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Dear Marco Sylvain:

Re: AOA TSL A46485 Blocks 2, 4 and 5

As requested, an Archaeological Overview Assessment (AOA) was undertaken for the Cutblock Buffer Zone for TSL A46485 Blocks 2, 4 and 5 in the Chilcotin Forest District (Figure 1). This development area is located 8.5 km southeast of One Eye Lake and 12 km southwest of Tatla Lake (Figure 2). The results of the assessment are listed in the following report. The Cutblock Buffer Zone for TSL A46485 Blocks 2, 4 and 5 lacks features normally found associated with archaeological sites and therefore has no potential to contain archaeological sites. This report recommends that development proceed as planned in within the Cutblock Buffer Zone for TSL A46485 Blocks 2, 4 and 5.

A review of the provincial inventory (RAAD) reveals no previously recorded archaeological sites within one kilometer of the TSL A46485 project area.

The Cutblock Buffer Zone for TSL A46485 is 526 ha in size and is situated on steeply-sloping terrain on the northern side of a mountain in the Pantheon Range. The development area is located 150-250 m south of the Klinaklini River and several small tributaries are located within the area. The elevation of this area is 1200-1520 m above sea level; archaeological sites are not commonly found at this elevation. The slope of the terrain in this area is 15° in the northern portion of the development area and 30° in the southern portion. Due to its high elevation and sloping terrain, it is the assessment of this report that the Cutblock Buffer Zone for TSL A46485 Blocks 2, 4 and 5 does not have potential to contain archaeological sites.

This report concludes that the Cutblock Buffer Zone for TSL A46485 Blocks 2, 4 and 5 lacks the geographic features normally found associated with archaeological sites; therefore, it is the conclusion of this report that there is no reasonable likelihood for archaeological sites to be found within this area. This assessment concludes that harvesting may proceed as planned in the Cutblock Buffer Zone for TSL A46485 Blocks 2, 4 and 5.

This assessment was carried out based on a predictive strategy developed by Altamira Consulting Ltd for the B.C. Central Interior. A description of the technique and a more detailed presentation of this assessment are available upon request. This information will also be available in a final report to be prepared for BCTS Cariboo-Chilcotin Business Area, for work carried out by Altamira Consulting Ltd during 2011.

Yours sincerely,
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Sent by email March 11, 2011

