



Ministry of Forests, Range



Wildlife Tree Committee of British Columbia

Bulletin to WDT Assessors – June 22, 2010 **WDTAC – Wildland Fire Safety Course Module Errata**

This bulletin serves as an errata note by the Wildlife Tree Committee (WTC). Although the recent updates to the Wildland Fire Safety Course module in 2009 and 2010 were very minor, an error was recently discovered that needs to be remedied. The manual and FS 502b field cards are being remedied but in the interim, we ask that persons who have taken the training make the following correction to BOTH their manual and their copy of the FS502b field card:

Workbook page 22, Table 3A Dangerous Tree Criteria for LOD 2/3

- **Cedar group** definition of a dangerous Hazard Top should be corrected by **DELETING** the statement “**OR Where a dead top is >20% of the tree height**”.

FS 502b field card set, page 6, Table 3A Dangerous Tree Criteria for LOD 2/3

- Cedar group definition of a dangerous Hazard Top should be corrected by **DELETING** the statement “**OR Where a dead top is >20% of the tree height**”.

The emphasis remains that for a defective top (regardless of its size) in the form of a dead spike, fork, co-dominant or multiple stem to be rated as DANGEROUS it must show visible signs of structural weakness.

We apologize for the inconvenience this errata note creates but do ask for your cooperation in remedying your materials as indicated above. Thank you for your cooperation.

Note that Wildlife/Danger Tree (WDT) Assessors should annually review the WTC website (www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfp/values/wildlife/WLT/index.htm) for bulletins, postings of new manuals and other related information.