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To: Interior Regional Executive Directors
Interior District Managers

From: Tim Sheldan
Deputy Minister

Re: Harvesting Under a Blanket Salvage Permit (For Interior Regions)

The purpose of this memo is to update the policies and procedures regarding the use of blanket salvage permits (BSPs) issued under major licences. This directive replaces those included in my previous memo on the subject dated July 14, 2014.

There are a number of benefits and advantages of salvaging timber under BSPs including the preservation of mid-term timber supplies. The main objectives of using BSPs are to:

- Harvest and utilize small, isolated areas of timber that have been killed or damaged by wind throw, insects, fire or disease.
- Expedite the harvest authorization processes to capture the value of dead or damaged timber before the quality deteriorates.
- Expedite the harvest authorization process to manage and control insect infestations (sanitation timber salvage).

The main requirements for BSPs remain unchanged and include:

- Maximum volume of 5,000 m³ per block.
- Maximum block size of 15 hectares unless the silviculture system used on the cut block is other than clear cutting, and at the completion of harvest the trees retained on the harvested area conform to the stocking standards specified in an approved Forest Stewardship Plan.

My previous direction included a requirement for salvage under a BSP for sanitation purposes to be consistent with District Forest Health Strategies. This directive replaces that requirement with the requirement that every district complete "District Guidelines for Blanket Salvage Cutting Permits". The purpose of these guidelines is to provide licensees and district staff with an efficient means to determine if a proposed salvage opportunity under a BSP is a priority for the district and to provide consistent administration while recognizing different priorities between districts. A template for these guidelines is attached.

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I also remind staff that operations under BSPs are still required to meet all other legislative and policy requirements including the planning, and environmental protection requirements under the *Forest and Range Practices Act (FRPA)* and its regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Russell, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (250) 387-8955.



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Attachment(s): District Guidelines for Blanket Salvage Cutting Permit

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