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Maps

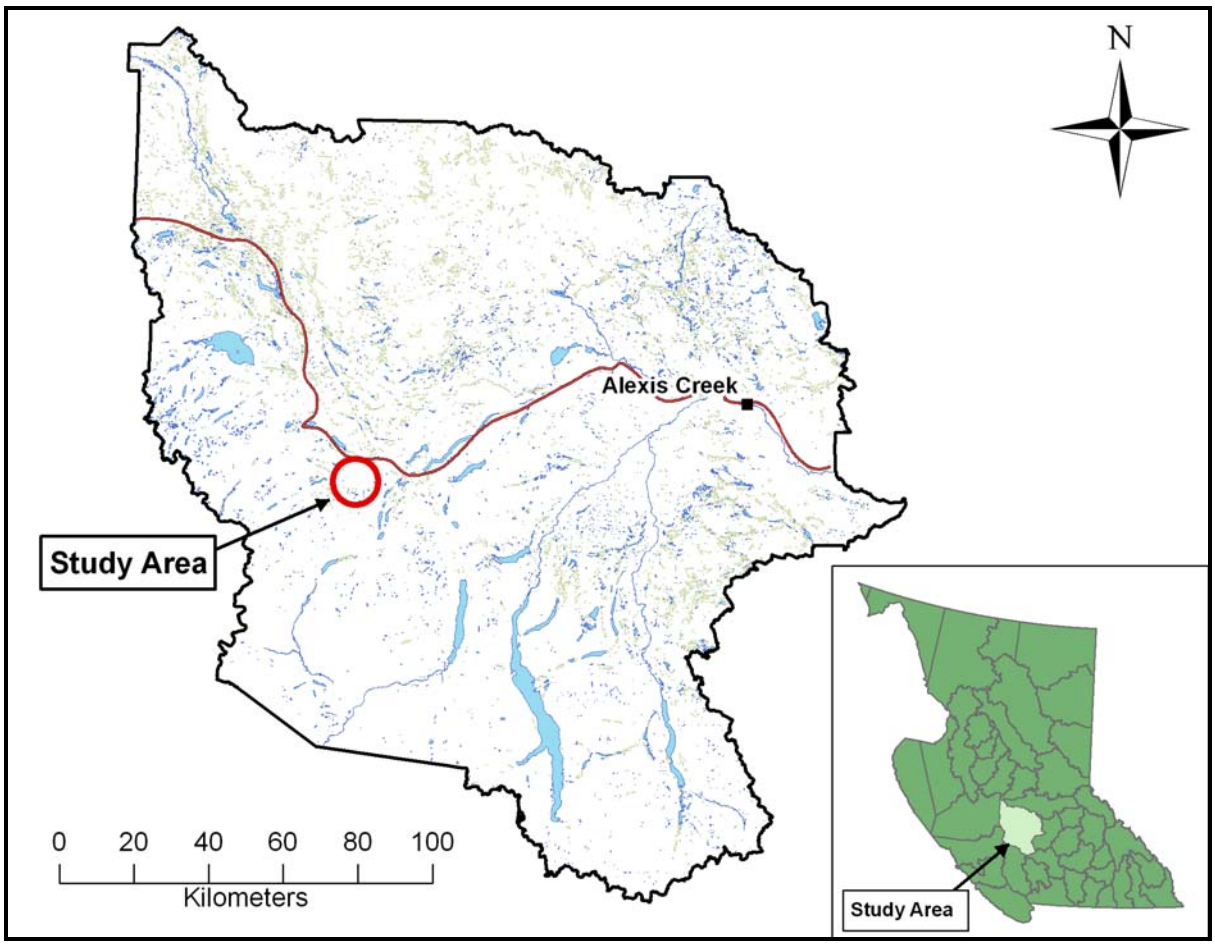

Figure 1. Map showing the location of the study area within the Chilcotin Forest District.

