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**BY EMAIL**

To: Regional Executive Directors  
District Managers

From: Tim Sheldon  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
Operations Division

**Re: New Guidance in the Woodlot Licence Plan Template**

This is to advise that the Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) template has been revised to provide further guidance regarding:

- Wildlife Tree Retention Strategy
- Cultural Heritage Resources
- Invasive Plants; and
- Natural Range Barriers

The revised WLP template is posted at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/woodlots/woodlot-licence-management-plans.htm> and replaces the October 2006 version.

While use of the template is not mandatory, it does provide administration guidance to MFR staff, woodlot licence holders and their consultants, i.e. those who prepare, review and/or approve WLPs. The revised template is the result of comprehensive consultations with relevant branch specialists and members of the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA). The guidance provided by the template is consistent with the intent of the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation. The content and proposed wording provides practical and understandable approaches to addressing Wildlife Tree Retention Strategies, Cultural Heritage Resources, Invasive Plants and Natural Range Barriers to facilitate WLP adjudication.

The release of this guidance is designed to assist with the transition from operating under the Forest Practices Code to operating under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*.

I thank district and regional staff for the monitoring and reporting on WLP submissions and CP data that they have done over the past months. This monitoring has enabled constructive conversations with the FBCWA and provides a part of the foundation for these template revisions and other ongoing streamlining efforts.



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If you have any questions, please contact Dave Haley, Woodlot Licence Forester,  
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