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Dear Sirs,

RE: Access Management in the Prince George Forest District

In November 2004, a group of Licensees (Carrier Lumber, Canadian Forest Products, Winton Global, Lakeland) and BCTS began the process of developing a Sustainable Forest Management Plan (SFMP) for a Defined Forest Area (DFA). The DFA consists of the Prince George Forest District, excluding Indian Reserves, Treaty 8, private land, woodlots, agricultural land, and Tree Farm Licenses 30 and 53. During the development of the SFMP, a Public Advisory Group (PAG) was established in order to identify and select SFM values, objectives, indicators and targets for the DFA.

During this process, the PAG identified access management as a significant area of concern in the DFA. Licensees, BCTS and the PAG recognized the complexity of this issue and access management was considered to be, for the most part, outside the scope of the SFMP since roads are a public resource and management of access across the district affects all road users. As such, Government would need to be instrumental in organizing and addressing overall public access concerns.

The Prince George SFMP was completed in January 2006 and the licensees and BCTS have agreed to annually make forest harvesting and access plans available through an open public forum. This year an Open House will be held on October 20, 2006 at the Pine Center Mall. Licensees have also agreed to develop and maintain communication strategies with interested parties to ensure information regarding company specific access planning is available to the public. Still, the lack of a district wide access management plan continues to be a concern for the PAG.

The purpose of this letter is in part to communicate that there is a concern regarding access management expressed by the PAG. As well, we are seeking clarity on government's role in access management planning and would like to know what agency will be responsible for access management planning in the future. This information would be helpful to inform the PAG members on how we can go forward on this issue and get their specific access management concerns addressed.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact the undersigned at 563-9271.

Sincerely,

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