are immature second growth stands ~ 55 years, Douglas fir leading with minor amounts of western red cedar, western hemlock and a component of deciduous stems (Alder, Cottonwood, Maple) are present in wetter portions of the blocks.

The blocks are rolling to moderately steep with slopes ranging from generally flat to moderately steep (15-55%). The blocks are ecologically characterized as CWHds1 zonal sites with some wetter and richer areas adjacent to seepages and small creeks. The blocks are planned for ground-based harvesting utilizing hoe forwarding/ground skidding. The blocks will be harvested under a clearcut with reserves / retention silviculture system with retention planned at 5-10 sph across each cutblock. Retention will be arranged as individual dispersed retention trees and small patches (5-20 trees/patch).

Block	Net Area (ha)	Species Mix	Harvest Type	Slope	Estimated volume (m3)	Age Class	Length New Road (m)
GC10B	4.4	Fd(CwHw)	Ground	10-55%	2200 m3	2 nd Growth	0m
GC10C	3.7	FdCw(HwDrAct)	Ground	10-55%	1850 m3	2 nd Growth	~225m
GC11	4.0	FdCw(Hw)	Ground	10-40%	2000 m3	2 nd Growth	0m
GC12	6.0	FdCw(Hw)	Ground	10-40%	3000 m3	2 nd Growth	0m

Key Values and Issues:

Highlight the primary identified values, issues associated with the proposed cutblocks / roads:

Recreation – No recreation features or activities have been identified within the proposed block areas. General recreation / public use of the area is high due to the proximity to town and presence of multiple resource roads. Recreation activities generally occurring are dog walking, target shooting, ATV and 4x4 driving. No specific management for recreation is required. Through a public information sharing process operational plans for activities within the Spelkúmtn Community Forest will be shared with the Village of Pemberton and with the Lil'wat Nation. All parties will be made aware of harvesting plans and road use restrictions or closures prior to and during active harvest operations.

Riparian – There are several small S6 creeks and non-classified drainages (NCDs) flowing through the block areas. A qualified person has assessed all riparian areas and prescribed appropriate management to maintain riparian areas function prior to harvest commence.

