



# Integrated Land Management Bureau

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This letter is to inform you that for the purposes of Section 8 of the *Order Establishing Provincial Non-Spatial Old Growth Objectives* the following landscape units within the Merritt Timber Supply Area (TSA) have approved draft old growth management areas (OGMAs):

Landscape Unit	Official Map Date
1. Lower Nicola Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
2. Swakum Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
3. Upper Nicola Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
4. Spius Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
5. Coldwater Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
6. Otter Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
7. Summers Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
8. Hayes Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
9. McNulty Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
10. Tulameen Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
11. Similkameen Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006
12. Smith Willis Landscape Unit	March 31, 2006


These draft old growth management areas do not affect approved category A cutblocks approved pursuant to the *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act* on or before the date of this letter.

The draft old growth management areas in the Merritt TSA were identified over approximately a 12 month process. The process involved a significant amount of forest industry, First Nations and government agency input. It is our expectation that these areas will be retained and be managed for old forest values. We would ask your assistance in communicating this new information to licensees operating within the Merritt TSA.

The official maps and ArcView GIS shape files of the draft OGMA are available at: [ftp://ftpkam.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/dist/OGMA\\_Merritt\\_2006\\_draft\\_final/](ftp://ftpkam.env.gov.bc.ca/pub/outgoing/dist/OGMA_Merritt_2006_draft_final/). A copy of the order can be found by following the "Old Growth Order" links on <http://srmwww.gov.bc.ca/rmd/>.

If you have any questions or require assistance in accessing the digital files or map files please contact ILMB Planning Officer Susan Omelchuk at [susan.omelchuk@gov.bc.ca](mailto:susan.omelchuk@gov.bc.ca).

Yours truly



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