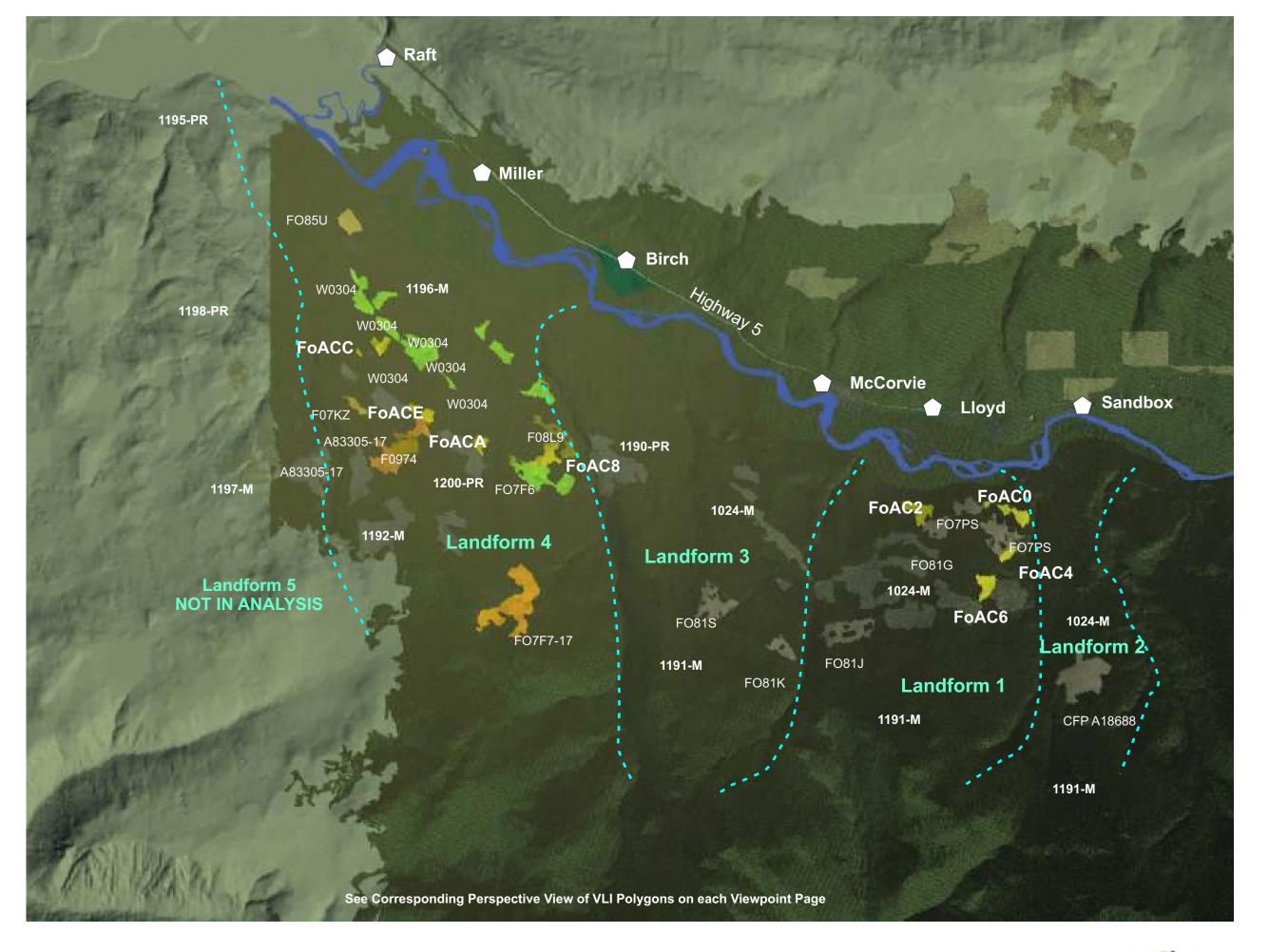
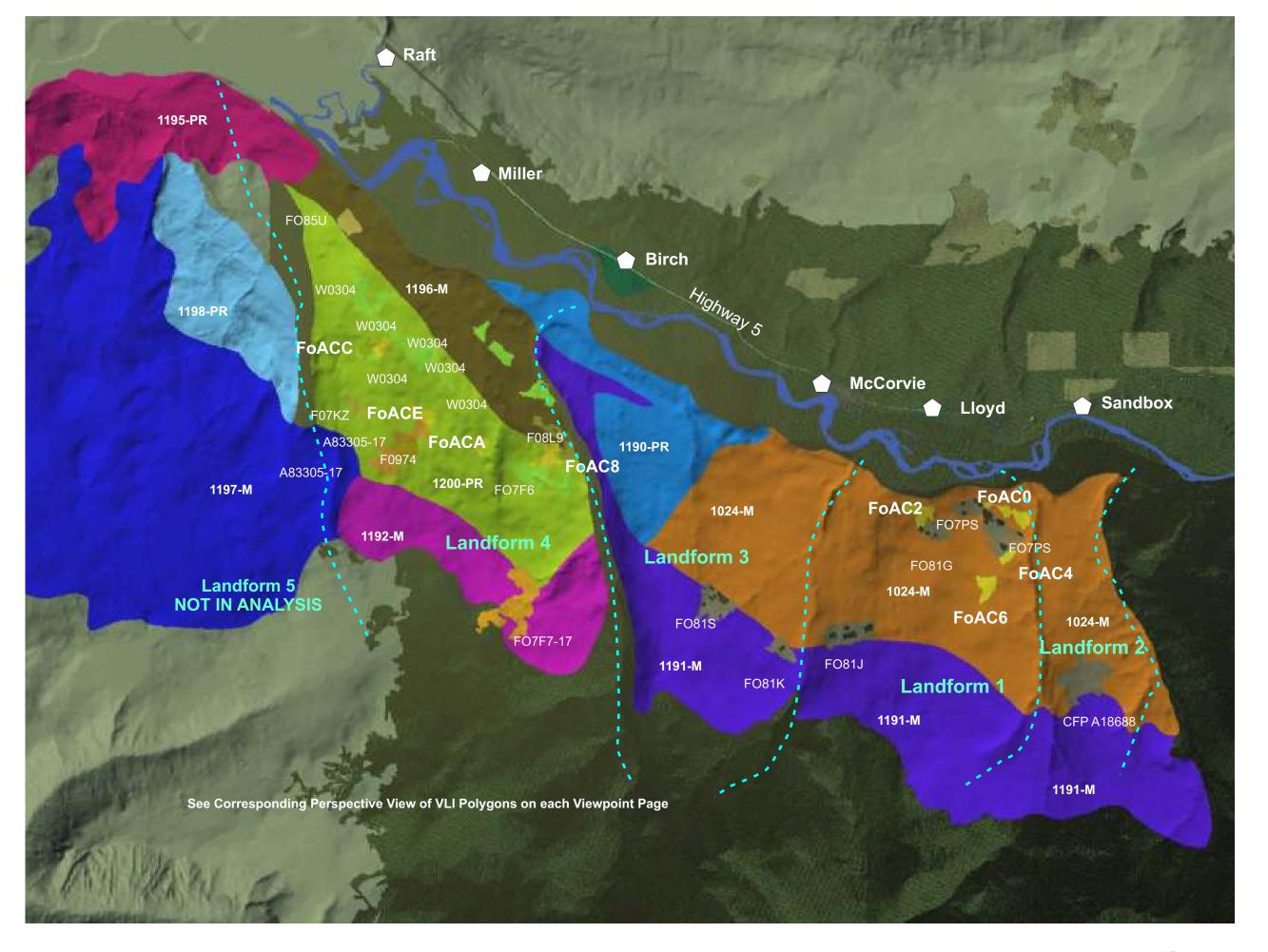


