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Purpose

The Reforestation Standard of Alberta (RSA) Directive describes the standards and procedures to assess the level of reforestation success in managed stands following harvest relative to the future condition assumed in the forest management plan.

Specifically, the RSA Directive describes the standards and procedures for:

- 1) Developing mean annual increment (MAI) standards, making declarations (reforestation objectives), subdividing openings, and strata balancing;
- 2) Assessing each opening to determine the adequacy of stocking, survival, growth, and tree species composition (Establishment survey and D Standard CSR/NSR Performance survey); and,
- 3) Assessing each opening relative to the yields and forest strata assumed in the forest management plan (Performance surveys).

Policy Context

Timber Management Regulation, Section 141.2(1) enables the RSA Directive.

Reforestation assessments conducted on public land in Alberta for the purpose of fulfilling obligations under the *Timber Management Regulation* shall be carried out according to the procedures described in the RSA Directive unless otherwise specified by the director. The RSA Directive is valid from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2016 and supersedes all other reforestation standards previously approved.

The RSA Directive includes:

- 1) The Reforestation Standard of Alberta; and,
- 2) The Sample Selection Tool (v20140331p) and User’s Manual; and,
- 3) The Compiler Tool (v20140331p) and User’s Manual.

These documents and tools are available at the Forest Management Manuals & Guidelines web page:

<http://esrd.alberta.ca/lands-forests/forest-management/forest-management-manuals-guidelines.aspx>

Enforcement/Compliance

Contraventions under the *Forest Act* and associated penalties are described in the *Timber Management Regulation, Schedule 2*.

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Authorities

Forests Act
Timber Management Regulation, Alberta Regulation 60/1973 with amendments up to and including Alberta Regulation 62/2013, Part 5 Section 115, Part 6 Sections 141, 143

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