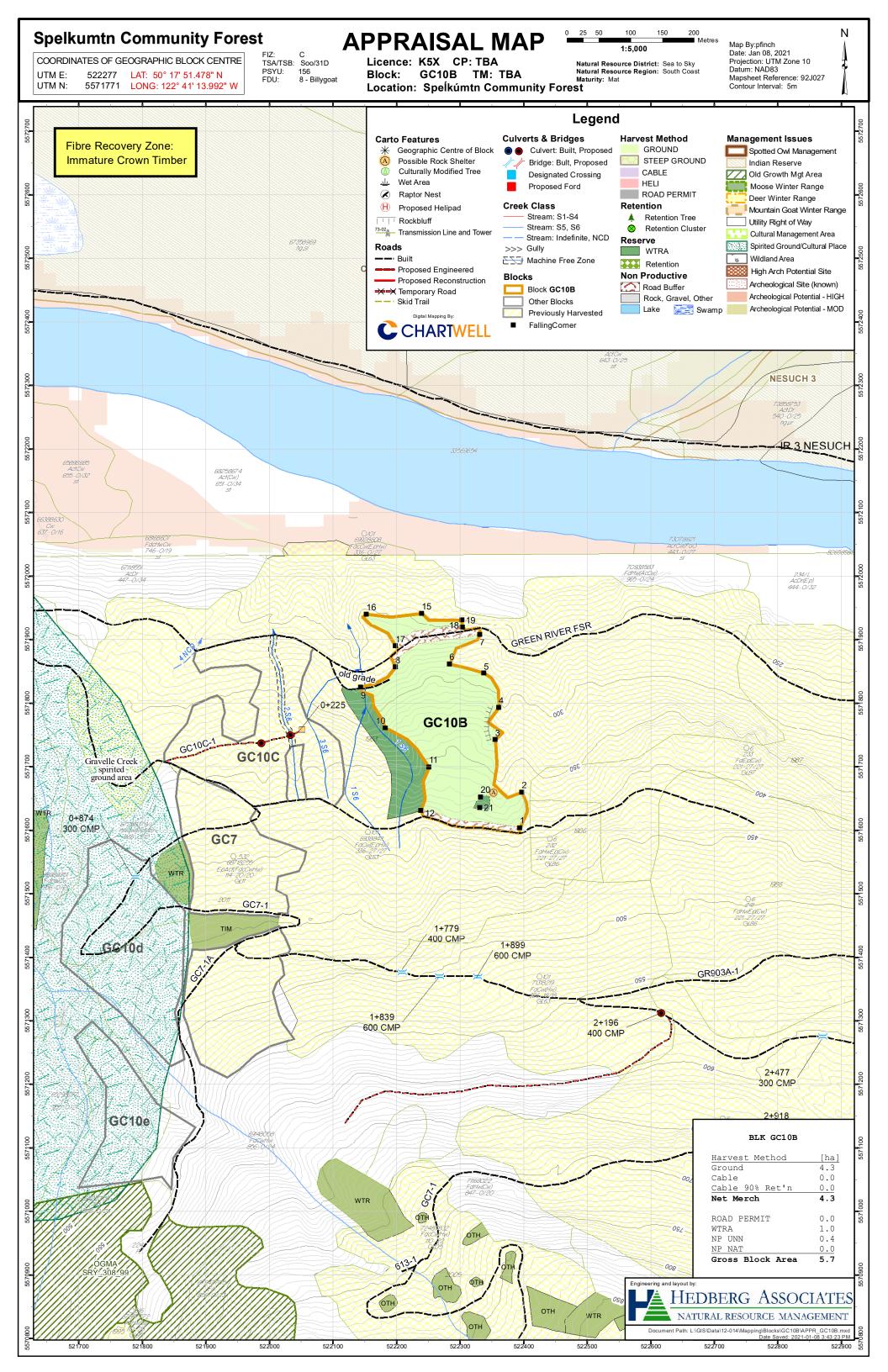
Terrain Stability – There are no slopes exceeding 60% within the block areas. There are no signs or evidence of historical slope stability issues within any portion of the cutblocks. Planned harvesting activities are appropriate to maintain slope stability and soil disturbance within acceptable limits.