Foghorn Douglas-fir Beetle Blocks BCTS Foghorn 2021 Visual Assessment





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								Table	3 - Fog	horn Cut	blocks -	2021 Vi	isibility									
	Landform 1 Modification Landform 3 Partial Retention				Landform 4 Partial Retention																	
Viewpoint	FOAC0	FOAC2	F0AC4	F0AC6	FO7PS	FO81G	FO81J	H 08-15	FO81K	FO81S	FOACC*	FOACE	FOACA	FOAC8	FO974	A83305-	FO7KZ	F07F6	W0304	FO7F7	FO8L9	F085U
Sandbox	V	V	VS	V	٧	V	VS	V	V	V				VS	V			VS	V	V		
Lloyd	Visibility in VNS will be determined if requested from this new viewpoint																					
McCorvie	VS	٧			>	V	٧	V		VS	V	VS	VS	VS	VS	VS		V	V	VS		
Birch							V	V			V	V	V	V	V	V	V - sliver	V	V		VS	V
Miller							٧	V			V	V	٧	٧	V	V	V - sliver	V	V		٧	V
Raft		VS				VS	V	V			V	VS	VS	VS	V	V	VS	VS	V		VS	V
Status	Р	Р	Р	Р	C-2017	C-2017	C-2021		C-2021	C-2020	Р	Р	Р	Р	C-2018	C-2018?	F	VS	С	F	C-2018	C-CF
VSU	1024-M	1024-M	1024-M	1024-M	1024-M	1024-M	1024-M	1024-M	1191-M	1191-M	1200-PR	1200-PR	1200-PR	1200-PR	1200-PR	1200-PR	1200-PR	1200-PR	1200-PR	1192-M	1196-M	1196-M
VSU Colour																						
	Status: P = Proposed 2021; C = Completed-Year; C-CF = Community Forest - likely completed - to be checked; F = Future - hopeful auction one day - First Nations permission required																					
	W0304 openings prominent in Landform 4 in vli_Poly 1200 and 1196; Harvested 2008 to 2015 dominate Landform 1																					
					*FOACC	adjusted p	er 27 Oct	ober shapef	ile. Maps	heet 82M0	51; Viewp	oint Impoi	rtance - M	ajor - High	way 5 ne	ar Clearw	ater	_				

See also Table 4 on the next page for visibility by landform as seen in the photography. Landform 1 is not seen from Raft or Birch; Landform 3 is only partially seen from Raft, McCorvie and Lloyd; Landform 4 is not seen from McCorvie or Lloyd.

Percent alteration calculations for landforms can be ignored when NVS from a viewpoint, and considered to a lesser extent when only partially visible.



Introduction

On October 6, 2021, RDI was requested to conduct a Visual Impact Assessment for 4 cutblocks in TA1869 and 4 cutblocks in TA1870 in the Foghorn Operating Area along Highway 5 just east of Clearwater. The request came from Ches Clem, RPF, Planning Forester, BC Timber Sales, Clearwater Field Team, and Contract Administrator for "Professional Forestry Services Related to Visual Resource Management" under contract # PD18TEB007. According to Ches:

"...the 8 blocks in the Foghorn Operating Area are targeting patches of Douglas-fir trees that have been immpacted by the Douglas-fir beetle. Our goal is to help stop the spread of the beetle. Timber Sale Licence TA1870 is within a Partial Retention VQO. All four blocks are within Landform 4 from RDI's February 2018 analysis. TSL TA1869 is within a Modification VQO. All blocks are within Landform 1 from RDI's March 18, 2016 Analysis." Ches's email also included the following table (Table 1):

	TSL	Block	Gross Area (ha's)	Landform	VQO
		FOAC0	11.3	1	M
	TA1869	FOAC4	4.2	1	M
		FOAC6	10.5	1	M
		FOAC2	13.0	1	M
		FOAC8	12.9	4	PR
	TA1870	FOACA	5.6	4	PR
	1A18/0	FOACE	7.2	4	PR
		FOACC	12.5	4	PR

Ches also took photos from the viewpoints located from the shapefiles provided to him by RDI. The photos provided a record of current conditions but were hampered by mid-landform clouds. An additional set was taken November 27 by Tyson Leudtke including an additional viewpoint named "Lloyd".

In the initial round, RDI updated its ArcMap and Visual Nature Studio projects from 2018 with the new information, and also deleted 2 cutblocks from the earlier proposal - FO8PY in Landform 1, a portion of which was overlaid by new cutblock FOAC2, and FO81R in Landform 3 which was no longer in any plan. Three small WTRAs were added in FOAC8 and one in FOAC2. The new cutblocks were assigned a bright yellow colour for ease of visibility in VNS, given the complexity of new, recently proposed (2017-2018) and regenerating openings. Viewpoint rendering cameras were set at 60° field of view, 30 mm lens. Individual images were auto-stitched together by VNS form panoramas in VNS. Full panoramas were rendered from each of five viewpoints established in earlier studies - Raft, Miller, Birch, McCorvie and Sandbox. These are indicated on the key map on page 1, and on the VNS landforms and validation maps on pages 2 and 3. Results are presented for each viewpoint on their respective pages (see Table of Contents, page 4).

