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To All Major and Woodlot Licensees:

Attached is a District Manager policy for use within the Kamloops Forest District concerning the construction and use of access control gates.

The policy explains how access control gates are to be managed within the Kamloops Forest District. This policy goes into effect effective May 10, 2002.

This policy is new and is to be included in your copy of the “Kamlops Forest District Policy Book.”

If you have any questions, please contact Andy Oetter at 371-6577.

Yours truly,

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KAMLOOPS FOREST DISTRICT POLICY/ PROCEDURE

SUBJECT:

Management of Access control gates within the Kamloops Forest District.

PURPOSE:

Access blockages are sometimes a necessity to mitigate access issues caused by resource development activities. Gates can be a very effective tool to allow tenure holders to access important areas while reducing impact by other users. This has resulted in a large number of gates within the Kamloops Forest District. This policy is to help manage these gates in a safe and consistent fashion.

POLICY/ PROCEDURE

Potential gate locations are to be proposed through the normal Forest Development Plan (FDP) and Local Resource Use Plan (LRUP).

Gate locations are to be chosen that allow for maximum effectiveness and safety to all forest road users.

Gates are to be installed by the forest licensee doing development in the area.

Ongoing gate maintenance and repairs of breeches are the responsibility of the forest licensee.

Other tenure holders desiring to have a copy of the key must approach the Ministry of Forests to receive authority to approach the forest licensee to acquire a copy of the key. The forest licensee may issue or lend a copy of the key to the person only if they have been approved by the MOF to possess a key. This puts the refusal to issue a key to some users on the MOF.

The Ministry of Forests will be responsible for the integrity of gates and keys in conjunction with the agreement holders in the Logan Lake and Stake Lake recreational areas

The Ministry of Forests must be contacted by the responsibility holder for any changes to be made in the management of a gate or if locks are to be changed.

The district engineering officer is the primary contact for the Ministry of Forests for gate information and will also be the person to approve users to possess a key

All gates are to have effective signage near the start of the road to warn drivers of the gate ahead. Gates are to be posted with signs to ensure safety to forest road users. Gates are also to be posted with signage clearly stating the closure dates and purposes of the gates.

This is an interim policy and will be reviewed for effectiveness and relevancy in April 2003.

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