To: Interior Regional Executive Director’s,

The purpose of this note is to provide an update regarding changes to the Provincial Logging Residue and Waste Measurements Procedures Manual (Manual), scheduled for implementation April 1, 2019 in the interior, and December 31, 2019 on the coast.

Since September 2015 Timber Pricing Branch (TPB) with industry engagement has been revising the Manual. The objective of this review is to improve the accuracy, efficiency and auditability of the waste measurements system. This initiative supports the government’s objectives to reduce burning, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and realize more value and jobs from the resource. The manual is undergoing final drafting and will be made available for a broader public referral prior to the April 1 2019 release.

The previous waste manual provided opportunities to estimate waste volumes using an ocular estimate method. The new waste manual will apply estimation methods based on established sampling principles and procedures. Field testing over the past two years has indicated that this process will improve the accuracy and consistency of waste reporting. The testing has also indicated the new process will generate an overall increase in merchantable waste volumes.

The standards will also incorporate new methods to measure and report timber. Some of the highlights will see dry (grade 4) timber being measured and billed stumpage; bucking waste will be measured in a more consistent manner and merchantable waste accumulation volumes will be derived using standardized conversion methods.

To support the new sampling systems and data collection techniques an iPad based (Apple) data collection application has been developed. The application ‘EForwasteBC’ is available from the app store free of charge (https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/eforcwastebc/id1232739185?mt=8)

The new manual will be implemented in the following manner through a phased process effective April 1 2019. The process outlined below will be available for all major licensee cutting authorities for a two year period only. This means that after April 1 2021 the option to use the waste and residue standards in effect prior to April 1 2019 will not be available. The implementation process for BCTS Timber Sale Licenses is still under development. Information on the coastal implementation will be made available in the New Year.
April 1, 2019

a. Major Licensee Interior cutting authorities with effective dates on or after April 1, 2019 will be required to follow the new waste procedures.
b. Major Licensee Interior cutting authorities with effective dates prior to April 1, 2019 will have the option to complete waste surveys following the existing procedures or complete waste surveys under the waste manual procedures effective April 1, 2019 until April 1 2021.

In order to develop a workforce of industry trainers, TPB will be conducting training of instructors for waste surveyor planning and field measurement. It is the expectation that industry will utilize these trainers to develop a workforce of trained survey planners and field surveyors. TPB will also be supplying additional training and coordination resources

Further information on this topic can be found at: Forest Residue and Waste Website or contact Keith Tudor (778- 974-2462) (Keith.Tudor@gov.bc.ca).

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