RDI tracked a total of 19 cutblocks plus existing alteration considered nonVEG (not yet exhibiting visually effective green-up). Each were labelled, and measured for percent alteration from each of the five viewpoints. Table 3 on page 4 details the potential visibility of each cutblock from each viewpoint. The VSU indicates the Visual Sensitivity Unit (VLI Polygon) in which each cutblock is located in each landform. RDI amalgamated VSUs with non-distinct breaks in each landform where appropriate as shown in the VSU map on pages 2 and 3. When amalgamating units with differing VQOs such as for Landform 4, the most restrictive VQO is, by FLNRO convention, applied overall.

Landform 1 Findings - Initial and Final

The results in Landform 1 indicate the VQO of Modification is exceeded from 3 viewpoints. Two of the viewpoints, Miller and Birch are predicted to reveal no new alteration, while Raft is predicted to potentially reveal a single new opening - FOAC2 creating very minor (0.65%) added alteration. Landform 1 is in the background over 11km from Raft viewpoint, and visibility is unlikely and proven by photgraphy. Primary viewing for Landform 1 is from Sandbox and McCorvie viewpoints which importantly meet the VQO. Open coverage of Landform 1 was also shown to be available from the new Lloyd viewpoint (final location pending). No additional analysis was prepared from this viewpoint, but substantial VEG evident. Table 4 is a summary of landforms visible from each viewpoint in the photography:

Table 4 - Landform Visibility on Photos								
Viewpoint	Landform 1	Landform 3	Landform 4					
Raft	NVS	Partial	Full					
Miller	Full	Full	Full					
Birch	NVS	Full	Full					
McCorvie	Full	Partial	NVS					
Lloyd	Full	Partial	NVS					
Sandbox	Full	Full	Full					
NVS is non-visually sensitive (i.e., not seen)								

Landform 4 Findings - October 25 Revisions update

Upon review of the review draft, Ches Clem provided additional Woodlot 0304 openings, a reduced FO8L9, and an additional block - FO7F6 on October 21. These changes required updates of the key map, re-runs of all VNS imagery, updates of the CorelDraw project, re-calculation of percent alteration for Landform 4 only from each viewpoint, updates of the tables, and reconsideration of the ability of Landform 4 to meet the VQO. The changes raised the number of openings tracked in Landform 4 to 21. Together with the 2 openings in Landform 3 and 7 openings in Landform 1, the total requiring identification, tracking, assessment and lebelling in perspective view from each of the 5 viewpoints was 30 openings. A summary of the percent alteration in perspective view including the revised results for Landform 4 is presented in Table 2. The results in Landform 4 somewhat exceeded the upper limit of the VQO of Partial Retention (7%) from three viewpoints: Miller (7.14%), Birch (7.82%), and McCorvie (7.04%).

October 27 Update

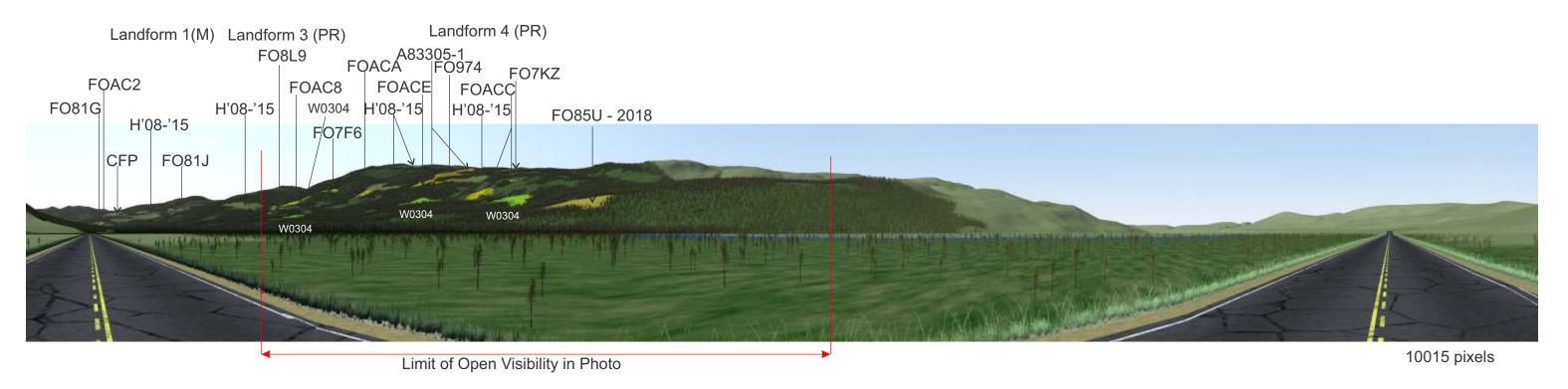
Upon being noticed by the Field Team, a revised configuration was provided for FOACC, resulting in the need for an additional full set of simulations and maps, and recalculation of Percent Alteration in Landform 4 only. The results are shown in Table 2. Only one viewpoint - Birch - exceeds the VQO limit in the final analysis for Landform .4, and that by just 0.5% which could reasonably considered to be within an allowable degree of error. in the measurement procedures. When visually effective green-up was considered by ocular assessment of the new photos by RDI, it was apparent that there appeared to be less visible amounts of nonVEG and new blocks present in the landform than predicted in the VNS projection, which should safely bring the Landform within the VQO limit from this viewpoint, all other positive attributes considered.

