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**VIA EMAIL**

All Licence Holders:

**Re: *Forest Act*, Bulletin #16: Cutting Permit Postponements**

Attached is a new *Forest Act*, Bulletin #16: Cutting Permit Postponements that provides additional guidance on the discretionary issuance of cutting permit (CP) postponements authorized under Section 52.11 of the *Forest Act*. This guidance replaces the 2008 CP postponement policy.

The delegation matrix was updated on April 2, 2024, that delegates CP postponement decisions to the district manager. Please refer to the website for the [delegation matrix](#) to confirm the appropriate decision maker.

Forest Tenures Branch continues to lead implementation of *Forest Act* amendments, and the administration of tenures and authorizations issued under the *Forest Act*, including the ongoing updating of bulletins, guidance manuals, policy, delegation matrix and templates relating to CP and road permit administration. Training and ongoing support will be provided through Forest Tenures Branch staff and local area meetings (e.g., Operational Issues Form, Resource Stewardship and Tenure Committee) to assist staff and delegated decision makers, licensees and First Nations with their respective roles and responsibilities related to decisions under the *Forest Act*.

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, application templates and guidance material will be updated as needed and will undergo periodic reviews and is available on the [Forest Tenures Branch website](#).

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

Yours truly,



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