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See Distribution List

Dear Seed Client:

The Chief Forester's Seed Use Standards, effective April 1, 2005, require the identification of one or more areas of use for a tested parent tree of a species identified in Table 2.2 of Appendix 2 – Seed Planning Zones (SPZ). Area of Use is denoted by a single tested parent tree SPZ, or latitude range within a single tested parent tree SPZ, and an elevation range. Areas of use for tested parent trees have been reviewed by Research Branch for species considered in Ministry tree breeding programs. Species committees and Technical Advisory Councils of the Forest Genetics Council also completed technical reviews in the fall of 2004.

New coastal and interior tested parent tree areas of use, summarized by Seed Planning Unit (SPU), are available for operational use, effective April 1, 2005 (see attachments). SPU maps will be revised accordingly to correspond to the tested parent tree area of use Seed Planning Units. Individual tested parent tree area of use assignments will subsequently be made available on the Seed Planning and Registry system (SPAR) this spring. In the interim, data extracts listing parent tree areas of use will be provided upon request by Tree Improvement Branch.

Chief Forester's Standards for Seed Use may be viewed and downloaded at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/code/cfstandards/>. For more information on parent tree areas of use please contact Leslie McAuley at (250) 356-6208 or (Leslie.Mcauley@gems9.gov.bc.ca).

Yours truly,

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Attachments: Tested Parent Tree – Areas of Use by SPU - Coastal
Tested Parent Tree – Areas of Use by SPU - Interior

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