

# **Timber Sale Agreement**

## **Request for Bids Information Package**

### **TSA-007-18 – Content East**

Forestry and Wildlife Branch  
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**Timber Sale Agreement (TSA)**  
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**Application Deadline: OPEN**

**Minimum Acceptable Bid: \$28,662.00**

**Please review the Timber Sale Agreement Application Guide  
for full details regarding applying for this TSA.**

A Timber Sale Agreement is a contractual agreement between government and a registered company, for the harvest and extraction of timber from forested parcels of crown land. Any registered business that qualifies and has an interest in harvesting these areas may bid in an open and fair, competitive bidding process. All TSA areas are approved through existing five-year Forestry and Annual Operating Plan approvals and have been vetted through Environmental Assessment.

The Province is seeking candidates to bid on standing timber with the intent to harvest and utilize the fibre for value added markets. Applications will be assessed and ranked using a predetermined evaluation matrix based on the following criteria:

- value of bid;
- commercial viability and value of manufacturing;
- applicants proximity to Timber Sale Agreement area;
- potential employment of the application;
- companies ability to meet regulatory compliance; and
- The applicant's operational capacity.

Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture herby invite submissions of sealed bids for **TSA-007-18 Content East**.

Companies are required to submit a suitable proposal that clearly demonstrates their ability to meet their plan objectives. To submit a bid, candidates must complete and submit a **Timber Sale Agreement Application Form** and provide any additional information to help support their bid. This may include further business information, a revised resource access plan, details on their proposed operations and harvesting schedule.

## TSA DESCRIPTION

TSA-007-18 Content East is located in the general vicinity of the Town of Gambo. The area is located in Forest Management District 05 and is managed by the Gambo Forestry and Wildlife District Office.

## ACCESS

The approved harvest location may be accessed as follows:

From the community of Gambo, located on the Trans-Canada Highway (Route1), travel east for approximately 47 kilometres to the Drovers Ridge Resource Road. Take the Drovers Ridge Resource Road and travel approximately 32 kilometres to arrive at the TSA location.

**See Appendix A - Map of Timber Sale Agreement location.**

## TIMBER VOLUME

The total land area within the proposed block is an estimated 1026 hectares with approximately 264 hectares being considered merchantable forest. For operational purposes, Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture identifies a merchantable stand as, achieving a volume greater than 60 cubic meters per hectare and generally greater than 60 years of age.

Within the estimated 264 hectares of merchantable forest area, the total net cruise is approximately 28,662 m<sup>3</sup> of mixed species.

The species breakdown within the merchantable forest area is roughly:

- 28,408 m<sup>3</sup> more or less, of softwood (Swd), comprised of 24,716 m<sup>3</sup> more or less, of Black Spruce (bS) and 3,475 m<sup>3</sup> more or less Balsam Fir (bF); and 217 m<sup>3</sup> classified as other Swd species.
- 254 m<sup>3</sup> more or less, of hardwood (Hwd)

**See Appendix B: Map of Timber Sale Agreement Area**

**See Appendix C: TSA Merchantable Volume Computation Sheet**

**Notes / Disclaimers:**

- The estimated timber volume is based on a cruise sample of the proposed cutting area. The actual timber volume may be higher or lower. A map indicating the cruised stands is included in this invitation.
- The estimated volumes are not based on taper equations or site specific conditions (rot, steep slopes).
- Timber Sale Agreement Areas may contain silviculturally treated stands (e.g. PCT, Planting, etc.). These stands are generally not included in volume estimates are not approved for harvest.
- Applicants are strongly advised to verify all timber volumes in this invitation prior to submitting a bid.
- Regardless of the methods used in the cruising of timber, Fisheries and Land Resources does not guarantee timber volumes or species composition.
- Fisheries and Land Resources is not responsible for the profitability of timber harvesting operations carried out under this invitation.

## RESOURCE ROAD REQUIREMENTS

All activities related to resource access are the responsibility of the Company. All forestry operations on Crown land must comply with the *Forestry Act*, associated regulations, and all other municipal, provincial and federal laws and regulations. All road construction activities must be done so in accordance with the Department’s Environmental Management System and must follow standard operating procedures.

All resource road construction and maintenance must be in accordance with applicable legislation and follow the **Construction Standards for Resource Roads in Newfoundland and Labrador**.

