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Background

Section 221 of the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act (Act) provides for amendments to the Act and regulations to fix transitional difficulties encountered during code implementation. Amendments may be made retroactive and given effect for a maximum period of one year from the date of the amendment.

On April 25, 1996, BC Reg. 108/96 repealed and re-enacted Sections 80.1 of the Operational Planning Regulation (OPR) amending sections 41(6) and (7) of the Act for a period of one year. It also brought into effect a new section 82.4.

Section 80.1 provides the designated environment official (DEO) with authority to approve only that portion of the Forest Development Plan (FDP) contained in a community watershed or prescribed area. This extends a previous amendment to section 80.1 until April 24, 1997. Please see Regulation Bulletin #4 dated October 5, 1995 for cross-reference and further background.

Section 82.4 is a new amendment that is retroactive to December 15, 1995 until April 24, 1997. This amendment applies to section 229(3) of the Act and gives the DEO the ability to use substantial compliance when approving a FDP.

Recommendations

It is recommended that district managers and their staff make themselves familiar with the above amendments.

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

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