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BY EMAIL

To: Regional Managers

From: Bill Howard
Director
Revenue Branch

Jim Langridge
Director
Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch

Re: Cutting Permit Amendments

The purpose of this memo is to provide a clarification to our memo of October 24, 2002, (copy attached) on amendments and effective dates for cutting permits.

To facilitate the salvage bark beetle infested timber, cut blocks in existing cutting permits may be expanded to include adjacent, infested timber. New cut blocks are not to be added nor deleted from existing cutting permits.



Please instruct your staff accordingly.

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Director
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Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch

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October 24, 2002

To: Regional Managers

Re: Cutting Permit Amendments

The purpose of this memo is to provide direction related to amendments to and effective dates for cutting permits.

Existing cutting permits, whether the harvest has begun or not, are only amended to reflect minor changes that occur which are beyond the licensee's control and are required for forest management reasons (i.e., fringe blowdown, minor additions, deletions). Amendments are not to be used to make large changes and, in particular, add or delete cutblocks. We are aware of instances where such amendments have been made and those amendments appear to be designed solely to reduce stumpage rates, to the disadvantage of other licensees.

Turning now to the effective dates of cutting permits, the effective date is the date the permit is signed by the ministry. We have noted instances where the effective date has been backdated, apparently to gain a stumpage rate advantage.

For future reference, the Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch web site has under development a section on cutting permit administration (<http://gwww.for.gov.bc.ca/rte/timten/subject.htm>) that will provide long term guidance in this area.

Please instruct your staff accordingly.

Original Signed by

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