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To: Regional Executive Directors
District Managers
Timber Sales Managers

From: Doug Kelly, Director, Forest Tenures Branch

Re: *Forest Act*, Bulletin #15: Cutting Permit and Road Permit Administration

On April 1, 2024, the *Forest Statutes Amendment Act* (Bill 41-2023) came into effect allowing the following:

- Increased discretion to the issuance of cutting permits (CPs) and road permits (RPs);
- Increased authority to collect information; and
- Increased authority to add conditions consistent with or more restrictive than forestry legislation, the agreement, and the Forest Stewardship Plan.

Attached is a new *Forest Act*, Bulletin #15: Cutting Permit and Road Permit Administration that provides additional guidance on the discretionary issuance of CPs and RPs. This guidance supports the previous advice dated March 19, 2024, that included a [summary of the new *Forest Act*, Part 3.1 and Part 8.0](#) provision for the licence agreement, and CP and RP administration and interim [guidance](#) regarding the Forest Operations Map.

To support operations, the delegation matrix was updated on April 2, 2024, that delegated the new decisions required in the *Forest Act* from the Minister, which also provides other ministries limited delegated authority. Please refer to the website for the [delegation matrix](#) to confirm the appropriate decision maker.

Forest Tenures Branch continues to lead implementation of these *Forest Act* amendments including the ongoing updating of bulletins, guidance manuals, policy, delegation matrix and templates relating to CP and RP administration. Training and ongoing support will be provided through local area meetings (e.g., Area Tenure Meetings, Operational Issues Form, District Manager, and Community of Practice for CP/RP Discretion) to assist staff and delegated decision makers, licensees and First Nations with their respective roles and responsibilities under the CP and RP discretionary issuance framework. The new application form, template letters, permits, guidance and route cards are available on the [Forest Tenures Branch SharePoint site](#).

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As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, these forms and supporting material will be updated as needed and will undergo periodic reviews with District input.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Forest Tenures Branch staff at ForestTenuresBranch@gov.bc.ca.



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Attachment: *Forest Act*, Bulletin #15 – Cutting Permit and Road Permit Administration

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