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The Honourable Pat Bell
Minister of Forests and Range
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, British Columbia V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Bell:

In response to your request at the March 12, 2009 PAC meeting, PAC met in July 2009 to collaborate on a new strategic approach to silviculture in BC. PAC used the **"GROWING OPPORTUNITIES – A New Vision for Silviculture in British Columbia"** discussion paper as a starting point for their discussions, which resulted in the attached recommendations.

PAC strongly supports the proposed strategic approach to silviculture for BC forests and range. This document represents the higher level thinking that PAC believes is necessary to achieve long term success in this endeavour. PAC represents a broad range of perspectives in the BC forest sector, i.e., tourism, local and provincial governments, ranchers, First Nations, loggers, coastal and interior forest industry, conservation and organized labour. This range of perspectives is reflected in PAC's recommendations.

PAC would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide this input and hope that PAC's recommendations will be of value. PAC views this input as a first step, and looks forward to providing more specific recommendations on the framework as it evolves and more details become available.

If you have any further questions please contact either of the PAC Co-Chairs, Jim Snetsinger or Garry Merkel.

Sincerely,

Garry Merkel
Co-Chair
Forest and Range Practices Advisory Council

