

Canaways Creek Community Group

Meeting with Forestry Tasmania April 3rd, 2007

Attendance

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Agenda

- 1) Agreement on agenda and review of actions arising from the previous meeting
- 2) Present updated FPP for CCCG input (F/T Agenda Ref. No 1)
- 3) Discuss issues from CCCG letter of 16th Feb 07 (No 27) regarding:
- 4) Provision of updated information and data for inclusion in discussion at next meeting
- 5) Discuss issues related to special values
- 6) Additional actions
- 7) Timetable to be allocated for completion of scheduled tasks (No 26)
- 8) Items for next meeting agenda

Meeting notes

- 1) Agreement on agenda and review of actions arising from the previous meeting
 - Action items were read out by Rod Hill and when asked about status, he said they would be addressed during the meeting
- 2) Present updated FPP for CCCG input (F/T Agenda Ref. No 1)
 - The FPP was presented by Brett Warren
 - Libby Chaplin explained again, that it was very difficult to understand what was being proposed without any documentation or maps to look at
 - Key points presented by FT included:
 - Chris Barry has prepared a draft set of prescriptions
 - Peter McIntosh, Senior Scientist (Soils and Water), Forest Practices Board has reviewed the soils of the area and characterized the soils as high erodable
 - As a result they have had to reduce the number of crossings
 - When asked if the Casson's Rd option was still being investigated, Brett said it was physically impossible

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- Brett Warren described the approach proposed in the draft plan which will mean cable logging most of the area. Areas that were selectively logged this time would be cable logged next time.
- Brett Warren said that they intend to clear fell the catchment using the PSR (Potential Saw Log Retention) method in 2007 and burn the coupe in 2007/08. They will retain logs greater than 1 metre and clear fell those 'potential saw logs' in ten years time.
 - Heather Chaplin said that in essence this means the entire catchment will be clear felled
 - Brett Warren agreed that this would be the case
 - Libby Chaplin noted that this was a change from the aggregate retention discussed as the method at the December meeting
 - Rena Dare suggested that it might be useful if Brett explained the difference between the two options
 - Brett Warren thought that would be difficult
 - Brett Warren said aggregate retention was not necessary
 - Rena Dare suggested it might be useful to look at the Warra Trial to see what it would look like
 - Philip Sansom raised the point that the regeneration at this site suggested that regeneration times were slow and it may be more productive to allow thin the coupe using selective logging to allow for higher quality trees
 - Brett Warren said that the trees were of good quality and there was not need for selective logging
- Brett Warren said that landscape values had been assessed and there were none
 - Libby asked if that were really the case given you can see it from Mt Field and Gordon River Rd
 - Brett Warren said there were no landscape values
- Brett Warren said that flora values had been assessed and there were none
 - Philip Sansom asked if the coupe was viable given how small it was and how much the road would cost
 - Brett Warren said that they used a rule of thumb. Every 10,000 tons would pay for about 1km of road
 - Libby Chaplin asked if an economic assessment was part of the FPP
 - Brett Warren said there was no economic assessment as part of the FPP
 - Brett Warren said he thought the coupe was about 70 – 80 years old, but that the wetter parts of the catchments has trees that could be 200 years old.
- Brett Warren said that heritage values had been assessed and there was nothing worthy of protection
 - Philip Sansom recalled his family history of the area, which suggested that it had been logged prior to 1900
 - Brett suggested this was not the only logging as commercial logging was not in operation until about 1930
 - Philip Sansom asked about the Tramway
 - Brett Warren said they would try to protect the main tramway, but it was not really worthy of protection. The main responsibility for them is to understand what was there and then move on. He suggested that Forestry Tasmania has received endorsement for its draft prescription for cultural heritage regarding the Tramway from Denise, the Forest Practices

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Archeologist. He said that she has agreed to allow the archeological study to be conducted after Forestry Operations had commenced.

- Brett Warrend showed a map that indicated that the bridge section of the Tramway is protected, but all other features are not protected
- Philip Sansom asked if the source of the catchment had been identified. He also noted that Dacre Chaplin told his father that the source of the creek was a cave. This could imply a cave in limestone, which geologically is possible since limestone crops out only 8 km away near Maydena, but at a much lower elevation.
 - Brett Warrant Forestry Tasmania was not aware of this
 - Heather Chaplin suggested it would be important to find out one way or the other if it was a karst system
- Brett Warren said that given there was evidence of slippage the code requires that slopes of > 19 degrees were avoided during ground based logging and slopes of > 26 degrees were avoided during cable logging
- Brett Warren said that stream reserves of 30 – 40 meters would be applied
 - Libby Chaplin asked if this meant that the 100 meter reserves presented by Rod Hill at the December meeting were not going to be applied
 - Brett Warren said that that was not necessary
 - Barbara Poynter asked if this was enough to protect habitat of the Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle and the Grey Goshawk
 - Brett Warren said unconcerned about the impact of logging operations on their habitat. If they are sighted during operations they would take action at that time
- Brett Warren said that given how unstable the soils were, soil would be back carted away
 - It is unclear whether a bridge or culvert will be used. It seems as though Dr Peter Macintosh recommended a bridge, but there was not agreement that this would take place. Dr Macintosh will visit the site (seems not to have visited it yet even though assessments have been made about soil and water) and confirm outcomes once the plan is final?
 - Barbara Poynter reiterated concerns about drinking water contamination from this coupe operation
- There was some discussion about what language in the presentation meant. Kim Brown sought to clarify the meaning of the words 'recommended' 'will' and 'shall'. Brett Warren and Rod Hill discussed this and could not confirm that anything was definite. Then it was agreed that 'will' meant 'will', but anything else was optional, depending on how operations progressed
- Libby asked again to see electronic copies of documents as it was impossible to understand what was going on without them
 - Rod Hill said that he would have to look at the FT policy, but that once the plan was final then we could get a copy
 - Kim Brown said that this was a problem since we would have not opportunity for input once it was final
- Heather Chaplin raised the issue of habitat protection again
 - Brett Warren agreed that there would be no habitat protection within the coupe
- Libby Chaplin asked about the need for an erosion and sediment control plan

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- Brett Warren said they could include a few more words in the plan if that would make us feel better
 - Libby Chaplin said she was not interested in words, but wanted to ensure that the mistakes made at Lou Chaplins were not repeated and that the way to do that was to prepare an erosion and sediment control plan
 - Brett Warren said they would use the code
 - Heather Chaplin showed a photo of Lou's creek to demonstrate how serious this issue is
 - Prue Quarmby asked if that would be sufficient
 - Libby Chaplin said that it was clear from the photographs of Lou's creek that the code had been applied and the contractors had probably done the right thing. However applying the generic requirements of the code proved inadequate there and would likely prove inadequate in Canaways as well. She explained that an erosion and sediment control plan would include such things as batter slopes and control measures such as silt fences, hay bales, geo-fabric, geo-fabric logs, mulching and planting
 - Brett Warren summarized by saying there were no landscape values, no flora values, no heritage values, and no triggers for geomorphology – until today when Philip Sansom mentioned the limestone.
 - Brett Warren said that there fauna could be important because of the Tasmanian Wedge-tailed Eagle and the Gosshawk
- 3) Rod Hill said the meeting had to end because it was 5:30.
- Agenda items 3 – 8 were not addressed. Rod said they could discuss them at the next meeting
 - Heather Chaplin suggested a date in April
 - Brett Warren said he did not want to have a meeting.
 - Rod Hill suggested that the next get together would be a field day
 - Libby Chaplin noted that no response had been received to any of our correspondence.
 - Rod Hill said he would respond tomorrow