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To: Regional Executive Directors
District Managers

From: Doug Konkin
Deputy Minister

Re: One Cutting Permit over a Community Forest Agreement

On May 26, 2011, the executive of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) endorsed moving forward with a one Cutting Permit (CP) over a Community Forest Agreement (CFA) concept. The concept was piloted over this past year in four forest districts: Sunshine Coast, Kamloops, Central Cariboo and Prince George. The feedback from the pilots has been positive from both the licensees participating and ministry staff. As a result of these efforts, the implementation of one CP over the CFA is now available to be utilized across the province.

To be clear, the one CP concept over the CFA is **ONLY** available for community forests that meet the following three criteria:

- There is an approved Forest Stewardship Plan in place;
- The CP being applied for is on tabular rates; and
- The district manager is satisfied that adequate First Nations consultation for the area has occurred.


The attached documents (business map, process guide, route card, notice to commence template, sample CP application cover letter, sample ESF submission, concept overview and FAQs) should provide you with the tools to implement the concept. These will also be posted on the ministry's community forests website at:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timber-tenures/community/index.htm>

The expansion of the use of one CP for a CFA is the result of collaborative work between the BC Community Forest Association and FLNRO staff. We would like to thank all those who participated in making this happen.

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If you require further information or clarification, please call Peter Graff, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (250) 387-8315.



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Attachments: Concept Overview
 Business Process Map
 Process Guide
 Route Card
 Sample CP Application Cover Letter
 Sample ESF Submission
 FAQs

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