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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

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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