

## **Appendix 5**

### **Agency and Public Review**



July 12, 1999

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Dear Mr. Gagnon:

Dunkley Lumber Ltd., has recently submitted our proposed Management Plan #3 (MP #3) to the Ministry of Forests for review and comment. MP #3 documents the goals and strategies that outline how the Tree Farm will be managed over the next five year period.

I would like to extend to you an invitation to review and provide input on the plan as one of the stakeholders in the area.

Dunkley Lumber Ltd., is making the draft plan available to the public for review and comment from July 12 to August 13, 1999, at the Dunkley Lumber Forestry Office located at Strathnaver, BC, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There will also be an "Open House" to discuss the plan and our forestry operations. The open house will be held at the Hixon Community Hall, Hixon, BC, on July 20, 1999 and will run from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

We welcome your comments on our forestry activities. We will gladly accept comments at anytime, but in order to give full consideration to the comments for this Management Plan we would like to receive them by August 30, 1999.

Please give me a call at 998-4421 to set up a time to go over the MP #3. If you cannot attend any of the scheduled viewing times, and you would like to make alternate arrangement, please call.

Yours truly,

DUNKLEY LUMBER LTD.

Doug Perdue, R.P.F.,  
Operations Forester

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**TREE FARM LICENCE #53  
DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN  
PUBLIC REVIEW AND OPEN HOUSE**

**Dunkley Lumber Ltd., has prepared a draft Management Plan (MP #3) for the Naver Tree Farm Licence (#53), which is located on the Hixon-Strathnaver area on the east side of Highway 97. MP #3, valid for a five-year period, identifies goals and objectives for the TFL and describes the management strategies proposed to achieve these goals.**

**Dunkley Lumber Ltd., invites the public to review and submit comments on the proposed MP #3. The draft plan may be viewed from July 12, to August 13, 1999 at the Dunkley Lumber Forestry Office located at Strathnaver, BC between the hours of 9:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.**

**In addition to the office viewing, Dunkley Lumber will hold an "Open House" for you to discuss the draft MP. The "Open House" will be held at:**

<b>Location:</b>	<b>Hixon Community Hall</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>July 20, 1999</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</b>

**Any written comments should be received by August 30, 1999 to ensure consideration. Please send your written comments to:**

**Dunkley Lumber Ltd.  
P.O. Box 173  
Prince George, BC  
V2L 4S1**

**Attention: Doug Perdue, R.P.F., Operations Supervisor - Forestry**

**Phone: (250) 998-4205**

File: 19710- 30/TFL 53 MP#3

September 3, 1999

Doug Perdue  
Operations Forester  
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Dear Doug Perdue:

Thank you for your Draft Management Plan#3 for TFL 53 dated June 30, 1999. I would like to commend Dunkley Lumber (Dunkley) for the thoroughness and quality of this submission. I am in agreement with the content of your plan with the exception of the following sections where clarification is required:



1.1 Description of Tree Farm Licence # 53: This section refers to a Figure 1. Please clarify where Figure 1 is located.

2.3 Recreation Inventory: This section states that no further activity is planned on the recreation inventory during the term of Management Plan #3. The tree farm licence document requires that the inventory information used for the next management plan meet the standards current at that time. The recreation inventory for the TFL was last updated in 1994. The Ministry of Forests standards for recreation inventory were updated in 1998. Please ensure that the recreation inventory is updated to the latest standards prior to Management Plan #4.

2.6 Landscape Inventory: This section states that no further activity is planned on the landscape inventory during the term of Management Plan #3. I would prefer to see the landscape inventory updated during the term of the new management plan. Over the term of the management plan, screening effects may change, blocking existing views or creating new ones. The Existing Visual Condition of certain units may also have changed. This update would be a relatively minor workload, but important to ensure that updated information is used for the next timber supply analysis.

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2.9 Cultural Heritage Resources: This section states that there are no known cultural heritage resources on TFL 53. It is my understanding that an archaeological site and trail have been located on the TFL. Please ensure that this section makes reference to this archaeological site and trail.

3.1.2 Utilization Standards: The Management Plan and Timber Supply Analysis propose a partitioned cut for deciduous timber. This section should specify what the deciduous utilization standards will be on the TFL. It is my expectation that these standards will meet or exceed the standards specified in the timber supply analysis.

3.1.3.1 Balsam Intermediate Utilization: The Management Plan proposes that the remaining Balsam IU rehabilitation stands be considered part of timber profile of the TFL harvesting landbase and not be treated as a partition. The Statement of Management Options, Objectives and Procedures stated that it was Dunkley's objective to establish a partitioned cut for these stands. I am not entirely comfortable with Dunkley's proposal to add these stands into the harvesting landbase, and I am concerned with this change in objectives. The final decision on how to proceed with these stands will be determined by the chief forester. If Dunkley support a partitioned cut for these stands, this should be reflected in the management plan.

