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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robin Sharples
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FROM: Cathryn Paish
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Tourism Branch

RE: Quill Creek Forest Management Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Quill Creek Forest Management Plan. This memo covers tourism-related comments. Heritage may respond separately.

It is encouraging to see the Plan recognize visual, recreational and wildlife values important for recreation and tourism in the Kathleen Lake area and Haines Road corridor reflected – for the most part - in Plan and proposed harvesting strategy.

Proposed cut blocks H, I & J in operating unit 7 are of concern. These sites are in the Kathleen River visual corridor and close to the river so visual, wildlife, water quality, and fish impacts will be a concern for operators, tourists and others who use the area for recreation. Tourism supports WTAY's recommendation to withdraw these sites from harvesting until "discussions on forest practices appropriate to the application of riparian buffers that maintain fish and wildlife habitat and/or cultural and recreation values" recommended in the CAFN Strategic Forest Management Plan (p 57) take place.

Please contact me if you have any questions. (667-5433)