Government Actions Regulation Order

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Order to Identify a Cultural Heritage Resource, Resource Feature on Mt. Woodside (Kweh-Kwuch-Hum) for the Chilliwack Forest District

Pursuant to Section 5 (1) (e) of the Government Actions Regulation (GAR) of the Forest and Range Practices Act, I hereby identify the following portion of Mt. Woodside (see attached), a cultural heritage resource – resource feature. Mt Woodside (Kweh-Kwuch-Hum) is culturally important to the Chehalis and other Coast Salish aboriginal people. Several reasons for this importance are:

- (1) Location: it is in close proximity to and visible from the present day Chehalis community and it contains historic and ancient village sites.
- (2) Burial/Mortuary Sites: the Band's historic cemetery is located here and there are numerous ancient burial mounds located within the area.
- (3) Cultural and Spiritual Activity Area: it has been a significant traditional use area especially for spiritual activities, both currently and in the past.

The establishment of the Kweh-Kwuch-Hum cultural heritage resource - resource feature, under a Government Actions Regulation (GAR) order, provides for the protection of this significant cultural and spiritual area. The establishment respects the sacredness of the area and will not damage or render ineffective the resource feature. It also provides licensees with a description of this cultural heritage resource - resource feature from which they can develop their plans under the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. The resource feature has been divided into the following two zones.

High Cultural Features and Use Area (Red Zone)

<u>Purpose</u>: to provide for the protection of this zone for the benefit of the Chehalis and other Coast Salish aboriginal people. Resource activities other than for traditional uses are not compatible. However, where there is no other practicable access route road building is permitted, provided it does not damage or render ineffective any cultural resource.

Dispersed Cultural Features and Use Area (Yellow Zone)

<u>Purpose</u>: to provide for the protection of important cultural aspects of the resource feature within the zone for the benefit of the Chehalis and other Coast Salish aboriginal people. Resource management activity could be considered where it does not damage or render ineffective the cultural resources of the feature.

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