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To: Regional Executive Directors
District Managers
All Woodlot Licensees

Re: Woodlot Licences: Information Sharing and Consultation with First Nations

The Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations (FLNRO) and Federation of BC Woodlot Associations (FBCWA) collaborated on the attached bulletin entitled “Woodlot Licences: Information Sharing and Consultation with First Nations”. It describes the Ministry and woodlot licensees’ roles, responsibilities and obligations when undertaking information sharing and consultation with First Nations associated with such decisions including woodlot licence replacement, management plans, woodlot licence plans, cutting permits and road permits.

Districts and woodlot associations are encouraged to meet, review the bulletin and ensure that local business processes, including all forms and templates, are consistent with the guidance provided.

The bulletin is available electronically on the:

- Forest Tenures Branch website <https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/timber-tenures/woodlots/index.htm>, under the Reports and Publications; and
- FBCWA website (www.woodlot.bc.ca), under Publications and Reports.

For further support or answers to questions, woodlot licensees should contact Brian McNaughton, FBCWA General Manager. The first point of contact for FLNRO staff should be their Regional First Nations Relations Manager.

Further advice for FLNRO staff may be requested from Stefan Tack, Manager, First Nations Consultation, First Nations Relations Branch. Contact information is listed below.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Jensen', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tom Jensen
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Pc: Doug Stewart, Director, Forest Tenures Branch
Charles Hunter, Director, First Nations Relations Branch
Regional First Nations Relations Managers