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To: Chris Stagg, Assistant Deputy Minister
Timber Operations, Pricing and First Nations Division
Area Assistant Deputy Ministers
Regional Executive Directors
District Managers
Woodlot Licence Holders via the Districts

From: Doug Stewart, Director, Forest Tenures Branch

Re: Woodlot Licence Private Land Removal Policy 8.8 and Guidelines

I am writing to inform you of revisions to the policy and supporting guidance developed to assist licensees and staff with requests to remove private land from woodlot licences. This [Policy 8.8 - Woodlot Licence Program - Private Land Removal](#) and [Woodlot Licence Program - Private Land Removal Guidelines](#) replaces the previous policy dated March 12, 2012, and the associated guidelines dated January 4, 2016.

In the fall of 2011, an amendment to Section 47.1 of the *Forest Act* was introduced to allow private land to be removed from a woodlot licence based on specific criteria. The revised guidance and policy removes the provisions related to continuing obligations on private land removed from a woodlot licence, clarifies the criteria required by the district manager to consider the removal of private land, and other minor changes not previously covered in the 2012 documents.

I would appreciate the efforts of the district managers and the Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations in distributing this memo to woodlot licensees throughout the province who are contemplating removal of private land. If you have any questions, please contact Geoff Klassen, Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch via email at geoffrey.klassen@gov.bc.ca or by phone: (250) 387-8328.



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