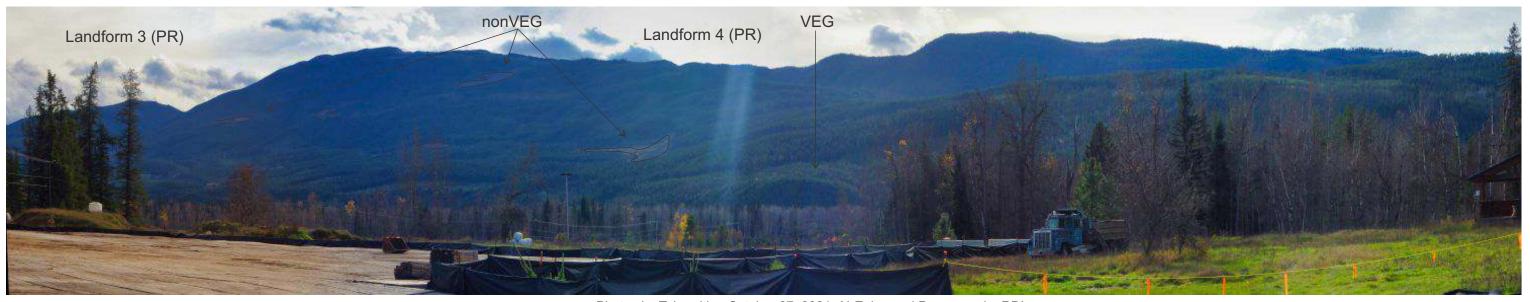
Table 2 - Summary of Percent Alteration Foghorn 2021, by Viewpoint								
Viewpoint	Distance from L1	Landform 1	Landform 3	Distance from L4	Landform 4			
Raft	11km+	19.99%	6.77%	2km+	3.77%			
Miller	9km+	20.74%	5.16%	3km+	6.78%			
Birch	6km+	21.10%	0.32%	4km+	7.50%			
McCorvie	2km+	13.72%	0.87%	6km+	6.64%			
Lloyd	Percent Alteration will be completed on request							
Sandbox	2km+	14.32%	4.08%	10km+	6.14%			
	adjusted for FOACC October 27 configuration							

Conclusions and Recommendations

RDI finds the shapes, scale and pattern of the proposed Douglas-fir beetle blocks to be visually compatible in Landforms 1 and 4 which have high visual absorption capability (VAC) due to the existing alteration from the Woodlot W0304 openings and other older openings in relation to the proposed and already approved blocks. RDI encourages BCTS' intervention against the bark beetle while duly addressing visual concerns. New data presented to RDI for cutblock FOACC, following our initial and second reports, indicated VQO achievement in Landform 4 by shape, scale, pattern and distribution, while exceeding the percent alteration by 0.5% from a single viewpoint, which is within a 93% confidence interval around the target of 7%. Simulations and measurement of percent alteration have a number of both systematic and random effects in the VNS model, such as tree-cover image selection, VRI Stand Heights and density, see-through, and digitizing accuracy. The 5% overage could also be reasonably attributed to differences between simulations and actual conditions as revealed in the photography. An ocular assessment of the extent of visually effective green-up in Landforms 1 and 4 finds it to be more substantial than shown in the simulations, thereby bringing both landforms fairly within the limits of the VQOs, though actual percentages from photography were not calculated. In conclusion, the beetle blocks should proceed without need for adjustment for visual considerations. Overall the VQOs for each of the two landforms are considered by RDI to be well-met. Percent alteration calculations for specific landforms can be ignored when non-visually sensitive (NVS - not seen) from a viewpoint, and considered to a lesser extent when only partially visible. Winter conditions will increase visual contrasts with snow on the ground.

KB Fairhurst, PhD, RPF RDI Resource Design Inc November 9, 2021 revision





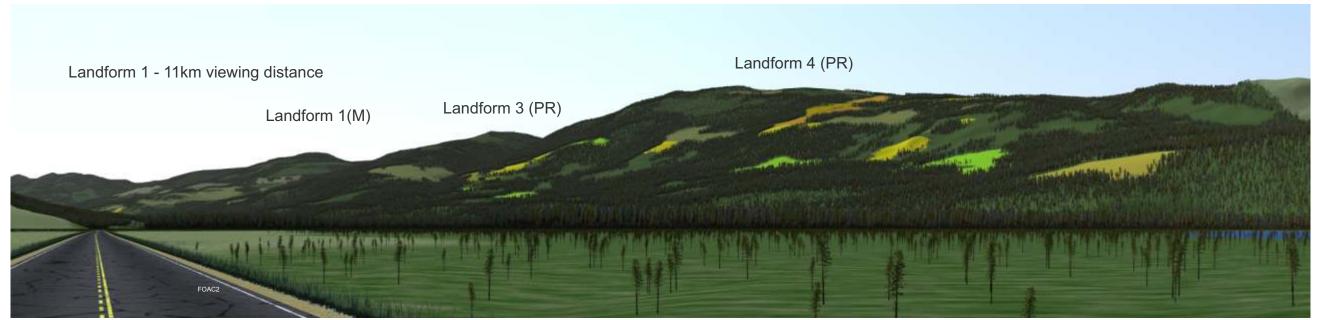


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See Percent Alteration on next page.

Limit of Open Visibility in Photo - Landform 1 not seen (NVS); Landform 3 partial, Landform 4 full (see next page)

Landform 4 from Raft Viewpoint meets Partial Retention Visual Quality Class by Shape, Pattern, Scale, Distribution and Percent Alteration of proposed, already approved, and existing nonVEG openings. Contrasts on north-facing slope will be greater with snow on ground.



W0304	4	200.42	0.05%
R 08-15	4	1332.63	0.35%
FO974	4	600.68	0.16%
R 08-15	4	1550.22	0.40%
FOACC-1	4	1413.94	0.37%
FOACC-2	4	80.63	0.02%
R 08-15	4	198.23	0.05%
R 08-15	4	125.38	0.03%
FO7KZ	4	138.25	0.04%
R 08-15	4	41.44	0.01%
FO85U	4	3531.85	0.92%
FOACA	4	399.56	0.10%
FOACE	4	207.41	0.05%
FOACE	4	92.73	0.02%
A83305-1	4	321.85	0.08%
A83305-1	4	236.94	0.06%
A83305-1	4	336.24	0.09%
FO7F6	4	292.54	0.08%
W0304	4	684.10	0.18%
W0304	4	1922.74	0.50%
R 08-15	4	163.61	0.04%
Sum Alt L4	4	14535.05	3.77%
Landform1	1	12828.60	
FOAC2	1	83.82	0.65%
FO81J	1	410.73	3.20%
FO81G	1	126.82	0.99%
R 08-15	1	1621.84	12.64%
R 08-15	1	261.12	2.04%
R 08-15	1	34.71	0.27%
R 08-15	1	25.63	0.20%
Sum Alt L1*	1	2564.67	19.99%
Landform3	3	28410.10	
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R 08-15	3	1831.88 91.55	6.45%
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Sum Alt L1*	3	1923.43	6.77%

