

Re: Forest Practices Code to Forest and Range Practices Act Transition

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As you may be aware the legislation governing forest practices has been amended. Operations carried out by Forest Licences (such as Pacific Inland Resources) will be guided by the Forest and Range Practices Act as opposed to the Forest Practices Code. This change in legislation is not expected to have a significant impact in how forest management practices occur in the field. The new legislation will emphasize less process and will tend to focus on management results.

You have received this correspondence because of your past interest in Pacific Inland Resources' Forest Development Plan. Under the Forest and Range Practices Act, Forest Development Plans become obsolete. Moving into the new planning realm, Pacific Inland Resources will develop and utilize a Forest Stewardship Plan to guide our development.

The Forest Stewardship Plan will continue to recognize Bulkley Timber Supply Area planning initiatives which were developed over time. Most notably, the Community Resources Board's consensus management direction which contributed to the Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP) and the associated Landscape Unit Plans (LUP's) will continue to direct development. Objectives developed within the context of these plans have been refined and will be made legal in the context of the Higher Level Plan Objectives.

The Forest and Range Practices Act requires forest licensees to address these "objectives set by government". The Forest Stewardship Plan is the means by which Pacific Inland Resources identifies the pertinent objectives set by government and subsequently identifies the strategies or results by which it will manage for these objectives.

Block specific information, as was required in the Forest Development Plan, is no longer required to be shown in the Forest Stewardship Plan. Rather, the forest licensee must ensure that all blocks proposed for development meet the intent of the legal objectives and the zonations (biodiversity, wildlife, special management zones, etc.) which they pertain to.

Pacific Inland Resources will endeavor to facilitate good communication with stakeholders that have area specific interests. To this end, if you have an area in which you are interested in receiving block specific information and past planning initiatives have not addressed your interests, please notify us. If we propose resource development activities in that area we will contact you.

If you have further questions or require clarification regarding the above information, please contact;

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