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VIA EMAIL

To Forest Licence and Tree Farm Licence Holders:

I am writing to inform you of the approval of the Volume Attributions Policy. Volume attributions are the transfer of harvested volumes between eligible licences subject to the prescribed requirements found under Division 5 of the *Forest Act's* Cut Control Regulation.

A volume attribution is a stand-alone and discretionary decision made by the minister, who must also ensure that the attribution is not contrary to the public interest. This decision cannot be pre-approved and may only be made after timber harvesting has been completed.

Please be advised that the interpretation of when a volume attribution request can be accepted has changed. Under this new interpretation, the minister cannot accept a volume attribution request from a licence holder if the licence is in an overharvest position at the time the request is submitted. This will require licence holders to carefully manage harvest levels if future submission of volume attribution requests are planned. This is a departure from the earlier interpretation where a licence holder's overharvest position for the purpose of a volume attribution request was determined at the end of the licence cut control period.

Also, as part of the recently announced Modernizing Forest Policy in British Columbia initiative, government will be engaging with interested parties to gather further input on how volume attributions might be improved moving forward into the future.

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If you have any further questions, please contact Doug Kelly, Director, Forest Tenures Branch at (778) 974-2387, or Doug.Kelly@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Volume Attributions Policy

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