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To All Woodlot Licensees- only email notice sent to licensees about updated link in letter on ftp site

This letter is to advise you of changes to operations in Mule Deer Winter Ranges (MDWR) that may affect harvesting operations under letter permits and your salvage permit document.

Government Action Regulations given on September 27, 2006, established General Wildlife Measures (GWM) for MDWR in Shallow and Moderate Snowpack Zones and also for MDWR in Transition and Deep Snowpack Zones.

Specifically, Schedule 1, Point 7 of the GWMs for *Shallow and Moderate Snowpack Zones* may apply to harvesting authorized by woodlot licence letter permits and state:

7. Primary forest activities involving Douglas-fir bark beetle sanitation to remove currently infested stems will result in:
 - The volume of non-target, non-infested stems removed being less than 10% of the total volume of infested stems removed.
 - No harvesting of green un-infested Douglas-fir trees that are >37.5 diameter at breast height except as required for safety.
 - Retention of all safe grey attack and non-infested red attack trees.



Schedule 1, Point 15 of the GWMs may apply to harvesting authorized by woodlot licence letter permits in *Transition and Deep Snowpack Zone*:

15. Primary forest activities for the purposes of Douglas-fir bark beetle sanitation to remove currently infested stems will result in:
 - The volume of non-target, non-infested stems removed being less than 10% of the total volume of infested stems removed.
 - No harvesting of green un-infested Douglas-fir trees that are >37.5 cm diameter at breast height except as required for safety.
 - No salvage of dead trees within Old Growth Management Areas or Wildlife Tree Patches established in ungulate winter ranges to which this order applies except as required for safety.

Please note that the GWMs are in effect for all permits (for which harvesting is not complete) even though they may be issued prior to the date of the order.

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The website for the Government Action Regulation and GWMs is **now located at:**
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/frpa/ur/approved_ur.html. I would recommend a thorough review of these measures before commencing any harvesting within Mule Deer Winter Ranges.

If further information is required, please call me at 250 398-4320.

Yours truly,

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