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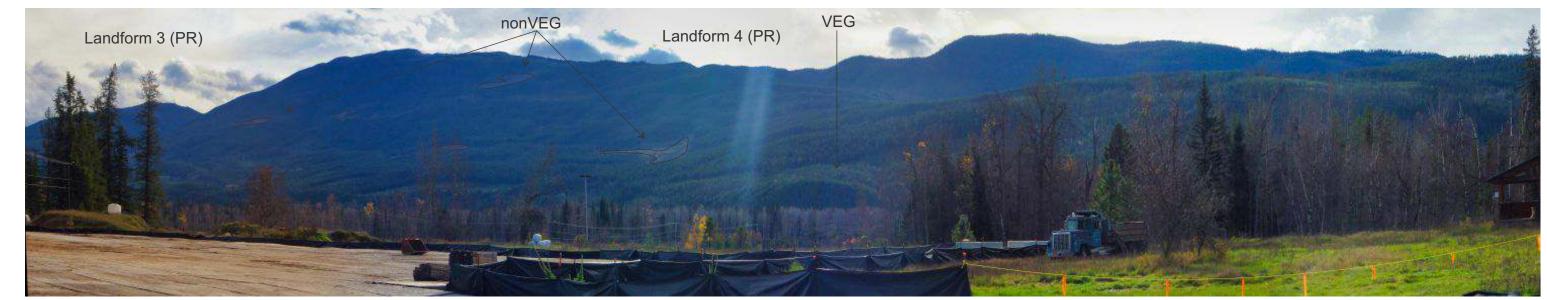
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Landform 4 adjusted for October 20 additions and October 27 FOACC correction

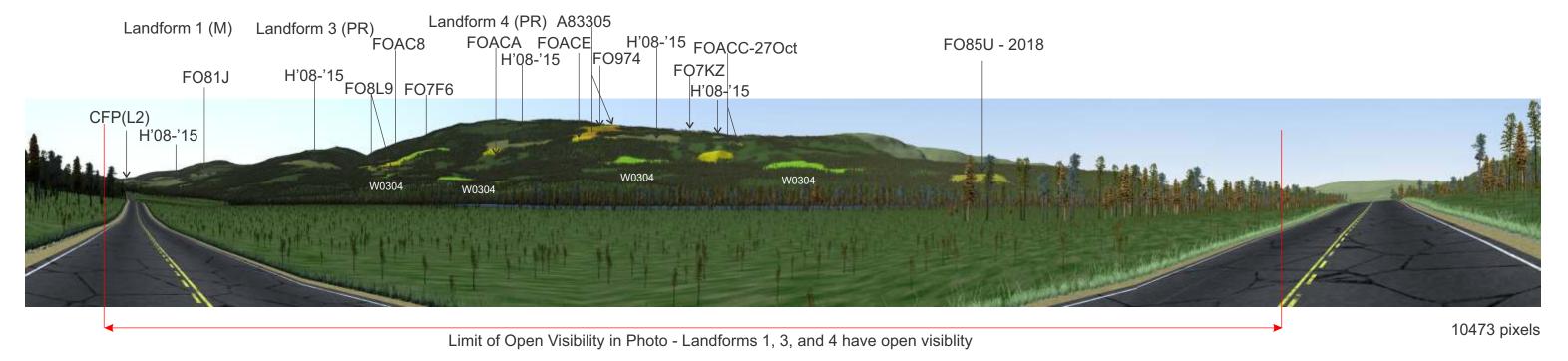


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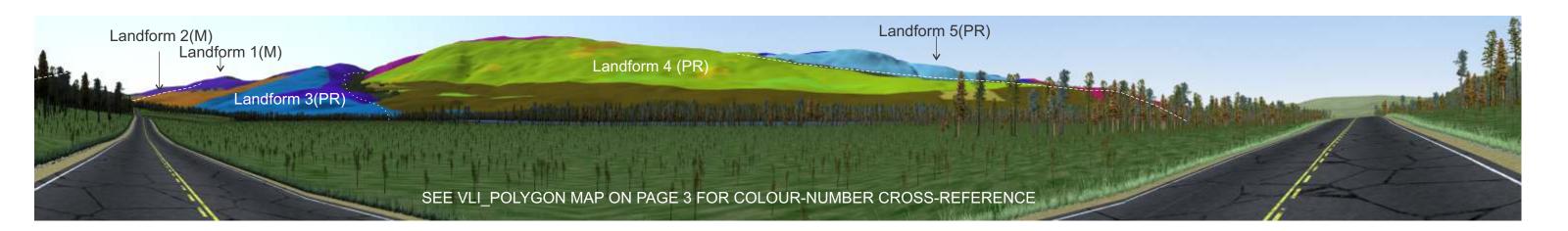
Raft Viewpoint Photo by C. Clem, October 14, 2021

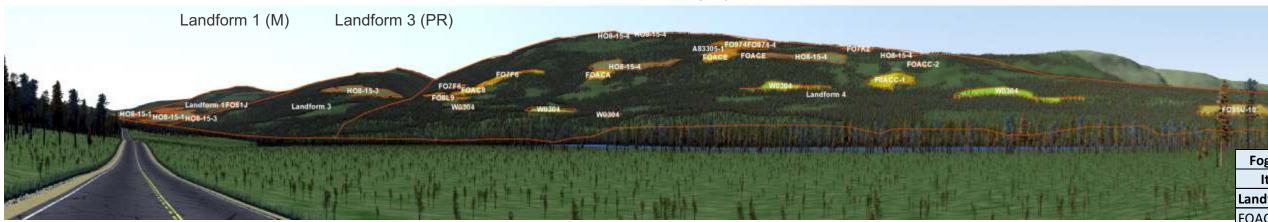
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October 7, 2015 Photo





Landform 4 from Raft Viewpoint meets Partial Retention Visual Quality Class by Shape, Pattern, Scale, Distribution and Percent Alteration of proposed, already approved, and existing nonVEG openings. Contrasts on north-facing slope will be greater with snow on ground.



