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Hi Everyone:

According to a Notice placed by PIR in last week's Interior News, PIR is seeking an amendment to the Forest Stewardship Plan that would allow logging in the Core Ecosystems established under the Land Resources Management Plan (LRMP) for this area. Background information for the LRMP can be found at the Community Resources Board website at:

<http://www.bvcrb.ca/lrmp> . In addition, a Sustainable Resources Management Plan (SRMP) is also in effect for this area. It was adopted in 2006 . It can be viewed at http://archive.ilmb.gov.bc.ca/slrp/srmp/north/bulkley/cabinet/bulkley_srmp.pdf The SRMP provides detailed guidelines for activities in Core Ecosystems and the conditions under which logging can occur for forest health reasons (see p.8 forward).

According to the Interior News notice, copies of PIR's proposed amendment are available at PIR on Tatlow Road between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm or by arranging an appointment with Dave Ripmeester or Alan Baxter at PIR at (250) 847-2656. Also according to the Notice, if the amendment is approved PIR intends to initiate logging within the Core Ecosystem that exists off of Lawson Road in the Quick area. Logging in otehr Core areas could then take place without public notice.

The proposed amendment would constitute a substantial change to the LRMP and the SRMP. These ground rules were developed after a lengthy public review process with the LRMP in effect since 1998. Previously, logging in Core Ecosystems areas was strictly limited. According to the Notice in the newspaper, the public has until Saturday, January 12th to provide comments.

Comments can be sent to :
West Fraser Mills Ltd.
Pacific Inland Resources Division
Box 3130
Smithers, BC V0J 2N0

You may want to email your comments to :
Dave Ripmeester at:
with copies to:
Glen Buhr, the Stewardship Officer at FLNRO for this area at: >
and the Community Resources Board at:

An extended comment period may be in order given the significance of the proposed amendment. This would give time for greater community involvement including by the Community Resources Board.

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