



Integrated Land Management Bureau

File: 17550-50/OK-Shuswap OGMA

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Ron Racine
District Manager
Okanagan Shuswap Forest District
Ministry of Forests and Range
2501 14th Avenue
Vernon, British Columbia V1T 8Z1

Dear Mr. Racine:

Re: Old Growth Management Areas, Okanagan Timber Supply Area

This letter is to inform you that the following landscape units within the Okanagan-Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan area have spatial old growth management areas (OGMAs):

Landscape Unit	Official Map Date
1. Trepanier TFL	July 2007
2. Upper Salmon TFL	July 2007
3. Okanagan West Side TFL	July 2007
4. Mission	July 2007
5. Penticton	July 2007

The OGMAs were identified through a consensus process involving forest licensees, stakeholders and government agencies with the goal of setting aside areas that provide strong biological values to be managed for old growth purposes. As well, the intent was to be consistent with the *Order Establishing Provincial Non-Spatial Old Growth Objectives, June 30, 2004*, and Okanagan Shuswap Land and Resource Management Plan direction.

These OGMA's were previously provided to forest licensees (letter dated August 21, 2007) as information to use for developing results or strategies for forest stewardship plans.

Data files and supporting information regarding these OGMA's are available through the following web site: http://ilmbwww.gov.bc.ca/south/inf_res_inv/img/spatial/index.html in the folder OGMA's_SIR

A copy of the order can be found by following the "Old Growth Order" links from: <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 250-377-2376 or susan.omelchuk@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

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

Kevin Dickenson
Acting Regional Executive Director
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