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To: Assistant Deputy Ministers  
Chief Forester  
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BCTS Executive Director  
District Managers  
BC Timber Sales Managers

From: Sarah Fraser  
Assistant Deputy Minister  
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**Re: Volume Attributions Policy**

Please find attached, the updated “Volume Attributions Policy”. The purpose of this policy is to provide consistent provincial guidance on the administration of volume attributions for eligible licences in accordance with the *Forest Act* and Division 5 of the Cut Control Regulation (Regulation).

Under the updated policy, the minister will not accept a volume attribution request if either the receiving licence or harvesting licence is in an overharvest position when the volume attribution request is submitted.

This policy will continue to provide licensee harvest flexibility, to achieve the harvest of existing management unit allowable annual cuts (AAC) and increase participation in the forest sector by First Nations and other small licence holders.

The policy was created through the input and collaboration of various ministry staff. Input was also solicited from client groups and incorporated where applicable. The policy, along with more information on AAC administration, is available on the Forest Tenures Branch website at: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/forest-tenures>.

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The Modernizing Forest Policy in British Columbia includes an intention to improving accountability in tenure management. This includes examining how volume attributions could potentially be applied in the future. Engagement on this policy intention is on-going.

If you have any questions on the policy, please contact Doug Kelly, Director, Forest Tenures Branch at (778) 974-2387.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Fraser', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attachment(s): Volume Attribution Policy

pc: Doug Kelly, Director, Forest Tenures Branch  
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