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To: Interior District Managers

From: The Honourable Pat Bell
Minister of Forests and Range

RE: Cutblock Blending

In order to implement the major policy changes to the Interior MPS planned for this July, it is necessary to restrict the blending of Mountain Pine Beetle (MPB) attacked timber with other timber in a cutting permit. In addition to Section 1.4 of the *Interior Appraisal Manual*, the following policy shall be effective June 1, 2010:

A cutting authority shall not include both an authorization to harvest on a cut block where 35 percent or more of the net merchantable timber is red and grey mountain pine beetle attacked lodge pole pine and an authorization to harvest on a cut block that does not have those same characteristics.

If you have any questions please contact Rhonda Morris, Manager, Timber Tenures, Resource Tenures Branch at (250) 387-8301 or Grant Loeb, Manager, Timber Pricing, Pricing Branch at (250) 387-8378.

Pat Bell
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