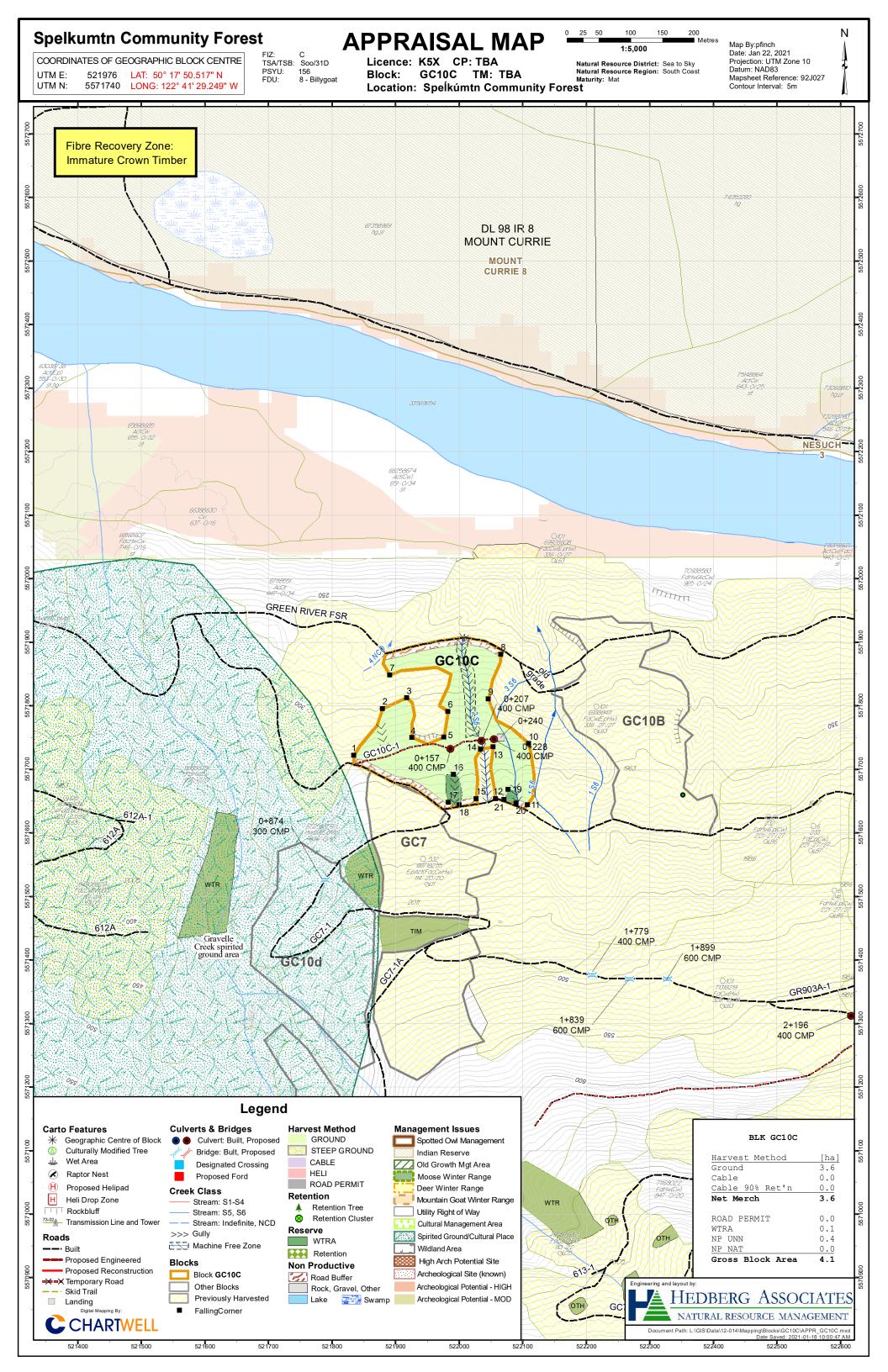
Visuals – All of the blocks are located within an area of the landscape to which a Visual Quality Objective of "Partial Retention" applies. The cutblocks have been designed with the principles of good visual design and are expected to be only partially visible from any significant public viewpoints with significant screening occurring from boundary location, retention trees and topography of the valley. A formal Visual Impact Assessment will be prepared if further planning indicates visual impact studies are required. Following harvesting the blocks will be consistent with the criteria for "partial retention" and the visual impact will be acceptable.