Miller Viewpoint Photo by C. Clem, October 14, 2021

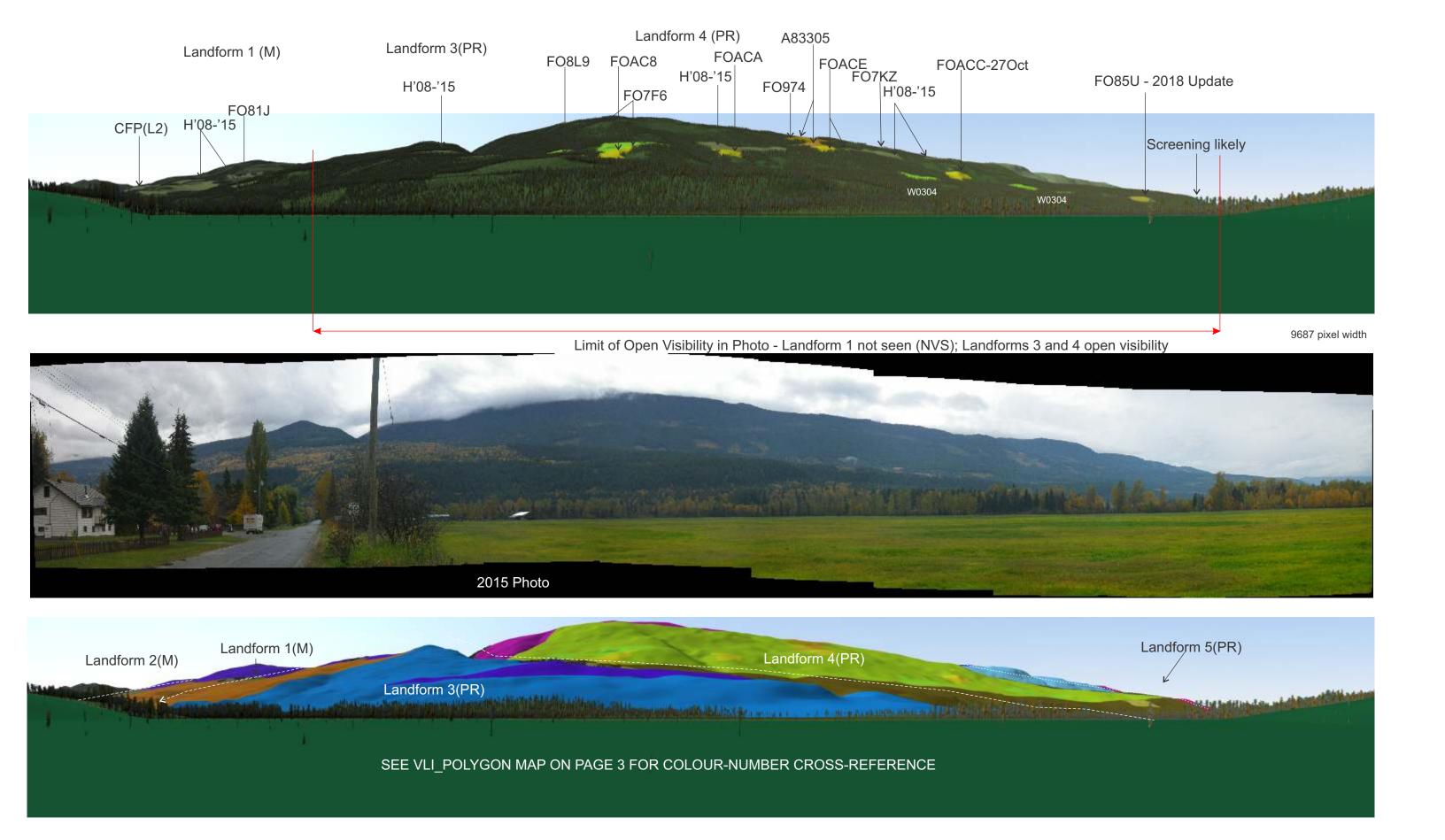
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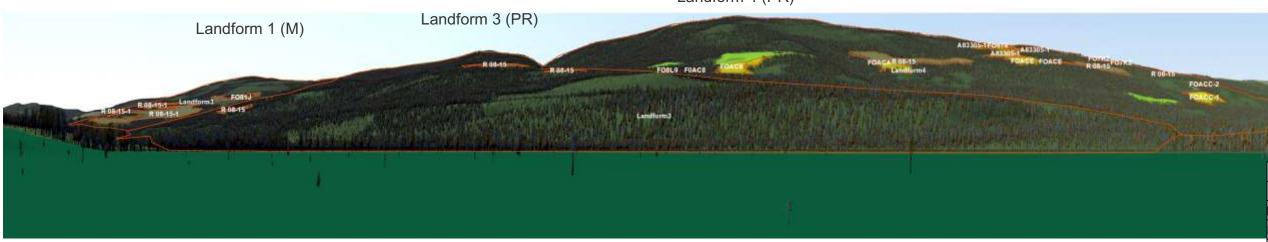
No new Miller Viewpoint Photo by T. Leudtke, October 27, 2021

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Item	Area2	% Alt
Landform 4	380467.94	
FOAC8	1006.53	0.26%
FOACA	802.25	0.21%
FOACE	709.85	0.19%
FOACE	175.15	0.05%
F0ACC-1	2701.15	0.71%
F0ACC-2	129.88	0.03%
FO8L9	597.04	0.16%
W0304	161.66	0.04%
FO974	1138.91	0.30%
FO974-4	930.96	0.24%
A83305-1	722.46	0.19%
FO85U-18	3955.88	1.04%
FO7KZ	142.09	0.04%
W0304	980.28	0.26%
W0304	138.78	0.04%
HO8-15-4	2500.54	0.66%
HO8-15-4	78.20	0.02%
HO8-15-4	163.44	0.04%
HO8-15-4	2712.24	0.71%
HO8-15-4	221.97	0.06%
F0756	781.37	0.21%
FO7F6	89.34	0.02%
W0304	1545.43	0.41%
W0304	3405.85	0.90%
Sum Alt L4	25791.23	6.78%
Landform 3	50139.84	
H08-15-3	132.90	0.27%
H08-15-3	2452.80	4.89%
Sum Alt L3	2585.70	5.16%
Landform 1	14290.51	
FO81J	559.19	3.91%
H08-15-1	2342.97	16.40%
H08-15-1	61.39	0.43%
Sum Alt L1	2963.55	20.74%

Landform 4 adjusted for October 20 additions and October 27 FOACC correction







Landform 4 from Birch Viewpoint exceeds Partial Retention Visual Quality Class by 0.5% Percent Alteration but meets PR by shape, pattern, scale, and distribution of proposed, already approved, and existing nonVEG openings. Apparent total alteration in photo below is estimated to be less than predicted, and should easily meet PR. Landform 3 cuts off much of lower Landform 4. Contrasts on north-facing slope will be greater with snow on ground.



