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To: Deputy Minister

From: The Honourable Rich Coleman

**Re: Structural Review of BC Timber Sales**

I have received the above-noted report from the co-chairs on the Structural Review of BC Timber Sales (BCTS) and endorse the recommendations contained within it. In reaching this conclusion, I recognize the significant accomplishments that BCTS has achieved since its inception in 2003.



It is my expectation that acting on these recommendations will ensure that BCTS:

- is a results-oriented, and results-driven, organization;
- maintains a critical focus on provincial and local timber markets, and on market needs;
- will operate in a way that encourages, and does not interfere with, free market behaviour; and
- embraces innovation, continually pursues regulatory streamlining, and pioneers operational efficiencies for the rest of the Ministry and for the public service as a whole.

I have asked BCTS to provide the following to me by January 31, 2007:

- a revised set of BCTS strategic goals and performance measures;
- a recommendation on requirements for legislative change;
- an identification of immediate actions to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of BCTS; and
- a work plan to identify what further operational improvements will be required.

BCTS will develop specific performance measures to evaluate the success of these changes, and will report publicly on their performance against these measures over the next four years. The report's recommendations will be reassessed if BCTS is slipping on these performance measures.

To: Deputy Minister

I would like to acknowledge the considerable energy devoted to this review from members of the Timber Sales Advisory Council, other stakeholders, BCTS staff and staff from the rest of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

Sincerely yours,

Rich Coleman  
Minister

pc: Dave Peterson, Assistant Deputy Minister, BC Timber Sales  
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