### Overview of Resource Road Responsibilities

Component	TSA Operational Roads/Landings/Trails
Planning	FLR propose, applicant must accept or resubmit for approval
Layout	TSA Holder
Construction	TSA Holder
Maintenance	TSA Holder
Decommissioning / Rehabilitation	Not Applicable

Applicants are asked to review the suggested Resource Access Plan before submitting bids. All parties encouraged to visit the TSA area to verify the information presented in this package. If the applicant determines that revisions are necessary to the suggested Resource Access Plan, then they must submit a revised Resource Access plan for review and consideration with their bid.

# SUGGESTED RESOURCE ACCESS PLAN

## 1. Intent and Scope of Work

The intent of these Road Construction Specifications is to identify and describe the following:

- I. Grading 44 kilometers of Drovers Ridge Resource Road from the Trans-Canada Highway to the end of the Content East harvest area.
- II. Upgrade and alder removal of approximately 13 kilometers along sections of the Drover's Ridge Resource Road.
- III. Installation of one turnaround at the end of the TSA harvest area.

**See Appendix D: Suggested Resource Access Map**

## 2. Summary of Items

Item:	Description	Unit	Quantity
1.	Grading	Kilometre	44
2.	Upgrade	Kilometre	13
3.	Turnaround Construction	Each	1

## 3. Road Specifications

The driving surface width of a Class D resource road is 3.5 - 4.5 metres.

## 4. Upgrade

The TSA Holder shall upgrade the existing resource road to a Class D specification. This will include:

- i) alder removal (13 Kilometers);
- ii) ditching (where required);
- iii) installing a turnaround at the end of upgrade; and
- iv) grading (44 Kilometres)

All areas for alder removal and ditching will be identified by the district resource roads inspector.

### Notes / Disclaimers:

- Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture is not responsible for access to the proposed cutting block.
- Approval of the application does not warrant unimpeded access to the proposed area as a result of natural occurrences or otherwise.

- Road construction is not to begin until TSA contract has been signed.
- All work will be monitored by the Department of Fisheries and Land Resources.

## HOW TO SUBMIT BID:

Bid packages can be submitted anytime.

Packages may be submitted by:

1. Regular Mail:

TSA Selection Committee  
c/o Director Forestry Regional Services  
Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture  
192 Wheelers Road  
P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook, NL A2H OJ1

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**Note:** If submitting by regular mail, please ensure you allow enough time for the application to be received before the closing date.

2. Electronic Mail:

Email complete applications to: [timbersaleagreement@gov.nl.ca](mailto:timbersaleagreement@gov.nl.ca)  
Subject Line: **TSA-007-18 Content East**

3. Delivered in Person:

TSA Selection Committee  
c/o Director Forestry Regional Services  
Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture  
192 Wheelers Road  
P.O. Box 2006, Corner Brook, NL A2H OJ1

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Completed Applications will **not** be accepted:

- via Facsimile Transmission (FAX); or

- At local Forest Management District Offices.

**Notes/Disclaimers:**

- An applicant must comply with the requirements of this invitation.
- An applicant cannot withdraw its application after the deadline for submitting applications has passed.
- An applicant may withdraw its application prior to the deadline for submitting applications, by submitting a letter requesting the withdrawal. This letter must be:
  - received before the deadline of submission; and
  - Signed by the applicant.
- An applicant is not required to submit a down payment at the time of bid submission.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all relevant information is supplied at the time of submission.
- Successful applicants will be notified by the Director, Forestry Regional Services of their bid acceptance within 30 days of the application deadline.
- All documents submitted to Fisheries and Land Resources, become the property of the Province, and will be subject to the disclosure provisions under the *Freedom of Information Act*.

## ATTACHMENTS

- Appendix A - Map of Timber Sale Agreement Location
- Appendix B - Map of Timber Sale Agreement Area
- Appendix C - TSA Merchantable Volume Computation Sheet
- Appendix D - Suggested Resource Access Map

## TSA APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- I have read and understood the Timber Sale Agreement Application Guide.
- I have included a completed TSA Application Form.
- I have included additional business information (if applicable).
- I have included a revised resource access plan (if applicable).
- I have included a proposed harvesting schedule (if applicable).

