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To: Prince George Natural Resource District Licensees

Re: Spruce Beetle Management

As you may be aware, the Prince George Natural Resource District is in the midst of a spruce beetle outbreak. When actively managed, the impacts of this population growth can be mitigated to protect midterm timber supply and maintain ecosystem functions.

Spruce beetle suppression can be successful if practices are applied thoroughly and judiciously in correct locations at the correct time. As such, it is my expectation that this outbreak will be proactively managed in a coordinated fashion utilizing the attached documents to make best use of suppression efforts within the Prince George Timber Supply Area.

A district Spruce Beetle Working Group, comprised of ministry and licensee staff, has been established and will help provide further direction and guidance.

I want to thank you in advance for your cooperation and attention to this urgent matter.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Denise Hogue at 250-617-7400 or email at denise.hogue@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

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**Attachment(s): Prince George Natural Resource District Spruce Beetle Management
Direction
Omineca Region Guidelines for Spruce Beetle Haul and Mill
Strategies
Omineca Region Guidelines for Establishing Conventional Trap
Trees
Omineca Region BMP's for Spruce Beetle**

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