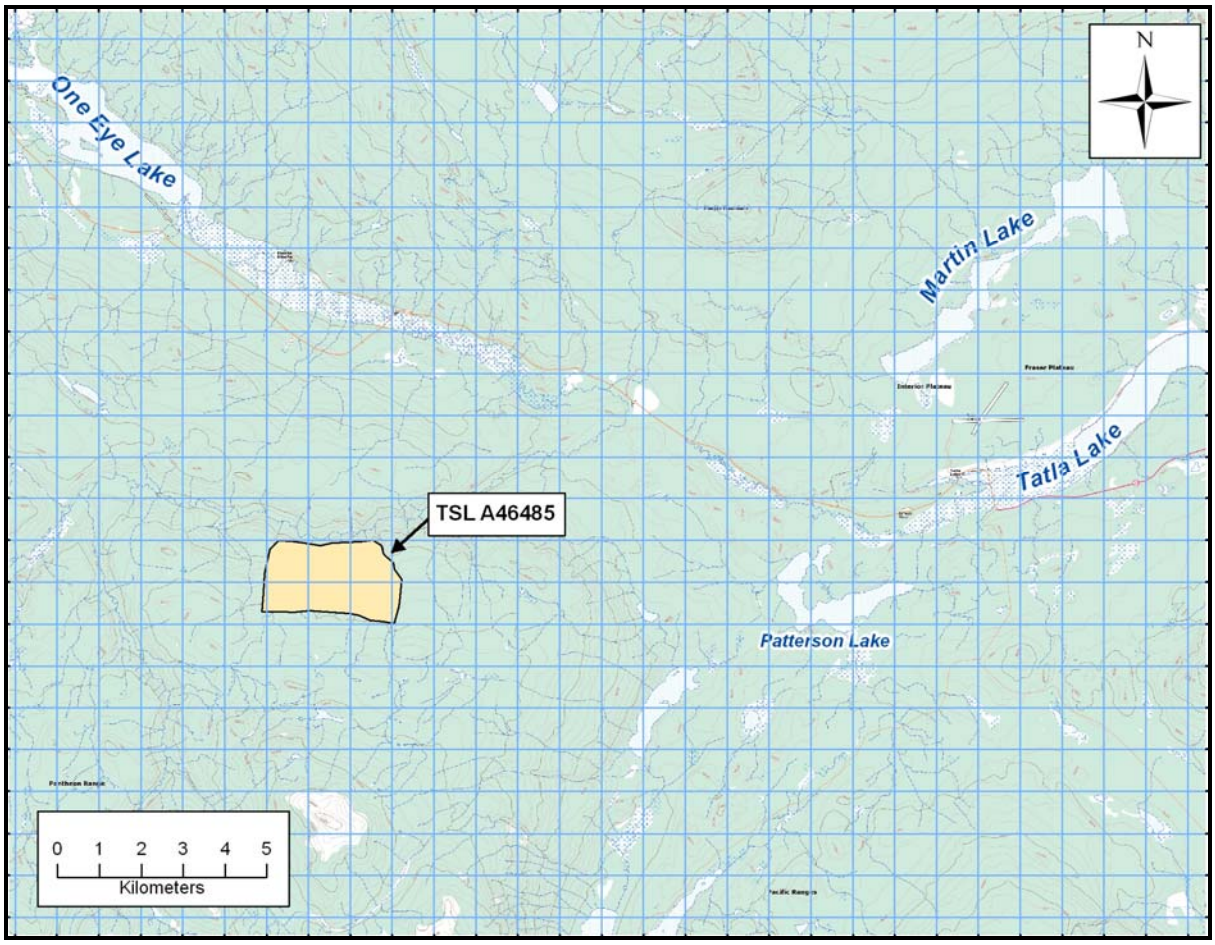

Figure 2. Map showing the location of the Cutblock Buffer Zone for TSL A46485 Blocks 2, 4 and 5 (from NTS 1:50,000 Maps 92N/14/15).

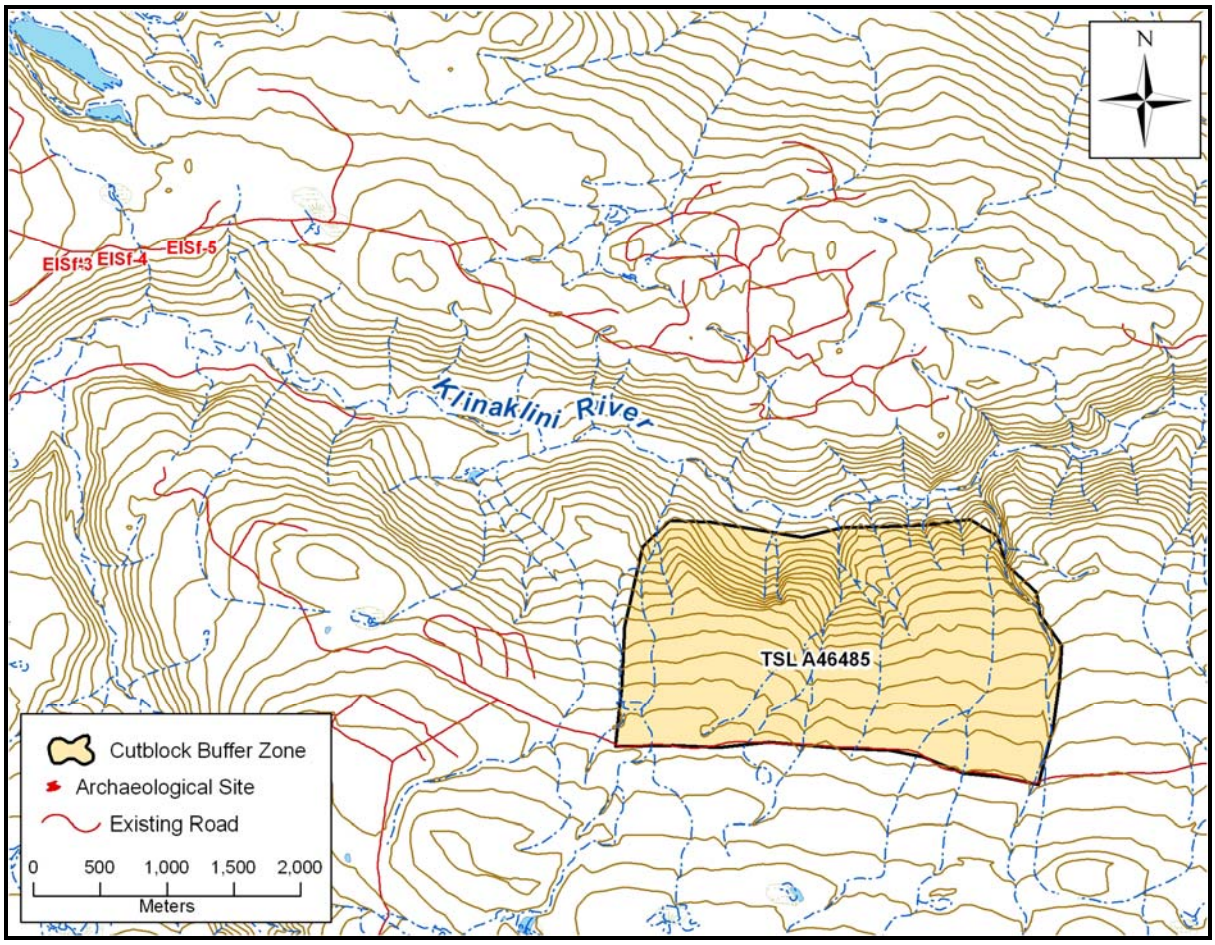

Figure 3. Map showing the Cutblock Buffer Zone for TSL A46485 Blocks 2, 4 and 5 (from TRIM 1:20,000 Map 92N.086).