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To: All Timber Sales Managers

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BC Timber Sales Headquarters**SILVICULTURE COMPLIANCE REPORTING**

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify interim silviculture compliance reporting procedures for BC timber sales operations.



Prior to the repeal of the *Silviculture Practices Regulation*, district managers were required to submit annual silviculture compliance reports to respective regional managers on or before July 31st of each year. From a Small Business Forest Enterprise Program perspective, the reports detailed the extent of program compliance with site degradation and soil disturbance requirements, free-to-grow achievements, as well as all actions that would be taken to address any matters of non-compliance.

On December 17, 2002, the *Silviculture Practices Regulation* (SPR) was replaced with the *Timber Harvesting and Silviculture Practices Regulation* (THSPR) as part of the transition process to the new *Forest and Range Practices Act* (FRPA). Due to a number of factors primarily related to the BC timber sales transformation process, the THSPR did not include a requirement for timber sales managers to submit compliance reports similar to those that were required under the old SPR.

Nevertheless, in view of the need for BC Timber Sales to parallel reporting of code requirements by major licensees, and until such time as the new FRPA compliance reporting provisions are in effect, timber sales managers are directed to proceed as follows:

- 1) Where BC timber sales is required to establish a free growing stand, timber sales managers
 - (a) shall continue to keep accurate records of silviculture treatments (ie. ISIS/FTAS), and

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(b) on or before July 31 each year, shall submit a compliance report for the preceding year ending March 31 to the regional manager stating the extent of compliance with the total limits specified in BC timber sales silviculture prescriptions or site plans for

(i) the amount of area that may be occupied by permanent access structures,

(ii) the amount of soil disturbance in the net area to be reforested, and

(iii) with section 70 (4) (d) and (e) of the Act for silviculture prescriptions if the regeneration date occurred, or the free growing assessment period ended, during the preceding year ending March 31.

2) Without limiting section 1), the compliance report must also contain for each BC timber sales area under a silviculture prescription or site plan identified as not being in compliance, the actions that will be taken to bring the area into compliance with the requirements of the silviculture prescription or site plan.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Shawn Hedges, Policy and Salvage Forester at 250-387-8944 or via electronic mail at Shawn.Hedges@gems7.gov.bc.ca.

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