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The South Island Forest District forwarded you a copy of a Ministry of Forests, Operations Division Executive letter regarding a Short Term Strategy for Coarse Woody Debris on January 31, 2000. Since that time the strategy has been reviewed and finalized. I am forwarding you a copy of the finalized strategy titled "A Short Term Strategy for Coarse Woody Debris Management in British Columbia's Forests" dated March 2000. This March 2000 coarse woody debris strategy replaces the January 31, 2000 guidance. I am forwarding you a copy of this strategy to assist with any coarse woody debris requirements of operational plans under the Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act. It should be noted that this coarse woody debris strategy is not a legal document and should be considered guidance only. This March 2000 coarse woody debris strategy provides guidance that a District Manager may consider in reviewing operational plans and assessing the plan's ability to adequately manage and conserve the forest resource. Please note that a District Manager will evaluate each operational plan on their own merit regardless of whether a plan follows this March 2000 strategy.

Yours truly,

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