

Silvicultural Prescription Reviewers Course South-Western Ontario

1. PURPOSE:

The overall objective of the course is to increase the level of understanding of forest operations prescriptions in the areas of legislation and policy, background data requirements, decision-making rationale, and expectations regarding the intended future forest condition on patented land in southern Ontario. The specific objectives are as follows:

- I) to clarify the requirements of a good quality forest operations prescription, while allowing for some flexibility in the broader intent of a prescription
- II) to synthesize the related policy and legislation pertinent to patent lands,
- III) To increase compliance and reduce the risk of infractions during field operations.

2. INTENDED AUDIENCE:

Forestry consultants, municipal by-law enforcement officers, tree markers and other individuals who may be inexperienced in terms of silvicultural prescription development or review are the intended audience for this course.

- 1° - Individuals who review or must interpret forest operations prescriptions
- 2° - Prescription writers

3. TRAINING OBJECTIVES:

- i) Provide practitioners with the minimum requirements of a professionally developed silvicultural prescription
- ii) Synthesize related legislation and policy. Clarify the qualifications / licensing requirements for the design, specifying or approval of silvicultural prescriptions or treatments
- iii) Outline tree and habitat related data requirements used to prepare a stand summary
- iv) Provide background in the interpretation of forest level data for use in planning treatment strategies

4. PROPOSED DELIVERY DATE:

Tuesday, Oct 7 (1:00 pm) to Wednesday, Oct 8 (3:00 pm?), 2008

5. DELIVERY MECHANISM:

First $\frac{3}{4}$ day in classroom
Second $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ day in field

Total workshop duration 1.5 days

6. SUPPORTING MATERIALS:

All presentations will be delivered using PowerPoint.
CD's containing presentation materials and flash presentations of field visits will be provided

Other supporting material:

The relevant silvicultural guides (particularly the "Silvicultural Guide to Managing Southern Ontario Forests"), and existing documentation for FVS Ontario and SDMD (Stand Density Management Diagram

7. SPEAKERS:

Conformed:

- Ken Elliott
- Terry Schwan
- Bill Rose
- Dawn Burke
- Scott McPherson

To be conformed:

- Scott Reid
- Tony Jennings, OPFA legal considerations
- Al Stinson
- Al Corlett (In the case other won't be able to contribute)

7. DRAFT AGENDA:

Date and time	Topics	Speaker	min
Tuesday, October 7, 2008			
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Arrival, sign-in		60
1:00 – 1:05 pm	Welcome, housekeeping items, program agenda	Vern Nichols	5
1:05 – 1:50 pm	Introduction to prescription writing / interpretation (silvicultural basics) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ considering sustainability & developing the management objectives ▪ key role of the prescription, ▪ understanding the silvicultural systems (selection, shelterwood and clear cut systems, and plantation management) 	Ken Elliott or Scott Reid	45
1:50: 2:30 pm	Prescription development, review and implementation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ legislative & policy considerations 	Tony Jennings (OPFA) and Terry Schwan	
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Break		15
2:45 – 3:10 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ getting started – pulling together the background information ▪ existing information sources 	Bill Rose	25
3:10 – 3:50 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ collecting stand data (what to collect, why collect it, and how) 	Al Stinson	40
3:50 – 4:30 pm	Wildlife and habitat considerations	Dawn Burke	40
Wednesday, October 8, 2008			
8:15 – 8:45 am	Analyzing data to create a stand summary	Scott McPherson	30
8:45 – 9:25 am	Developing the prescription	Ken Elliott	40
9:25 – 10:10 am	Understanding how the stand will develop – useful models	Scott McPherson	45
10:10 – 11:00 am?	Travel to field sites and Lunch		180
11:00 – 1:00 pm	Field visits / discussions	?	
Travel Home			