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To: Regional Executive Directors
District Managers
BC Timber Sales Managers

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Re: Timber Supply Area Operating Area Adjustment Guidance

In recent years, the management of the provincial allowable annual cut (AAC) has increased in complexity. The province has introduced new landscape-level planning and operational processes through changes to the *Forest and Range Practices Act*. The changes will require more government and licensee collaboration with First Nations to ensure Indigenous land use and traditional and local knowledge is incorporated into forest operations. These changes will also require coordinated planning of forest operations between licensees within defined landscape areas.

This increased level of complexity and change requires an efficient operating area allocation process that provides each licensee with a fair share of the timber harvesting land base relative to their AAC, while maintaining representation for BC Timber Sales (BCTS) to meet their needs to benchmark market pricing. This [Timber Supply Operating Area Adjustment Guide](#) has been developed to provide information and direction to *Forest Act* tenure holders on how to adjust licensee and BCTS operating areas in timber supply areas (TSAs). The guide outlines the recommended process for most TSAs, where operating areas have traditionally been defined and adhered to by licensees.

This document is provided as guidance only and it is expected that it will be adapted to the needs for individual TSAs. Forest Tenures Branch will update this guidance as needed, based on principles of continuous improvement.



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Attachment: Timber Supply Operating Area Adjustment Guide

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