3.1.3.2 Deciduous Stands: The Management Plan proposes that a deciduous partition be introduced and that a portion of the TFL volume be maintained in deciduous stands. I support this proposal for the term of Management Plan #3. However, I am not able to give this proposal long-term consideration without further information. I request that Dunkley complete a more detailed plan for deciduous management on the TFL for consideration in Management Plan #4.

3.1.4 Proposed Allowable Annual Cut: This section states that it is Dunkley's objective to increase the allowable annual cut to supply at least 60 percent of the mill capacity. The Statement of Management Objectives Options and Procedures stated that it is Dunkley's objective to increase the allowable annual cut to supply at least 50 percent of the mill capacity. Please provide a rationale for changing this objective.

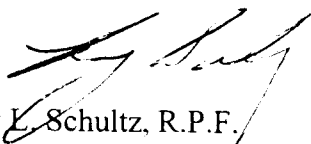
The proposed allowable annual cut (AAC) of 249 000 m<sup>3</sup> will result in small decrease in the mid term harvest level. It is my understanding that Dunkley accepts this anticipated decrease and that the company is prepared to purchase additional private wood at the time of the decrease in order to sustain operations at the mill. This section should include a short discussion of this mid term decrease in harvest level as well as a rationale as to how Dunkley will address this reduction in fibre supply.

4.1 Fire Prevention: The Fire Pre-Organization plan should be submitted to the Ministry of Forests Fire Center in Prince George, not to the district manager.

8.2.2 Other Planning Initiatives of Approved Plans: This section makes reference to the Prince George Land and Resource Management Plan (LRMP). Dunkley is signatory to the LRMP and has stated that the plan will be used to guide management activities on the TFL. In this respect, I expect this section will include a statement to confirm that Dunkley will ensure that the forest development plan, is consistent with the LRMP.

This completes my review of the draft Management Plan #3. I look forward to receiving Dunkley's proposed management plan by October 1, 1999.

Yours truly,



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Regional Manager  
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September 27, 1999

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**RE: TFL #53 - MANAGEMENT PLAN #3**

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your comments of September 3, 1999 on the Draft Management Plan #3 for TFL #53. This letter addresses the revisions made in response to your comments. The replacement pages that contain the changes are enclosed.

Please insert the revisions in the Management Plan document as follows:

1.1 Description of TFL #53

Replace Page 1 - This clarifies the location of Figure 1.  
Insert Figure 1 (enclosed) as Page 2 if this is missing from the Management Plan

2.3 Recreation Inventory

Replace Page 9 - A commitment to update the recreation inventory has been included.

2.6 Landscape Inventory

Replace Page 10 - A commitment to update the landscape inventory has been included.

2.9 Cultural Heritage Resources

Page 10 has been changed to reflect updated archaeological information.

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### 3.1.2 Utilization Standards

Replace Page 15 - Deciduous utilization standards have been added.

#### 3.1.3.1 Balsam Intermediate Utilization

Replace Page 16 - The wording has been changed to support a partitioned cut for Balsam IU stands.

#### 3.1.3.2 Deciduous Stands

Replace Pages 18-26 - The wording on page 18 has been changed to support a partitioned cut for deciduous stands.

### 3.1.4 Proposed Allowable Annual Cut

Page 18 explains the rationale for the allowable annual cut objective.

Page 19 discusses the small decrease in the mid term harvest level.

The wording on Pages 20-26 does not change. There is a shift in the layout on these pages to incorporate the changes on Page 18 and 19.

### 3.4.1 Fire Prevention

Replace Pages 34 and 35 - The recipient of the Fire Pre-Organization plan has been corrected.

Page 35 corrects a typo in the fire suppression strategy.

### 8.2.2 Other Planning Initiatives or Approved Plans

Replace Pages 56-58 - Changes to this section clarify Dunkley's support of LRMP implementation and the role of the LRMP in the Forest Development Plans.

### Appendix 4 20 Year Plan

Replace Period 1 summary page of Table 2



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Page 3

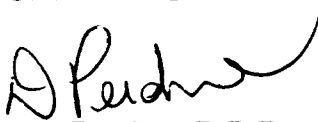
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Insert copies of the newspaper ads, sample letter, public notice, your letter of September 3, 1999 and this reply.  
No one attended the public viewing at Hixon. No responses were received with regards to both the advertisements and letters inviting comments on the Draft Management Plan.

We trust that these amendments address your comments. We look forward to the Chief Forester's approval of this plan.

Yours truly,

DUNKLEY LUMBER LTD.



Doug Perdue, R.P.F.,  
Operations Forester

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Encl.

cc: Mr. Phil Zacharatos, District Manager - Prince George Forest District  
Mr. Brad Harris, Ministry of Forests - Resource Tenures & Engineering Branch  
Mr. David Stevenson, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks  
Mr. Nick Leone, Fisheries and Oceans Canada