## Appendix A

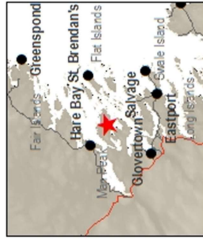
### Map of Timber Sale Agreement Location



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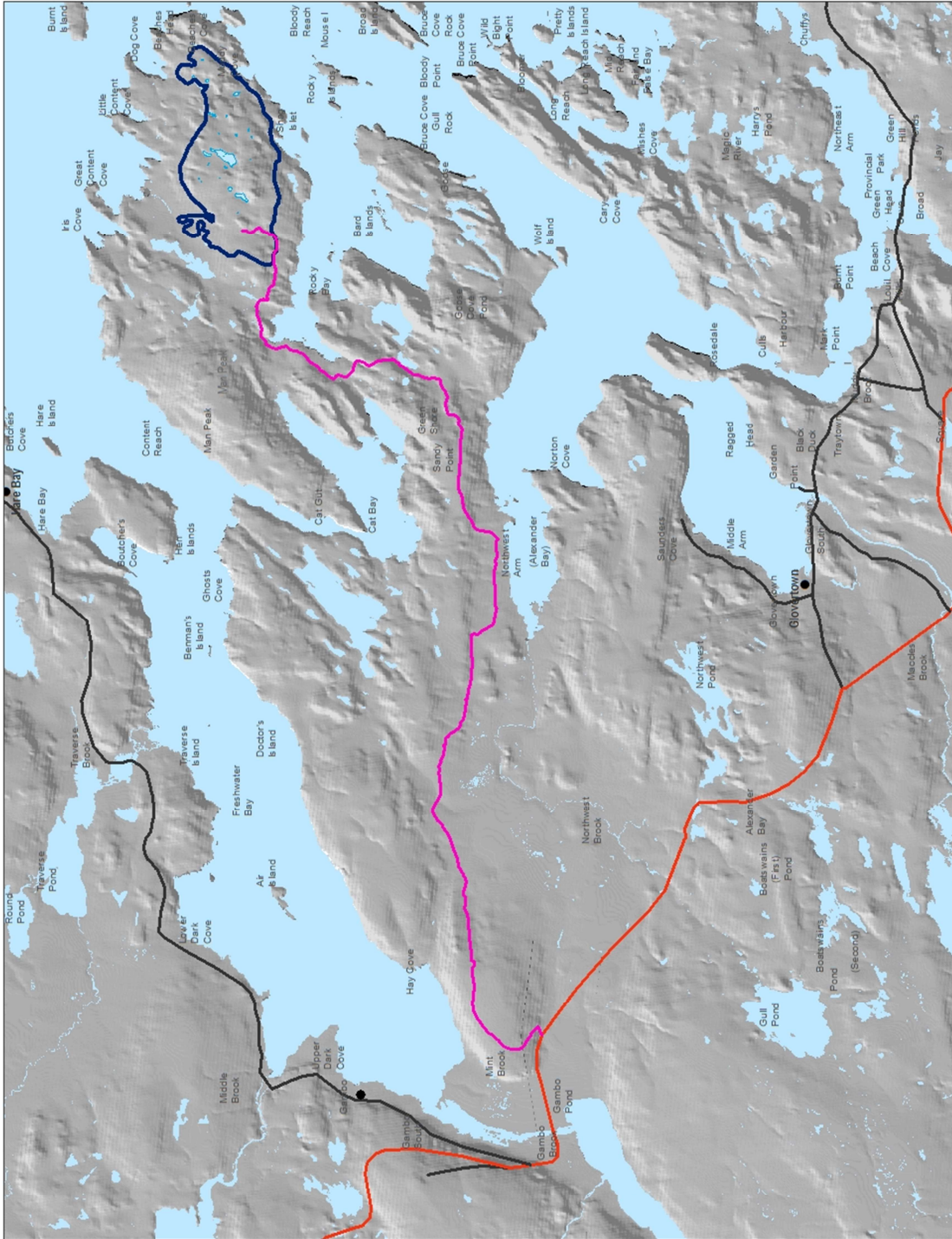
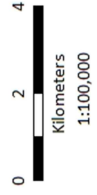
LOCATION MAP

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**Forest Management District (FMD): 05**



## Map Legend

- Paved Road
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- Existing Road Resource Road
- Content East TSA Area
- WaterBody



## Appendix B

### Map of Timber Sale Agreement Area



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Timber Sale Agreement (TSA)

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Forest Management District (FMD): 05



### Map Legend

- Cruise Plot Location - With Identifier
- ID
- Water
- Volume Calculation Stands - With Identifier
- No Volume Calculated
- Planting
- Water Buffer
- TSA Boundary



