

## 7.0 Resource Areas

### 7.1 Introduction

The backbone of the economy of the Cariboo is resource-based industries, with the agricultural and forestry sectors being predominant. According to BC Stats, in 2013 83% of jobs in the Cariboo region were related to the forest products manufacturing industry. This observation conveys the level of economic dependency that the region has on Forestry.

With this in mind, the Cariboo and South Cariboo in particular have experienced substantial impacts as a result of the Mountain Pine Beetle outbreak that swept across the province beginning in 2000. Although the spread of the beetle has subsided, it has left millions of hectares of standing dead pine on the landscape. Changes on the landscape are not only represented by economic changes but other impacts include changes in hydrology, increased fire risk and magnitude, and changes to Annual Allowable Cuts (AAC) throughout pine dominant regions in BC.

The South Cariboo region falls into the 100 Mile House timber supply area (TSA), which has seen substantial declines in living pine stands from 1999-2014, and the 100 Mile House Community Forest.

### 7.2 Objectives

- 7.2.1 Recognize the South Cariboo resource base as essential to the long term sustainable economic development of the area.
- 7.2.2 Support sustainable resource management and forest harvesting practices which protect the environment and the visual integrity of the landscape.

### 7.3 Policies

The Cariboo Regional District Board will:

- 7.3.1 Designate land with resource operations as Resource on Schedule 'D': Land Use Designations. Sand, gravel and other mineral extraction deposits are shown on Schedule 'K': Road Network.
- 7.3.2 Discourage the subdivision of parcels designated Resource Area that would result in lots less than 32 hectares in area in order to protect watersheds, encourage the continuation of rangeland operations and minimize conflict with residential uses.

- 7.3.3 Encourage the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations to continue referrals of mineral exploration proposals to the CRD for review and comment.
- 7.3.4 Work with provincial agencies and other stakeholders to protect the resource land base and promote sustainable forest operations while balancing recreation and other interests.
- 7.3.5 Encourage forestry operations to implement Best Management Practices, in particular in the areas of water resource and watershed protection.
- 7.3.6 Continue to support a wood friendly culture and support local value added forestry industry.
- 7.3.7 Minimize conflict between land uses on designated Resource land and adjacent uses through effective land use planning, including setbacks and screening.
- 7.3.8 Recognize sand and gravel resource extraction opportunities within the South Cariboo Area but limit those activities to areas designated for such uses in this plan.
- 7.3.9 Recognize all mining and mineral exploration activities will be subject to the *Mines Act* and *Mineral Tenure Act*.
- 7.3.10 Require sand and gravel extraction to be conducted in a manner that minimizes impact and conflict with neighbouring land uses.