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Further to our earlier newsletter there has been some progress on the DEA issue and more information about the Resource Roads Act Initiative.

DEA's and access to TRIM data for licensees

At the regular CIO Forum meeting on December 10, 2007 a letter from ILMB regarding "**New directions with TRIM and GeoBaseBC**" was tabled. The entire letter from ILMB can be found on the FIMBC.CA website. <http://fimbc.ca/cio/newsletter.htm>

Some of the highlights of the letter are:

- ✚ The abandonment of TRIM Data Exchange Agreements (DEAs)
- ✚ Free access to TRIM data for those legislated to provide disturbances back to government
- ✚ Reduction of orthophoto procurement fees to \$50 per orthophoto
- ✚ Greater access to GeoBC products and services using Web Map Services and other tools, including free access to orthophotos and other data through Google Earth
- ✚ Streamlining of base map updates through greater collaboration with land based operators and the utilization of common tools (e.g. Electronic Submission Framework for forest industry updates)

Access to the TRIM data will be via the LRDW (Land and Resource Data Warehouse). MoFR and BMGS are currently working to enable BCEID's associated with licensees the appropriate level of permission on the LRDW site. That change will be implemented in the next few months. In the meantime BMGS will help licensees gain access to the data they require. Contact **Susan Lindner** (Susan.Lindner@gov.bc.ca), BMGS.

Forest Roads

Also at the CIO Forum meeting, Doug Kelly, Manager Engineering and Real Estate Operations, and Dona Stapley of Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch provided a Project Overview of the Resource Road Act. The RRA will consolidate and simplify parts of existing legislation and regulations including FRPA. The presentation can be viewed at <http://fimbc.ca/cio/newsletter.htm>

The timeline for the project (subject to change) is roughly:

Spring 2008 – Order in Council to officially remove ABR requirement from licensees

Spring 2008 – Present legislation for Resource Roads Act

Winter 08/09 – Requirements under the RRA will come into effect

The Resource Roads Act Business Design Team, chaired by Dona Stapley, is working on developing the requirements and Standards that will form part of the Regulations. The forest industry and other sectors will form part of the Team or will be consulted. Al Bennett (West Fraser) and likely one other industry person will represent the CIO Forum on this team.