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## Forest Practices Regulation Amendments

### *Background*

On February 2, 1996 an Order In Council was approved amending six forest practices regulations.

#### Forest Practices Board Regulation (schedule 1)

Section 8 and 9 have been amended to change the notification under section 181 to occur at the time of investigation following a complaint. Previously the board was required to provide notification upon receipt of complaints.

#### Forest Service Road Use Regulation (schedule 2)

Section 8 was amended by deleting requirements of vehicle identification for recreation trail use.

#### Operational Planning Regulation (schedule 3)

Section 11(2) (a) was repealed as the district manager has authority under individual operational plans to require specific maps and schedules to permit adequate assessment, sec 15(1), 33(1) 62(1), 69 (1).

Section 26(1) and 63(1) was amended to provide the district manager with complete discretionary authority for requiring archaeological impact assessments. Previously, the district manger was requited to have impact assessment completed based on the results of an archaeological overview assessment.

Section 31 was amended to provide phase-in provisions for newly designated community watersheds for terrain stability and surface soil erosion mapping.

Section 33 (3)(h) was amended to require seasonal site limitations in a logging plan only if there is no silviculture prescription.

New section 39.1 enables the district manager to place conditions on silviculture prescription exemption for such things as soil conservation concerns.

#### Range Practices Regulation (schedule 4)

Section 3 was amended to provide for 4 strict manager approval on construction of a livestock trail in a community watershed where the trail crosses or abuts a

stream.

#### Security for Forest Practices Liabilities Regulation (schedule 5)

Section 2(1) was amended to enable the ministry to require security for any operation under a range use plan and for maintenance obligations relating to range developments.

#### Silviculture Practices Regulation (schedule 6)

Section 20 (e) was deleted to remove the requirement for major licence holders to submit Form D describing silviculture expenditures.

#### ***Recommendation***

It is recommended that district managers and their staff make themselves familiar with these amendments

An unofficial consolidation of the regulations is scheduled for production by the end of March 1996, that will include all amendments to the regulations to date.

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