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Five-year Silviculture Plans

Background

Section 221 of the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* (Act) allows for amendments to the Act by regulation to remedy transitional difficulties encountered during code 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.

On April 25, 1996, BC Reg. 108/96 brought into effect the following new sections 80.02, 82.1, 82.2 and 82.3 of the Operational Planning Regulation (OPR). Section 80.02 is a new section that exempts five-year silviculture plans from the need to be consistent with a forest development plan (FDP) or a higher level plan.

Sections 82.1, 82.2, 82.3 amends sec. 231(4), 232(3) and 233(3) of the Act respectively. These amendments allow the district manager to approve silviculture prescriptions, backlog silviculture prescriptions and stand management prescriptions in the absence of a five-year silviculture plan.

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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