Birch Viewpoint Photo by C. Clem, October 14, 2021

photos 0061-0073



Photos by T. Luedtke, October 27, 2021, Luminar Al-Manipulated Panorama by RDI

Percent Alteration Foghorn 2021 - Birch Viewpoint							
Item	Landform	Area2	% Alt				
Landform 3	3	450756.87					
R 08-15	3	748.74	0.17%				
R 08-15	3	472.86	0.10%				
R 08-15	3	200.61	0.04%				
Sum Alt L3	3	1422.22	0.32%				

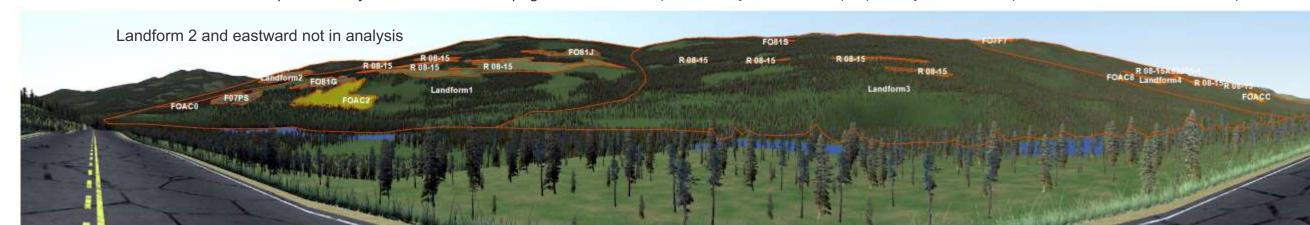
Landform 4	4	293876.45	
FOAC8	4	2429.10	0.83%
F0AC8	4	48.00	0.02%
FOACA	4	1465.72	0.50%
FOACE	4	1031.85	0.35%
FOACE	4	54.82	0.02%
FOACC-1	4	1864.26	0.63%
FOACC-2	4	71.08	0.02%
F085U	4	1076.61	0.37%
FO7KZ	4	59.07	0.02%
FO8L9	4	79.72	0.03%
A83305-1	4	1341.74	0.46%
A83305-1	4	16.11	0.01%
A83305-1	4	207.12	0.07%
FO974	4	804.83	0.27%
R 08-15	4	4037.75	1.37%
R 08-15	4	1716.23	0.58%
R 08-15	4	176.56	0.06%
FO7F6	4	350.96	0.12%
FO7F6	4	3389.76	1.15%
W0304	4	920.98	0.31%
W0304	4	736.59	0.25%
W0304	4	153.03	0.05%
Sum Alt L4	4	22031.89	7.50%

Landform 1	1	31553.01	
FO81J	1	1117.09	3.54%
R 08-15	1	4860.50	15.40%
R 08-15	1	592.60	1.88%
R 08-15	1	88.90	0.28%
Sum Alt	1	6659.09	21.10%

Landform 4 adjusted for October 20 additions and October 27 FOACC correction



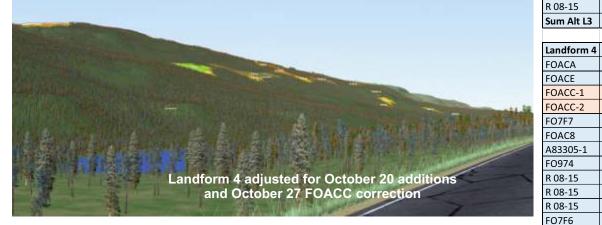
Limit of Open Visibility in Photo – see next page - Landform 1 open visibility, Landform 3 (PR) mainly screened in photos; Landform 4 not seen in photos



Landform 1 from McCorvie Viewpoint meets Modification at 13.72%, meeting M by shape, pattern, scale, and distribution of proposed, already approved, and existing nonVEG openings.

Calculated Percent Alteration for Landform 4 of 6.64% meets Partial Retention but should be ignored as photos show the landform is fully screened. Apparent total alteration in photos on next page is estimated to be less than predicted.

Contrasts on north-facing slope will be greater with snow on ground.



Landform 2(M) Landform 1(M)	Landform 3 (PR)	Landform 5 (PR)
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Landform 4 adjusted for October 20 additions and October 27 FOACC correction

Foghorn 2021 VIA - Percent Alteration McCorvie Viewpoint

Area2

298369.26

158.35

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3471.25

2496.97

781.93

953.10

852.60 40942.94 **13.72**%

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1450.23

1870.25

4573.51

327.04

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346.38

13.20

633.25

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360.84

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4592.32 **6.64**%

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FO81S R 08-15

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FOAC8

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Sum Alt L4

Landform 2

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Sum Alt L1

Landform 3



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Photos by T. Luedtke, October 27, 2021, Panorama by RDI



Photos by T. Luedtke, October 27, 2021, Panorama by RDI

Landform 1 open visibility; Landform 3 (PR) mainly screened in photos; Landform 4 not seen in photos

Lloyd 139-144

Landform 3 (PR)



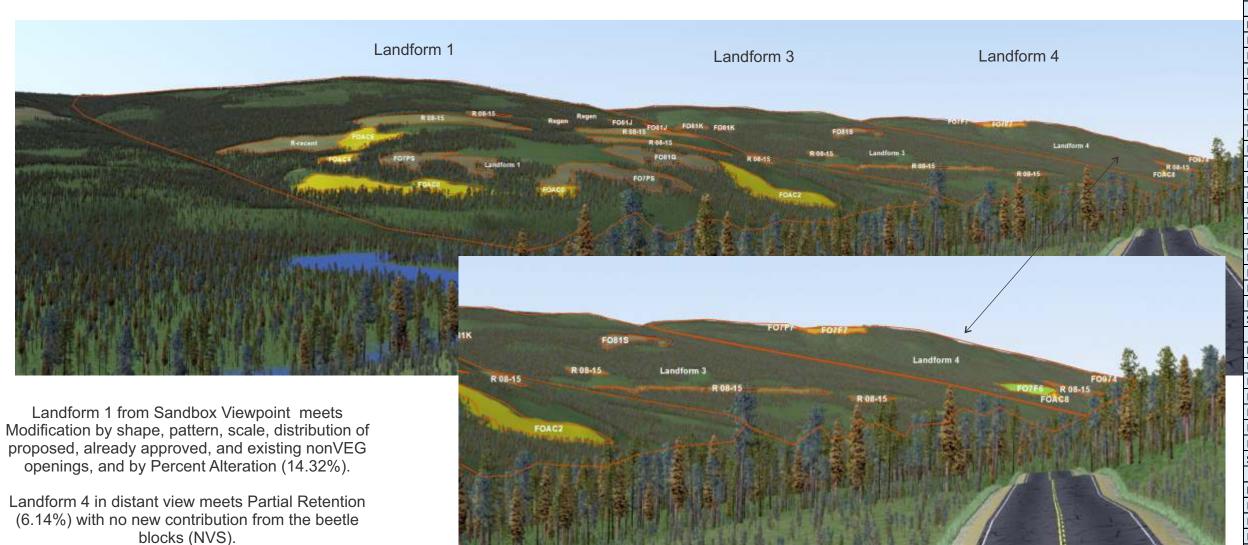
Google Maps Image, November 4, 2021. Lloyd Road meets Highway 5 at both ends. Viewpoint locatation requested.

