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F. T. Leslie, R.P.F.  
Administrative Forester  
TimberWest Forest Limited  
P.O. Box 10017  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
V7Y 1A1

Dear F. T. Leslie:

### Management Plan Approval

In accordance with paragraph 2.07 of Tree Farm License (TFL) 46 (as amended by Section 27 of the *Forest Amendment Act, 1994*), I approve Management Plan (MP) No. 3 for TFL 46 for the period December 1, 1996 to November 30, 2001. My approval of this plan is subject to the following conditions:

1. I acknowledge that your company is interested in harvesting up to 20 percent of the allowable annual cut (AAC) from stands younger than the first entry harvest age specified in the timber supply analysis. While I understand your rationale for this approach, I do not consider it an approved management strategy. Instead, I consider this approach experimental and require that you provide the appropriate district manager and regional manager with the rationale for this approach and specific plans identifying the extent of these types of stands to be harvested during the term of this management plan.
2. As a follow-up to condition No. 1, would you, on an annual basis, please prepare a report to be appended to the annual report for TFL 46 that describes the timber harvested from areas in the lower site productivity and lower age class ranges. This report should comply with standards prepared by the Vancouver Regional Manager.

3. I am concerned that the distinction between wildlife trees and patches left to meet stand level versus landscape level biodiversity was unclear in the timber supply analysis. In order to more clearly identify this constraint to timber supply, I require you to work with Ministry of Forests and B.C. Environment staff to prepare a report during the term of this management plan. Specifically, the report should indicate whether the areas and volumes in trees and patches in planned cutblocks are temporarily or permanently set aside, and whether they are meeting stand level or landscape level biodiversity or some other objective. Prior to initiating this work, would you please prepare a terms of reference for the approval of the Duncan District Manager that clearly outlines the criteria to be used to carry out this work. The final report is to be submitted to the district, region and Timber Supply Branch with the information package for Management Plan No. 4.

#### Allowable Annual Cut Determination

In accordance with Section 7 of the *Forest Act*, the AAC I have determined for the TFL area is 535 000 m<sup>3</sup>, effective December 1, 1996.

I have enclosed an AAC Rationale that describes in detail the factors I have considered in determining an AAC for TFL 46.

Neither the approval of MP No. 3, nor the AAC determination for the tree farm licence area should be construed as:

- (a) providing for or implying that the District Manager would approve a forest development plan prepared further to the 20-year plan submitted in support of the timber supply analysis;
- (b) precluding any requirements that may result from the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* or providing an exemption from that Act, or any regulations or standards made or established under that Act.

I am also enclosing for your information an AAC Summary. While this summary assumes I will not re-determine the AAC before November 30, 2001, I may re-determine the AAC at any time before that date if I consider it to be appropriate.

If you have any questions about the contents of this letter, please contact  
Reg Brick, Tree Farm Licence Forester at the Resource Tenures Engineering Branch,  
at (250) 387 8303.

This letter is an integral part of MP No. 3 and should be attached to it.

Yours truly,

Original Signed by  
Larry Pedersen

Larry Pedersen  
Chief Forester

Enclosures (2)

cc: Ray Addison, Director, Range, Recreation and Forest Practices Branch  
Ken Collingwood, Regional Manager, Vancouver Forest Region  
Dave Gilbert, Director, Resources Inventory Branch  
Jerry Kennah, District Manager, Duncan Forest District  
Mike Lane, Manager, Farm and Forest Section, B.C. Assessment Authority  
Jim Langridge, Director, Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch  
Paul Pashnik, District Manager, Port Alberni Forest District  
Gary Townsend, Director, Timber Supply Branch

AAC SUMMARY

MP NO. 3 FOR TFL 46

TIMBERWEST FOREST PRODUCTS LIMITED

Year	*1996 To Nov. 30	*1996 Dec. 1+	1997	1998	1999	2000	**2001 To Nov. 30
<u>Schedule A AAC:</u>	88 914	131 075	131 075	131 075	131 075	131 075	131 075
<u>Schedule B AAC:</u>							
- SBFEP	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Licensee	<u>469 946</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>
Sub Total	<u>558 860</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>	<u>403 925</u>
<u>Total TFL AAC:</u>	558 860	535 000	535 000	535 000	535 000	535 000	535 000
<u>Total Licensee AAC:</u>	558 860	535 000	535 000	535 000	535 000	535 000	535 000
<u>Schedule B Prorate:</u>		.755					

(\*) 1996 Prorated AAC

Sched. A	92 427
Sched. B - SBFEP	0
Sched. B - Licensee	464 444
Total TFL	556 862
Total Licensee AAC	556 862

Note: The prorated figures are based on 11 months at the previous 1996 AAC and 1 month at the latter 1996 AAC.