### TSA Data Summary:

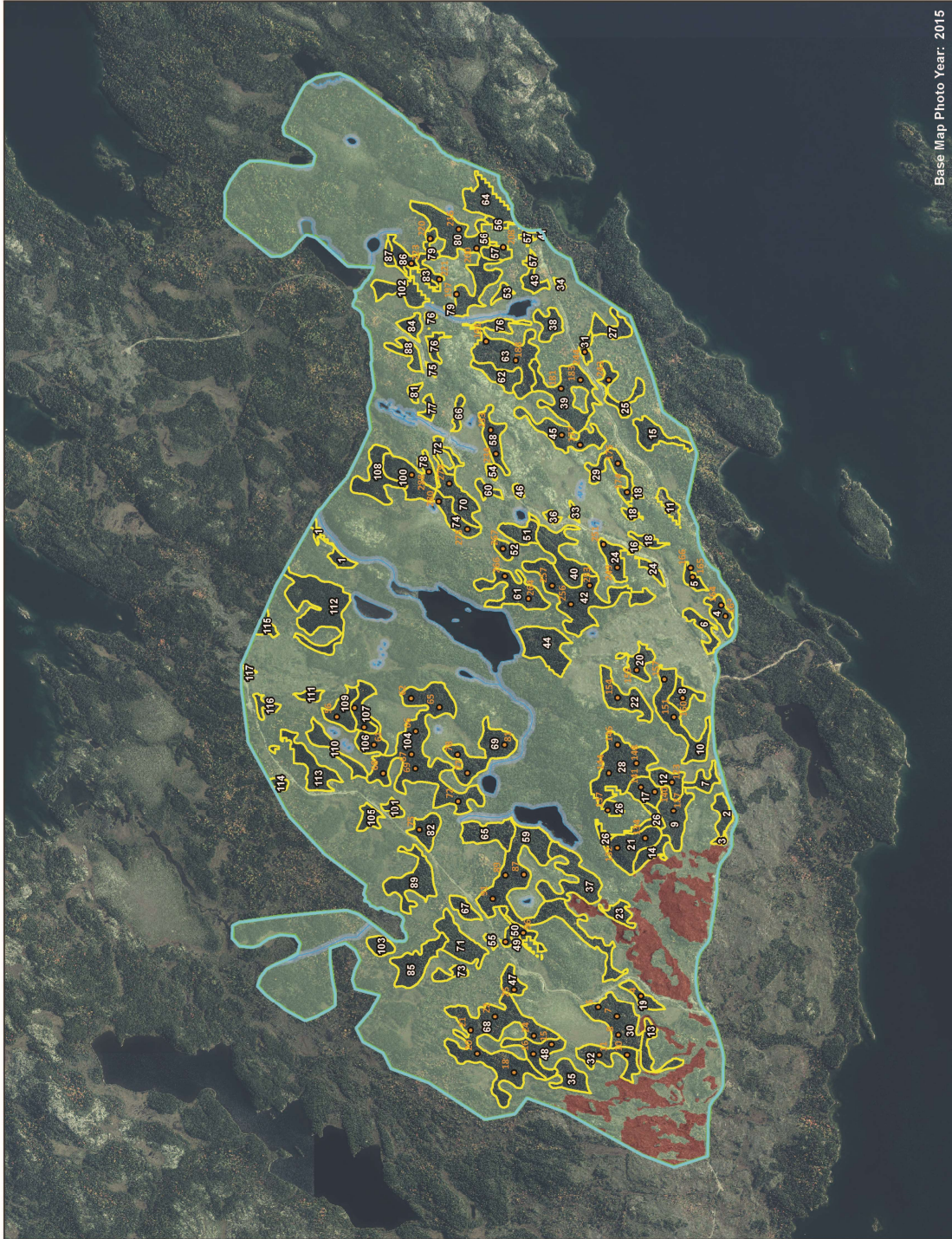
Number of Sample Plots: 92  
 Total Stand Area: 264 ha  
 Softwood Volume: 28,408m<sup>3</sup>  
 Hardwood Volume: 254m<sup>3</sup>  
 Total Volume: 28,662m<sup>3</sup>

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0 250 500 750 1,000  
Meters

