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VIA EMAIL

Dear IFPA Holders:

Over the past year, the Ministry of Forests and Range has been evaluating the Innovative Forestry Practices Agreement (IFPA) Program to determine what has been learned from the program, and to assist in making decisions regarding the future of the program. The evaluation has included a report produced by a third party contractor and a meeting, open to all IFPA holders, to discuss the report and provide any other input regarding the IFPA Program considered relevant. Despite these efforts, I believe there is further work to do before the major decisions regarding the future of the program can be made.

However, I am aware that some IFPAs are entering into the final year(s) of their current term. Consequently, I have decided the following:

- If applicable, current IFPA holders can apply to the regional executive director (RED) to extend the expiry date of their agreement up to August 31, 2011, which is the latest current expiry date for an IFPA.
- All current licence AAC uplifts derived from an IFPA will expire on the date indicated by the RED when the uplift was approved. However, IFPA holders can apply to the RED to extend an AAC uplift up to a new expiry date of an IFPA, if extended.
- New AAC uplifts from IFPAs will be considered by the RED up to the new expiry date of an IFPA; however, IFPA holders should be aware that approximately six months is required for the RED and his staff to process a new application and REDs are not authorized to extend AAC uplifts past the expiry date of the IFPA.

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During the coming months, the MOFR will continue to evaluate the IFPA Program and I am optimistic that, in due course, I will be in a position to make informed decisions regarding the future of the IFPA Program.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact your RED

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rich Coleman', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Rich Coleman
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