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Dear Licensee:

This letter replaces the previous letter dated September 28, 2000 regarding measures to reduce the administration of harvesting bark beetles within Riparian Reserve Zones (RRZ). The designated environmental official for MELP and the district manager for MOF, Lakes Forest District have agreed on acceptable harvesting practices within RRZ's. This revised agreement is attached for your information and use. The changes to this agreement include the following:



1. Harvest for control of spruce beetle is not included in this agreement. Trap tree strategies outside of the Riparian Reserve Zone should be utilized.
2. Harvest for the control of mountain pine beetle in the East Ootsa South chart area is not included in this agreement. The "catastrophic" nature of the infestation in this area precludes control objectives being met through such actions (Note that the area of "catastrophic" infestation will change over time and be reflected in future versions of this agreement). Infested trees should be retained to contribute to structure and connectivity objectives.

Licensees submitting operational plans and harvesting strategies should consider this agreement in their submissions. Please be reminded that where harvesting is anticipated to impact the RRZ more than outlined in the agreement, that submission will be subject to further agreement (and approval by the DEO and DM). This revised agreement replaces the previous one as of January 1, 2001 and is now in place to March 31, 2002 after which it will be evaluated for appropriateness.

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If you have any questions, please contact Brent Turmel, Senior Forester, Major Tenures at 692-2200.

Yours truly,

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