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Base Map Photo Year: 2015

## Appendix C

### TSA Merchantable Volume Compilation Sheet

## Volume Report: TSA 007-18 – Content East

Stand ID	Stand Type	Softwood Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Hardwood Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Total Volume (m <sup>3</sup> )	Area (ha)
1	bSbF543P	85	2	87	1
2	bS542P	143	7	150	1
3	bSbF542M	40	0	40	0
4	bS552M	316	0	316	2
5	bS542M	119	1	120	1
6	bS542M	211	2	213	2
7	bSbF542M	187	0	187	1
8	bS552M	318	0	318	2
9	bS542M	503	5	508	4
10	bS543M	424	0	424	5
11	bSbFwB542M	141	4	145	1
12	bS543M	158	0	158	2
13	bS542M	245	3	248	2
14	bS542M	193	2	195	1
15	bS542M	332	3	335	2
16	bS542P	11	1	12	0
17	bSbF542M	293	0	293	2
18	bS542M	192	2	194	1
19	bS533P	33	0	33	1
20	bSbF543M	242	0	242	2
21	bSbF543M	491	0	491	4
22	bSbF542M	484	0	484	3
23	bS542P	122	6	128	1
24	bS542P	257	13	270	3
25	bS542M	288	3	291	2
26	bSbF542M	344	0	344	2
27	bS542P	181	9	190	2
28	bS543M	595	0	595	7
29	bs543m	226	0	226	3
30	bS543M	445	0	445	5
31	bS552M	117	0	117	1
32	bS542M	413	4	417	3
33	bS543P	23	0	23	0
34	bS542M	30	0	30	0
35	bS543M	185	0	185	2
36	bS543P	30	0	30	0

37	bS543P	409	0	409	5
38	bS532M	122	1	123	2
39	bS542M	857	9	866	6
40	bS543P	348	0	348	4
41	bSwB543M	11	0	11	0
42	bSbF543M	1,088	0	1,088	8
43	bS542M	135	1	136	1
44	bS542P	439	22	461	4
45	bSbF542M	574	0	574	4
46	bS543P	27	0	27	0
47	bS542M	180	2	182	1
48	bS542M	382	4	386	3
49	bS553M	45	0	45	0
50	bF543M	101	1	102	1
51	bS543P	146	0	146	2
52	bS543M	67	0	67	1
53	bS542P	56	3	59	1
54	bS543M	29	0	29	0
55	bS543M	22	0	22	0
56	bSbFwB553M	32	9	41	1
57	bS542M	237	2	239	2
58	bSbF543P	171	5	176	2
59	bS543M	1,035	0	1,035	12
60	bS543M	59	0	59	1
61	bS543P	332	0	332	4
62	bS542P	198	10	208	2
63	bS542M	831	9	840	6
64	bS542P	341	17	358	3
65	bFbS543M	273	4	277	3
66	bS643P	42	1	43	1
67	bS543M	101	0	101	1
68	bS543M	1,105	0	1,105	13
69	bS543P	414	0	414	5
70	bS543M	263	0	263	3
71	bSbF543P	252	7	259	4
72	bS543P	88	0	88	1
73	bSbF543P	65	2	67	1
74	bS543P	170	0	170	2
75	bSbF542M	22	0	22	0
76	bSbF543P	157	4	161	2
77	bSbF543M	78	0	78	1

78	bS553M	121	0	121	1
79	bS543P	144	0	144	2
80	bS542M	1,186	12	1,198	9
81	bSbF542M	68	0	68	0
82	bS543M	168	0	168	2
83	bSbFwB553M	32	9	41	1
84	bSbF542M	155	0	155	1
85	bSbF543M	468	0	468	4
86	bS542P	139	7	146	1
87	bSbF533P	21	0	21	0
88	bSbF542M	213	0	213	1
89	bS542M	571	6	577	4
100	bS533P	86	0	86	3
101	bS543M	63	0	63	1
102	bSbF543M	300	0	300	2
103	bS442M	152	4	156	1
104	bS543M	1,189	0	1,189	14
105	bS543M	103	0	103	1
106	bS543P	146	0	146	2
107	bS553M	225	0	225	2
108	bFbS642M	564	24	588	4
109	bS542M	309	3	312	2
110	bS542M	300	3	303	2
111	bS543P	52	0	52	1
112	bSbF542M	1,201	0	1,201	8
113	bS542M	471	5	476	3
114	bS543P	39	0	39	0
115	bS542M	118	1	119	1
116	bS543P	63	0	63	1
117	bS543P	20	0	20	0
<b>Total:</b>		<b>28,408 m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>254 m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>28,662 m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>264 ha</b>

## Appendix D

### Suggested Resource Access Map



# Content East

ROAD MAP

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Forest Management District (FMD): 05



## Map Legend

- Water
- Contours
- Volume Calculation Stands - With Identifier
- No Volume Calculated
- Planting
- TSA Boundary
- Bog

## Road Work

- New - Temporary Crossing
- Erection Trail
- Upgrade - Road
- Grading

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