

1.1 Forestry

Forests in the Central Okanagan are part of the Okanagan Shuswap Forest District, which is one of 29 Districts in the Province. Fifty-seven Ministry of Forests staff located in Vernon, Penticton and Salmon Arm provide stewardship over diverse forest and range ecosystems in the Okanagan, Lower Similkameen and Shuswap drainages.

The area is one of the most ecologically complex areas in the province and covers approximately 2.25 million hectares. The area is approximately 320 km long by 140 km wide and stretches from the U.S. border in the south to Seymour River/Shuswap Lake in the north. Approximately 1.4 million hectares are forest land, of which 73% are available for harvest.

Vegetation ranges from wet interior hemlock/cedar forests to semi-arid sagebrush. Lodgepole pine and Douglas fir are the dominant tree species. The area has seven biogeoclimatic zones and is home to numerous endangered, threatened or vulnerable species.

1.1.1 Annual Allowable Cuts

- Okanagan TSA has an AAC of 2,655,000 m³/year.
- TFL 49, Riverside Forest Products Ltd, has an AAC of 580,000 m³/year.
- TFL 33, Federated Co-operatives Ltd, has an AAC of 21,000 m³/year.
- TFL 15, Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd, has an AAC of 70,000 m³/year.

Major Licensees in the Okanagan Timber Supply Area

- Approximately 93% of the cut is held in replaceable forest licences and the BCTS

Table 3.34 – Allowable Annual Cut by Company

Company	AAC	Location
Weyerhaeuser Canada Ltd	330,031 m ³ /yr	Okanagan Falls
Tolko Industries Ltd	783,497 m ³ /yr	Lavington, Kelowna, Armstrong
Gorman Brothers Ltd	228,119 m ³ /yr	Westbank, Lumby
Louisiana-Pacific Canada Engineered Wood Products Ltd	111,539 m ³ /yr	Malakwa
Federated Co-operatives Ltd	303,060 m ³ /yr	Canoe
Bell Pole Ltd	45,286 m ³ /yr	Lumby
BC Timber Sales	516,122 m ³ /yr	Throughout the TSA

Source: BC Ministry of Forests and Range, Okanagan Shuswap Forest District Quick Facts, June 2007.