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Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

Input invited on Mackenzie timber supply review

VICTORIA – Comments are being accepted until Dec. 16, 2013, on a public discussion paper released today as part of a comprehensive timber supply review for the Mackenzie Timber Supply Area.

Public feedback on the discussion paper will be considered by the chief forester before setting a new allowable annual cut. The current allowable annual cut is 3,050,000 cubic metres. The discussion paper describes the geography, natural resources, forest management and land use plans of the Mackenzie Timber Supply Area. It also provides the results of the timber supply analysis, including a base case harvest forecast.

The Mackenzie Timber Supply Area covers about 6.4 million hectares, with only 1.36 million hectares available for timber harvesting. The area is sparsely populated with most of the population living in the community of Mackenzie. Small settlements within the timber supply area include Germansen Landing, Manson Creek, Tsay Keh Dene and Kwadacha.

The chief forester's allowable annual cut determination is an independent professional judgment based on information such as technical forestry reports and input from First Nations and the public.

Under the Forest Act, the chief forester must determine the maximum amount of wood that can be harvested in each of the province's 38 timber supply areas and 34 tree farm licences at least once every 10 years. However, a new allowable annual cut may be determined earlier in response to abnormal situations, or postponed for up to five years if an allowable annual cut level is not expected to change significantly.

To view or download a copy of the discussion paper, visit the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations forest analysis and inventory branch website at:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa16/index.htm>

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