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Major Licensees
Woodlot Licensees
Small Business Forest Enterprise Program

Dear Licensee:

Under Section 4 (1) of the Forest Practices Code of BC Act it states that "...the district manager, by written order, may establish an area of land within the forest district as a landscape unit, and may vary the boundaries of the unit or cancel the unit...". Section 4 (2) states that "Before establishing a landscape unit, the district manager must obtain the approval of the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks, or a person authorized by that minister...". The Designated Environmental Official approval has been granted for the purpose of assigning biodiversity emphasis options in landscape units. I have approved the assignment of landscape unit boundaries for the purpose of establishing biodiversity emphasis options for this district. Also, I have approved the biodiversity emphasis options for these landscape units as assigned on the attached chart.



Landscape Unit Name:	Biodiversity Emphasis Options:
Babine East	Intermediate
Babine West	Low
Bulkley	Intermediate
Burns Lake East	Low
Burns Lake West	Low
Chelaslie	High
Cheslatta	Intermediate
Fleming	Intermediate
Francois East	Low

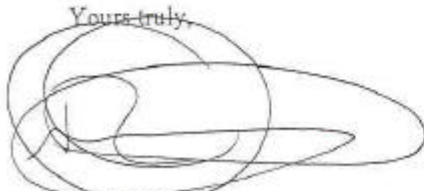
Francois West	Intermediate
Intata	Intermediate
Ootsa	Intermediate
Taltapin	Low
Entiako	Proposed Protected Area

Section 4 (3) states "*The district manager must establish objectives for a landscape unit, and may vary or cancel an objective*". Landscape unit boundaries for the purpose of establishing landscape unit objectives will be established in the *Landscape Unit Planning Process* which is currently being carried out in the Lakes District. These objectives will then constitute higher level plans as defined in the code.

When, for each landscape unit, the landscape unit objectives are set through the Landscape Unit Planning Process or another process then the percentage of cutblock area to be wild life tree patches in silviculture prescriptions will drop 3% as per page 65 of the *Biodiversity Guidebook* and the *Lakes District Biodiversity Policy*.

Four months after the date of this letter it will become a requirement for all Forest Development Plan submissions to consider these biodiversity emphasis options as known information. The draft Lakes District LRMP specifies the strategies associated with each biodiversity emphasis option for each landscape unit. The Lakes District LRMP strategies supersede those outlined in appendix 2 page 82 of the *Biodiversity Guidebook*. Where no strategy exists within the draft LRMP, the strategy outlined in appendix 2 page 82 of the *Biodiversity Guidebook* shall prevail until landscape unit objectives are set for that landscape unit.

Yours truly,



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