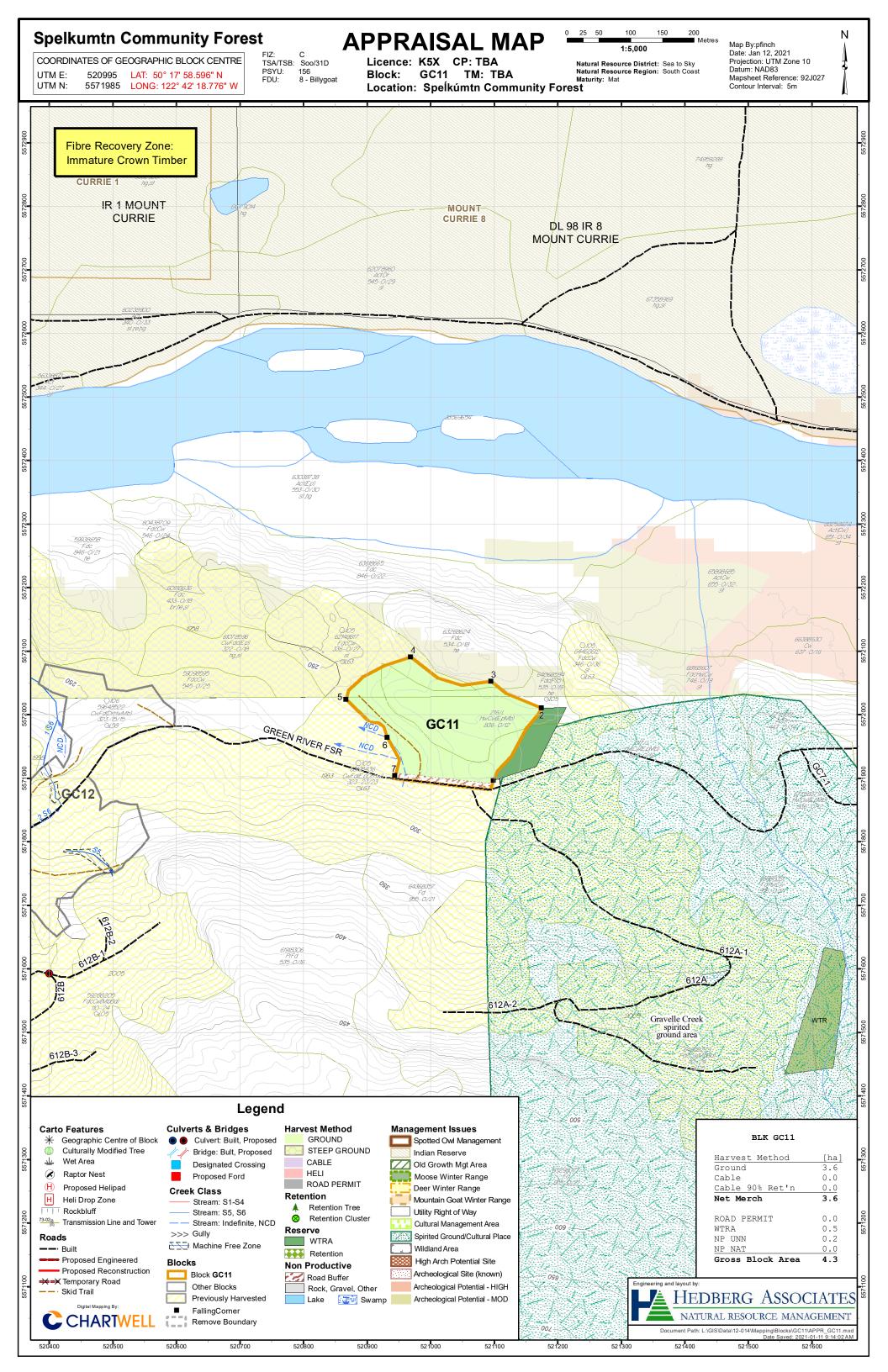
Wildfire – These blocks are not located within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) as the Lillooet and Green Rivers provide a significantly fuel break between residential areas and the block location. Normal utilization of harvestable material, combined with roadside processing area clean up and piling of woody waste materials for disposal, both at roadsides and within the block area will ensure that the post-harvest wildfire risk of this area is not increased by harvest.

