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Range Transitional Issues

Background

Section 221 of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* (Act) provides for amendments to the Act by regulation to fix transitional difficulties encountered during implementation. Amendments under this section may be retroactive to June 15, 1995 and remain in effect for up to one year from the date of the amendment.

The Act requires that a range use plan be in place before any grazing or hay cutting is permitted on Crown range. The grandparenting provisions of the Act did not ensure that there was a grandparented range use plan for every range tenure. B.C. Reg. 249/95, approved June 8, 1995, amended the Operational Planning Regulation (OPR) by adding a new section 80. This section expanded what was considered as a grandparented range use plan.

On April 25, 1996, B.C. Reg 108/96 was approved amending section 80 of the (OPR). This amendment to section 80 extends the final expiry date of the grandparented range use plans to which it refers. In essence, if a range agreement that existed before June 15, 1995 did not have a tenure management plan the grandparented provisions provide for one until April 24, 1997.

Recommendations

It is recommended that district managers and their staff make themselves familiar with the above amendments. This should **not** be interpreted as Ministry policy or a legal interpretation.

This amendment is included within the *Unofficial Consolidated Operational Planning Regulation* dated May 3, 1996.

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