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March 20, 2002

**TO: MAJOR LICENSEES**

Re: Management of leave trees within areas impacted by Mountain Pine Beetle

Dear Sirs:

This is a follow up to the June 29, 1999 policy letter on "Retention of non-impacted tree species in Mountain Pine Beetle outbreak areas" and will cancel and replace the June 29 policy

It has been three years now since the creation of this policy and it is time to update it under the "Professional Reliance" philosophy.



The intent of the policy is still the same, however, the policy has been adjusted to be less prescriptive.

Yours truly,

Tony Buckley  
District Manager

# KAMLOOPS FOREST DISTRICT POLICY/PROCEDURE

**SUBJECT:**

**Management of leave trees within areas impacted by Mountain Pine Beetles**

**PURPOSE(s)**

There continues to be a mountain pine beetle problem within the Kamloops Forest District impacting traditional forest development planning. This has resulted in harvesting patterns and block design different than would normally be prepared during conventional planning.

**POLICY/PROCEDURE:**

This District policy is meant to focus the forest developer on potential areas of concern. These areas may be identified by the District Manager or through public concerns identified through the review of Resource Development Plans (old FDP).

In some cases, proposed beetle salvage may be classified as normal development equivalent to conventional forest development planning. Some examples of this situation may be in first pass areas, areas of low ECA or areas where few other resource conflicts exist. In these areas, non-impacted tree species retention may be dealt with through normal stand level biodiversity. In other areas such as large aggregated cutblocks, areas with hydrological concerns, high visual sensitivity or severely reduced stand/landscape biodiversity options, licensees should develop leave tree strategies that will compliment the additional resource issues that are associated with the specific area.

Consideration of an adequate leave tree strategy, including retention of mature and immature trees should be done early on in the planning process. Even during rapid development associated with beetle salvage, this issue needs to be addressed to clearly define broad objectives for the permit area.

A well-planned leave tree strategy can be beneficial in addressing or alleviating some of the concerns in the proposed development area.

**DATE:**

March 15, 2002

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