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### **For Distribution to Licensees**

Dear Licensee:

### **Re: Changes to Forest Service Road and Bridge Maintenance Policy**

As you may be aware, government and specifically the Ministry of Forests are currently implementing the approved directions arising from the Core Services Review. The decisions stemming from that process will result in a number of business changes that will allow the Ministry of Forests to focus on its refined mandate.



The Forest Service Road (FSR) maintenance policy is being revised to reduce the ministry's maintenance on its 45,000 kilometre Forest Service Road network, especially on those roads not required for public or industrial use.

For the forest industry, the policy change will impact some more than others. In essence, the change means that industry will be responsible for all surface maintenance, major infrastructure repair and bridge replacement on Forest Service roads under Road Use Permit. Similar to other maintenance cost estimates on Road Permit Roads, those costs will be included in stumpage appraisals. This change is brought about because the ministry no longer has funding for structural or any other maintenance on these industrial-use FSRs.

For your information, I have attached an overview of all the changes to the Forest Service Road Maintenance Policy.

If you would like to arrange a meeting to discuss general issues regarding the ministry's new road maintenance policy, please contact John Mallett, Manager, Engineering and Real Estate Operations, Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch, at (250) 387-8657. If you have

questions regarding a specific FSR and our maintenance plans regarding that road, please contact your local forest district manager.

Yours truly,

*"Original Signed"*

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