



File: 19500-20

May 5, 1999

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Lakes Forest District

Dear Licensee:

This letter serves as further direction to the District Manager's (Bill Brinnen) letter of July 13, 1995 to the Cheslatta Carrier Nation ("Cheslatta") surrounding proposed development within the deferral area around Cheslatta Lake. This proposal outlined the need for deferment of planning development and harvest around Cheslatta Lake for a period of five years, or until the treaty process is completed, whichever was sooner. Under this proposal, licensees were directed to begin planning harvest areas within three years (July 21, 1998) and that no harvest would commence until 5 years from that date (July 21, 2000).



More recently, I informally established, and discussed with affected licensees, that planning for development within the deferral area should not commence until I have had discussion with Cheslatta. Specifically, I wanted to take the opportunity to discuss landscape unit planning with Cheslatta to find resolution to development around Cheslatta Lake. My staff met with Chief and Council, their membership, and Mike Robertson, their policy adviser, on February 3 and April 22, 1999 about this objective. It was discussed that the landscape unit planning process would be the appropriate vehicle through which Cheslatta could voice any concerns about development within the deferral area, around Cheslatta Lake.

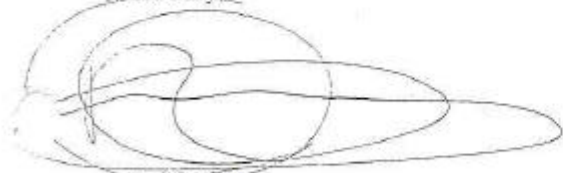
In light of the above discussions, I had to re-visit the 1995 proposal and make some changes to the district manager direction. Although these changes are slight, I had to consider impact on both timber industry and Cheslatta. I hereby establish the following direction for planning development within the deferral area:

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- Landscape unit planning around Cheslatta Lake is established as the first priority and I hereby set a date of September 15, 1999 as completion for the priority biodiversity objectives.
- All licensees will refrain from further planning of development within the deferral area. Any currently proposed blocks within this corridor will be considered under deferral until after the September 15, 1999 date.
- Licensees may plan development (propose "A" category blocks) within the deferral area after September 15, 1999 subject to the established objectives under the landscape unit plan for that area.
- Harvest or development within the deferral area may not commence until after July 21, 2000 as per the July 21, 1995 proposal. Exceptions to this may be made for the control of insects or other catastrophic events as outlined in that proposal.

If you need clarification on any aspect of this direction, please contact me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R. A. Murray'. The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

R. A. Murray
District Manager
Lakes Forest District