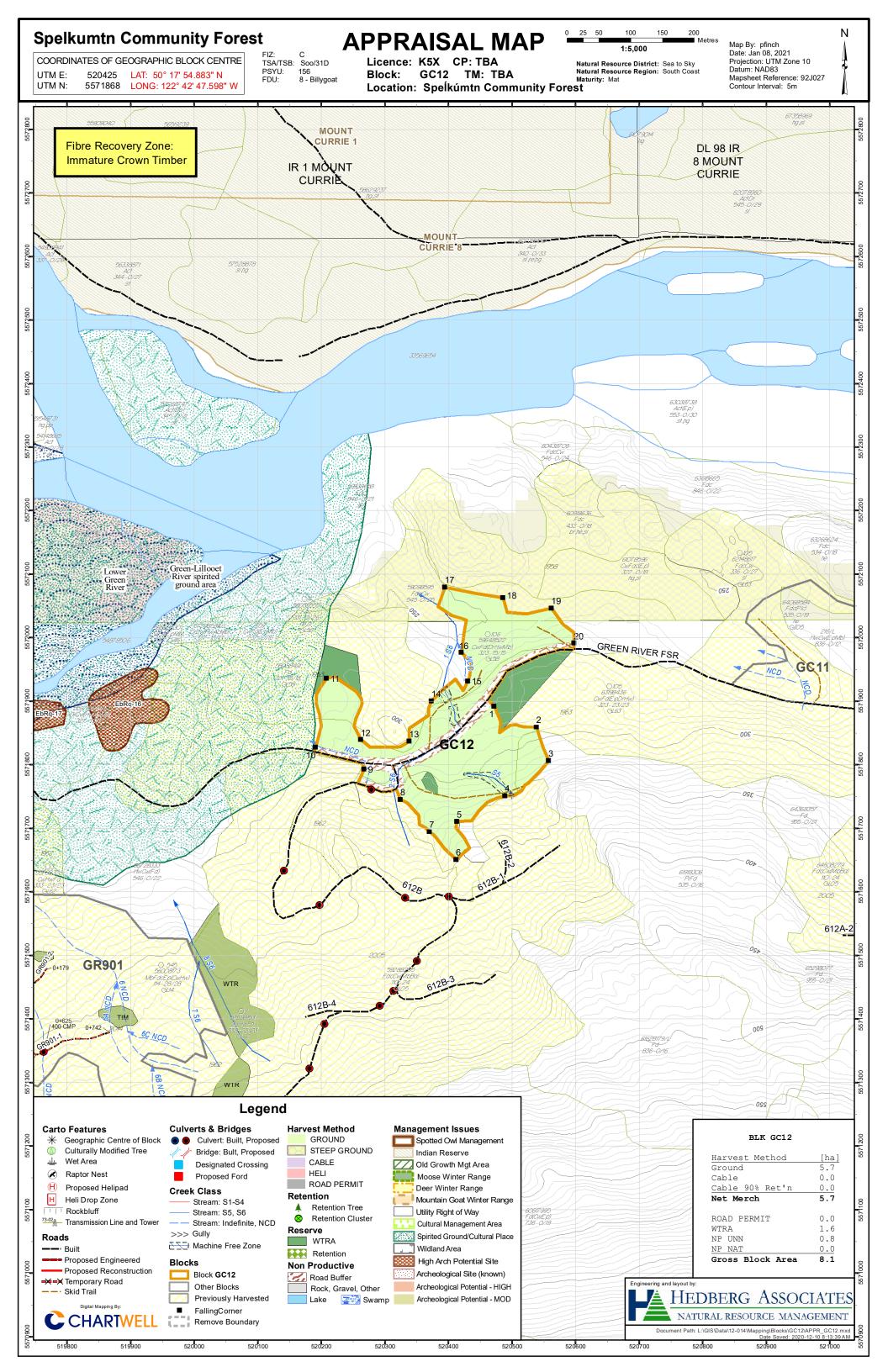
Wildlife – There is no significant wildlife habitat or critical wildlife features identified within the planned harvest areas. There have been no significant wildlife sightings or evidence of critical areas or features for wildlife use within the blocks. There is evidence of use by a variety of wildlife species throughout the area. Harvest of the blocks will maintain some of the existing wildlife features currently in place and it is anticipated that harvest will increase the amount of early seral stage browse species available for wildlife use following harvest. The block will have appropriate Wildlife Tree Retention Areas (WTRA) established which will maintain a component of wildlife trees appropriate for wildlife use in the general area.

