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To: All Interested Parties

Dear Sir/Madame:

The Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch is pleased to announce that a new release of the Provincial Forest Cover Data, also known as Vegetation Resource Inventory (VRI), is currently available in the Land and Resource Data Warehouse (LRDW).

This release of the Provincial Forest Cover Data is the first to be posted to the LRDW using new update and data loading tools known as Vegetation Resource Inventory Management System (VRIMS). Users should note that there have been a number of changes from previous data postings including:

◆ Data Format Changes

The Provincial Forest Cover Data is loaded to the LRDW in three business formats that facilitate viewing and analysis of the information. As these business formats are new, the attributes presented have changed and your staff will need to become familiar with these format changes.

◆ Forest Cover Projection

The Provincial Forest Cover Data is projected to 2008 using the new Variable Density Yield Prediction (VDYP7) model. As a result of the new model, volume predictions will differ from those provided previously.

◆ Updated Data

This new release of the Provincial Forest Cover Data includes 186 mapsheets of new VRI re-inventories and some disturbance updates extracted from the Reporting Silviculture Updates and Landstatus Tracking System (RESULTS).

Our goal is to provide the most current Provincial Forest Cover possible. In order to facilitate this, we are scheduling another release for early fall 2009. This next version will be in a consistent format to this release and will include close to 300 mapsheets of new VRI re-



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inventories and close to 80% of all acceptable RESULTS depletion submissions. The fall release will also be projected to 2009 using the VDYP7 model.

Please circulate this note to any staff that may be accessing the Provincial Forest Cover Data. A more comprehensive document detailing changes can be found on our website at:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/vridata/>

Yours truly,



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