Landform 1 from Lloyd Viewpoint easily meets Modification by shape, pattern, scale, and distribution of proposed, already approved, and existing nonVEG openings. Percent Alteration not calculated for this added viewpoint. Substantial visually effective green-up noticeable.

Contrasts on north-facing slope will be greater with snow on ground.

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Contrasts on north-facing slope will be greater with snow on ground.

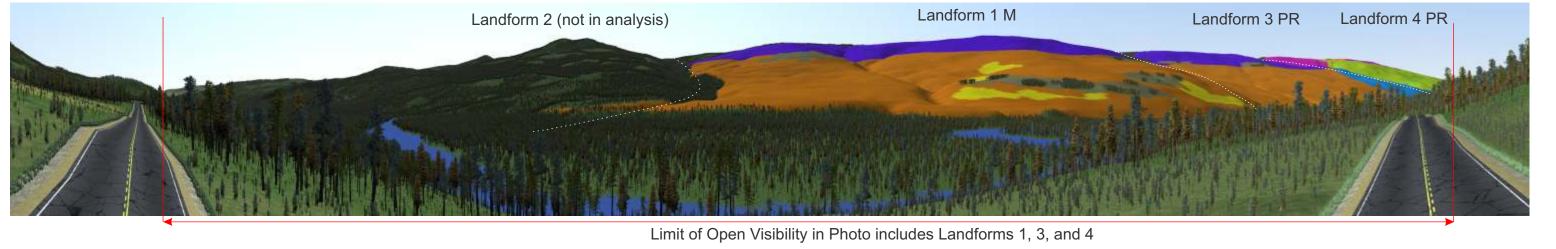


Landform	4 adjusted	for Octob	er 20 a	additions

Foghorn 2021 Percent Alteration - Sandbox Viewpoint			
Item	Landform	Area2	% Alt
Landform 1	1	234040.85	
FOAC0	1	5363.83	2.29%
FOAC0	1	821.97	0.35%
FOAC4	1	597.39	0.26%
FOAC6	1	2017.20	0.86%
FOAC2	1	3742.74	1.60%
FO7PS	1	3090.47	1.32%
FO7PS	1	4658.45	1.99%
FO81G	1	3239.63	1.38%
FO81J	1	107.29	0.05%
FO81J	1	63.55	0.03%
R-recent	1	3689.00	1.58%
R 08-15	1	3203.90	1.37%
R 08-15	1	188.57	0.08%
R 08-15	1	341.42	0.15%
Regen	1	113.44	0.05%
R 08-15	1	1402.15	0.60%
Regen	1	37.94	0.02%
R 08-15	1	829.06	0.35%
Sum Alt L1	1	33508.01	14.32%
Landform 3	3	60899.23	
FO81K	3	188.97	0.31%
FO81K	3	142.34	0.23%
FO81S	3	591.04	0.97%
R 08-15	3	201.59	0.33%
R 08-15	3	1142.32	1.88%
R 08-15	3	219.82	0.36%
Sum Alt L3	3	2486.09	4.08%
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Landform 4	4	25229.95	
FO7F7	4	511.78	2.03%
FOAC8	4	89.66	0.36%
FO974	4	98.82	0.39%
R 08-15	4	232.52	0.92%
FO7F7	4	11.08	0.04%
FO7F6	4	606.29	2.40%
Sum Alt L4	4	1550.16	6.14%

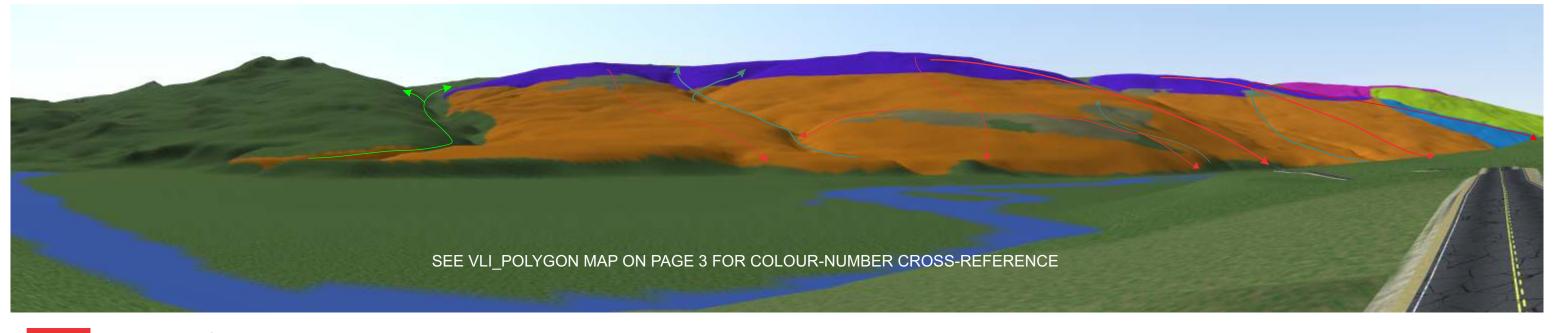
Landform 4 adjusted for October 20 additions October 27 FOACC correction not applicable





Landform 1 M Landform 2 and eastward (not in analysis) Landform 3 PR Landform 4 PR nonVEG VEG nonVEG

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