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To: Quesnel Forest District Timber Staff,  
Licensees Operating in Mule Deer Winter Range

**Re: Mule Deer Winter Range Management**

One of the objectives of the Cariboo-Chilcotin Land Use Plan (CCLUP) is to maintain mule deer winter range (MDWR) in a condition that will support the regional deer population during critical winter conditions. One of the strategies to achieve this objective is the preparation of management plans for each winter range. This planning process is under way but is not likely to be completed in the Quesnel Forest District for at least five years.

The CCLUP Mule Deer Strategy Committee has prepared Interim Management Guidelines for MDWR dated November 14, 2000, for use until such time as management plans have been prepared and accepted for use. These guidelines have been accepted by the Cariboo-Midcoast Interagency Management Committee.



I have reviewed these interim guidelines, and feel that they provide a reasonable framework for management of MDWR in the Quesnel Forest District. I expect that prescribing foresters will consider these guidelines while prescribing activities in MDWR, and that allowable annual cuts (AAC's) for woodlot licences in the district will be based on these guidelines.

Please direct any questions or concerns to me at 992-4465.



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