West Fraser Mills Ltd. Pacific Inland Resources Division Notice of Forest Stewardship Plan (FSP) Amendment #5

Consistent with the Forest and Range Practices Act, Pacific Inland Resources has prepared an Amendment to its Forest Stewardship Plan in the Bulkley Timber Supply Area.

The amendment proposes a change to FSP Results and Strategies associated with Core Ecosystems. More specifically, the amendment proposes the ability to submit to the District Manager of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations a request to harvest dead and deteriorating timber from Core Ecosystems, while retaining the overall amount of Core Ecosystem in an un-harvested state.

It is Pacific Inland Resources intent, if this amendment is approved, to request such harvest of dead and deteriorating timber volumes from the Quick Core ecosystem. Additional areas for harvest may be requested in the future subject to information sharing with affected stakeholders and approval by the Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations.

As a substantial portion of the timber to which this amendment pertains is dead, infested or otherwise damaged and deteriorating, Section 20 (2)(d) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation requires a Forest Stewardship Plan Amendment be published in a notice at least once in a newspaper for a 10-day review and comment period.

This FSP amendment will be available for public comment from January 2, 2013 to January 12, 2013.

The plan will be available for review and comment during normal business hours (8:00 am -4:30 pm) at Pacific Inland Resources office on Tatlow Road in Smithers. Alternative meeting times can be arranged by contacting Pacific Inland Resources staff listed below.

To ensure comments receive consideration they must be submitted in a written format prior to January 12, 2013 and delivered to:

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