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To: All Regional Executive Directors  
All District Managers

Re: **Fiscal 2006-2007 Funding Policy for Road and Structure Maintenance, Road Deactivation, and Road Closure on Non-Industrial Use Forest Service Roads (FSRs)**

Please find attached a copy of the **2006/07** fiscal funding policy and accompanying budget request spreadsheet for the engineering business area (BA 5) for roads and structures. The ministry's BA 5 Team developed the document with input from district and regional staff.

The purpose of the document is two-fold. It is to provide ministry policy direction for project priority planning and operational expenditures and tracking. It is also provided to assist districts and regions in the development of their 2006/07 budget request for road and structure maintenance, road deactivation, and road closure of non-industrial use FSRs.



There are only a few minor changes to last fiscal year's policy. A list of the most notable changes includes:

- (a) the creation of a new name, "Recreation Use FSRs" to replace the subset of General Use FSRs that have been identified as needing a "recreation access level of maintenance";
- (b) an increase in the level of funding available for Recreation Use FSRs to now provide a recreation access level of maintenance to both "high value" **Forest Recreation Sites and Trails** and to "important" **Recreational Areas**, including selected provincial parks and recreation features;
- (c) the need for the District Recreation Officer of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, to identify and prepare a list of "high value" Forest Recreation Sites and Trails and "important" Recreational Areas within the district, and to work with district engineering staff to prepare and prioritize a list of Recreation Use FSRs;
- (d) a change in the funding criteria for known potential projects on some non-status roads (NSRs); and
- (e) some minor revisions to Tables 1 and 2 to include Recreation Use FSRs, and both emergency projects and planned projects on NSRs.

Similar to last year, and in order to build a bottom-up budget for fiscal 2006/07, I expect that staff of each region, with significant input from the districts including the District Recreation Officers of the Ministry of Tourism, Sport and the Arts, will apply the policy to priority rank

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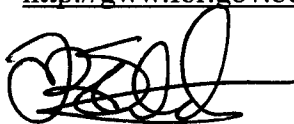
proposed engineering projects and develop their respective budget request for this business area. The accompanying spreadsheet will be used by the regions to submit the district roll-ups. It also provides an indication as to what will be reported on in the Service Plan.

The regional submissions are to be completed by **December 30, 2005**, and submitted to the BA 5 Team. As per previous years, the BA 5 Team will meet to discuss the regional submissions to determine if they are fairly balanced (considering the scope of regional priorities) and consistent with the policy direction.

The BA 5 Team will review the submissions and make recommendations to me by **early January 2006**. Based on the results of the team's recommendations, the allocation of funding could shift from one region to another.

Each Regional Engineering Officer will be in contact with districts to discuss implementation of this policy. If you or your staff have any questions with regard to its content, please discuss with members of the BA 5 Team, which include your Regional Engineering Officers – Dan Robek, Carl Erickson and Brent Case (co-chair), as well as Brian Chow, Andrew Davies, Brian Hawrys, John Mallett (co-chair), Vince Sewell, Barry Trenholm, John Donnelly, and Ron Donnelly.

A digital copy of the policy (including the budget spreadsheet) can be found at [http://gww.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/engineering/pol\\_pro\\_mld.htm](http://gww.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/engineering/pol_pro_mld.htm).



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