

**FORRS – MAY 20, 2010 PUBLIC WORKSHOP  
COMMENTS – GLADING AND BRUSHING**

Where: Lepsoe Basin, South-west slopes of Mt. Crowe, east slope of Mt. Plewman

Impossible to determine where to glade.

Not an issue for cross-country skiers. (x2)

Is glading really necessary?

[Required for access] both up and down. Limbing and brushing.

Spacing and brushing

[Needed for] access routes.

Contact Atco and Ministry of Forests. (x3)

Glading and brushing at the direction of, or with input from Atco.

Plan with Atco

Planned:

- Ecological health must be considered, especially in light of climate disruption.
- Inventory is the only way to know for sure what the needs are of the forest ecosystem.
- [A program] would fall out of the process whereby values are identified; then areas where recreational development might be feasible would be identified. Until broader values are identified, it is not possible to identify these areas. People are flexible in this regard, Grizzly bears are not. Broader values must be acknowledged and considered.
- Agree on access [needed]. Look at lower third of slopes.
- Too much clearing may concentrate use, encourage too much use.
- Ski runs [are] contentious – only limited.
- Focus on main access routes, and make safe, e.g. remove deadfall.
- Consider avalanche safety. (x2)
- Fire prevention management: clear out underbrush, plan community fire interface.
- Selective logging?
- Improving wildlife habitat.
- In new cutblocks, plan with Atco and Ministry of Forests for some skier access routes.
- Rules: How high to limb, how to cut.
- Glading for safety and firesmarting (x3)
- Thinning to be based on forestry needs, fire protection
- Thinning based on forestry, fire and habitat needs

Insure workers have proper training on equipment and techniques. (x2)

Consider what liabilities might be created. X2)

With climate disruption, the tree line will change.

“Garbage trees,” e.g. Alder, I would suggest are fair game.

Other land users should approve.

Control brushing so it doesn't affect habitat.

Identify the areas and objectives of the glading and/or thinning.

Glading in non-merchantable timber is generally not an issue.

Glading? Spacing on productive forest land? Wildlife?

Trails no problem

Consider species of trees cut, also stand age and species diversity.

Erosion

Seasonal effects

Different users have different perceptions of “thinning” or what is desirable.