

The logo for ATCO Wood Products features a stylized tree icon to the left of the text "ATCO" in a large, bold, serif font. Below "ATCO" is the text "WOOD PRODUCTS" in a smaller, all-caps, serif font, underlined.

ATCO

WOOD PRODUCTS

October 6, 2016

Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
202- 843 Rossland Ave,
Trail, B.C. VIR 4S8

Re: Atco Draft 2016- 2021 Forest Stewardship Plan

- 4) The use of the term "undertake to comply" rather than simply "to comply":

Interesting that the APC picked up on this issue. This is a matter that has been hotly debated by many foresters (both industry and government) and even stimulated foresters to seek direction from government lawyers. The reason that the wording "to comply" can't be used directly is that many of the objectives state targets that are not met, even before there are any forestry activities. In other words the objective(s) are sometimes target conditions that would ideally exist. Naturally if the target objective does not presently exist, then a forest licensee can only "undertake to comply with" and not "comply with".

If there is any further clarification that you would like to have, do not hesitate to contact me, either by email or phone (250-367-2525).

Thanks,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Ozanne".

Ron Ozanne

Ron Ozanne, RPF
Forestry Manager