

# District Manager Guidance

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## Clarification Regarding KLRMP VSA (visually sensitive area) and Scenic Area Interpretation Within the Headwaters Forest District

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On November 10, 2006, licensees within the Kamloops TSA received direction regarding visual management within the Headwaters Forest District. It essentially describes that to manage visuals within the Headwaters Forest District, a licensee is required to address both KLRMP and scenic area objectives. This has caused some confusion in application. Based on the legal direction, the Headwaters Forest District is providing clarification in the form of an interpretation of that direction.

### *Terms Used*

- Visually Sensitive Area (VSA) – as defined by the KLRMP and the HLP order in effect.
- Scenic Area – a construct used in relation to FPC and FRPA.

### **Interpretation**

1. Managing the scenic area, using FPPR 9.2, will meet the objective of the KLRMP for areas identified as visually sensitive area.
2. Given that the KLRMP objective for areas outside of the visually sensitive area are to be managed to a level considered equivalent to a 'modification VQO,' it is appropriate to manage all 'not-visually-sensitive' (NVS) areas to a level equivalent to a modification VQO. NVS areas are those areas that lie outside the scenic area, but may lie within or outside of the KLRMP VSA.

The accompanying map entitled, VSA\_ScenicArea\_DHW.pdf, shows the location and overlay of the KLRMP VSA and scenic area (as represented by the colour-filled areas).

The spatial file for the KLRMP VSA within the Headwaters Forest District (lrmp\_vsa\_DHW.zip) can be found at: [http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DHW/external/!publish/KLRMP\\_VSA\\_DHW/](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DHW/external/!publish/KLRMP_VSA_DHW/)

The spatial file for the scenic area (avqo\_sir.zip) can be found at: [ftp://kamftp.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/dist/sir\\_overview/arc\\_data/arcinfo\\_e00/](ftp://kamftp.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/dist/sir_overview/arc_data/arcinfo_e00/) Use the Headwaters Forest District portion of this coverage, also known as the '1999 inventory'.

The spatial file for the scenic area within the Headwaters Forest District only (avqo\_sir\_dcl\_only.zip) can be found at: [http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DHW/external/!publish/Scenic\\_Area\\_DHW/](http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/DHW/external/!publish/Scenic_Area_DHW/)

Overlay of KLRMP VSA and Scenic Area within the Headwaters Forest District

