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To: Nadina District Forest Licensees

From: Josh Pressey, District Manager, Nadina District

Re: Nadina District 2013-2014 Forest Health Strategy

I am pleased to present you the Nadina District Forest Health Strategy for 2013-2014. The Forest Health Strategy reports on forest pests present within the Nadina District and recommends forest practices that would address forest health risks and ensure adequate resource protection.



The Forest Health Strategy for the Nadina District addresses both immediate and long-term forest health issues. Immediate forest health issues are those agents that can impact a stand during the establishment phase. Long-term forest health issues are those where damage may not be readily identifiable at the time of free growing declaration, but have the potential to impact the stand during the rotation.

While there are a large number of forest health agents currently present in the District, the most important forest health factors are mountain pine beetle, spruce bark beetle and hard pine stem rusts. Amongst the management objectives and tactics included in the Forest Health Strategy, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

- In managing mountain pine beetle, continue to focus harvest into pine-leading stands;
- Spruce bark beetle infestations within 2 kilometres of a high or extreme hazard stand should be promptly reported to district staff; and
- The most effective management tactic for pine stem rusts is to reforest with non-host species. Where that is not ecologically possible, greater initial densities of pine should be established.

I encourage you to review the Forest Health Strategy and consider the information it contains for planning and operational activities. In particular, I encourage you to consider the forest health factors that may be present on a site during stand establishment and those that can reasonably be expected at a later stage of stand development. This may be particularly

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relevant in addressing immediate and long-term forest health issues in consideration of stocking standards.



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Attachment(s): Nadina District 2013-2014 Forest Health Strategy

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