File: 19720-70/Cut Control

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To all Selkirk District Woodlot Licensees and Licensee Service Providers:

RE: District Manager Expectations Around Managing Forest Health Within Your Five Year Allowable Annual Cut Control Limit.

This notice is to remind all woodlot licensees that the ongoing management of forest health factors is a District Manager expectation.

The expectation is that woodlot licensees will be aware of forest health risks on their woodlot, and plan for the treatment of these, as much as possible, within their 5-year allowable annual cut (AAC) control limit, as stipulated under section 75.41 (1.1) of the *Forest Act*.

Where the licensee is unable to address timber at risk due to wind, fire, insect or disease within the 120% limit specified in section 75.41(1.1) of the *Forest Act*, an exemption from this limit may be applied for under section 75.9 (1) of the Act. Approval of exemption requests is not automatic, and the licence holder should be prepared to rationalize the additional harvest with regard to current cut control position and how AAC has been utilized to manage foreseen and unforeseen forest health impacts. The licensee should also be able to clearly demonstrate diligence in forest health management for the woodlot area.

Regardless if an exemption request is granted or not, I expect damaged timber to be harvested before the wood is reduced in value, lost or destroyed and to minimize the spread of an insect infestation.

If you have any questions, please contact Rob McRory at 250-825-1106.

Yours truly,

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