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Peace River Regional District c/o Brad Sperling Box 810 1981 Alaska Highway Avenue Dawson Creek, BC V1G 4H8

Re: West Fraser Summer 2020 Forest Operating Plan (FOP)



Dear Brad,

Chetwynd Forest Industries, a Division of West Fraser Mills Ltd. (CFI), is commencing information sharing for our Summer 2020 Forest Operating Plan (FOP), which outlines our proposed road and cut block development within the Dawson Creek Timber Supply Area. This information sharing period is an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have with proposed development, and to discuss any site-specific information and/or values which can be incorporated into CFI's development planning. When reviewing the blocks please also consider an area of 300m around proposed block perimeters and proposed road centerlines. The purpose of the 300m buffer is to provide flexibility to incorporate damaged timber into the block and locate boundary and road along natural terrain features that are not easily identifiable until groundwork commences.

The enclosed maps identify five categories of CFI Blocks:

- 1. "For Current Consideration": These draw as light purple polygons. Proposed blocks are new areas identified for development for which we are seeking comments. In some cases, a proposed block may have appeared on a previous FOP but at the time of layout the boundary was beyond the 300m information sharing buffer applied so the block is being referred a second time to ensure all concerns have been identified.
- 2. "Previously Info Shared": These draw as dark purple polygons. These blocks are those which have been previously referred previous FOPs.
- 3. "CP Approved": These draw as dark purple polygons. These are blocks for which we hold an active cutting permit. Cutting Permits are active for a period of four years and

can sometimes be extended. It is reasonable to expect that blocks in this category will be harvested within four years.

- 4. "Not Free Growing": These draw as pale, yellow polygons. Not free growing blocks have been logged and/or reforested but have not yet achieved free growing status.
- 5. "Free Growing Approved": These draw as pale green polygons. Free growing approved blocks have been logged, reforested and achieved free growing status.

Cut block development and harvesting will be prioritized based on forest health. Spruce beetle sanitation and bark beetle salvage stands will continue to be considered a higher priority for development and harvesting over healthy stands. Residual mountain pine beetle areas continue to occur throughout the Timber Supply Area. We have provided maps indicating the proposed cut block locations which are displayed as purple polygons, and proposed roads which are displayed as purple lines.

Your comments play an integral part in managing the land base and are an important consideration as we move forward with the planning process. It is very beneficial to our planning process to receive comments or concerns as soon as possible so they may be incorporated into our plan. We will be receiving comments from July 31, 2020 to September 29, 2020. After that date we may proceed with applications for cutting and road permits. We will gladly receive and do our best to incorporate comments received at anytime throughout our planning and cutting permit acquisition process.

The 1:50,000 scale maps highlight the proposed areas of forest development and digital files containing spatial information and development summaries will be made available, in your preferred format, upon request.

I would like to extend an invitation to meet with you to discuss this plan further, should you wish. I would be happy to send on any additional information you require to complete a review upon request. If you have any questions or concerns regarding any of the proposed activities within this plan, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-788-4418.



Sean West, RFT Planning Supervisor West Fraser Mills Ltd.







