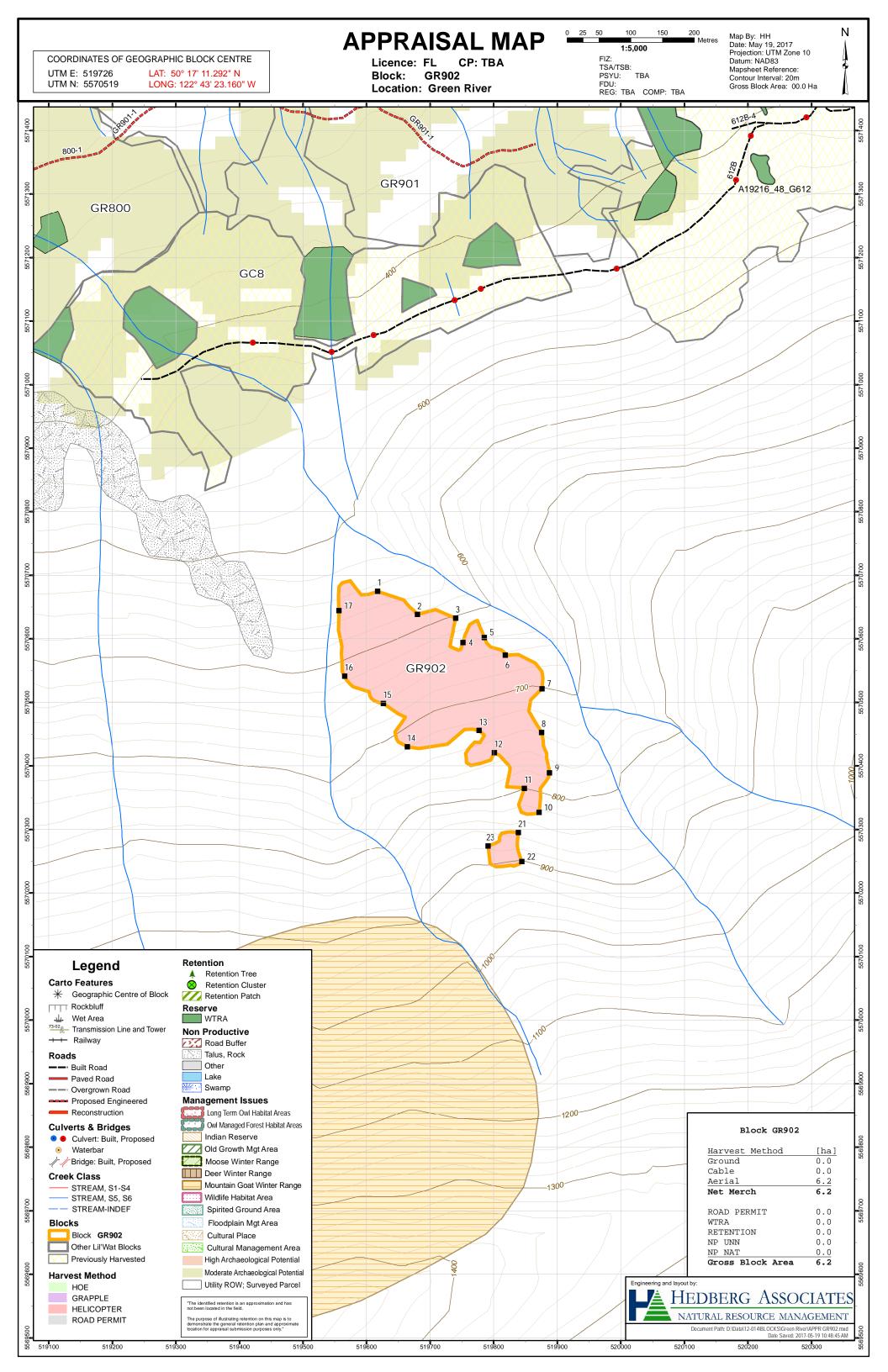
If you have questions or to provide feedback about the harvest plans, please contact Klay Tindall, RPF, of Lil'wat Forestry Ventures at klay.tindall@lilwat.ca or (604) 894-6115 ext. 2250.











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2021 Layout Plan Five Year Overview



Natural Resource District: Sea to Sky Natural Resource Region: South Coast Map By:pfinch Date: Feb 24, 2021 Projection: UTM Zone 10



