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September 2, 2005

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Dear Ms. Sharples:

RE: Environmental Assessment of the Coffee Lake Wood Supply Plan

I am pleased to submit, on behalf of the Kaska Forest Resources Stewardship Council (KFRSC) and the Technical Working Group, our proposed interim wood supply for the Coffee Lake area for an environmental screening. The Coffee Lake plan was developed to provide Ross River access to timber for local uses as specified in the KFRSC Terms of Reference.

The plan area has been designed to identify four operating areas that will be opened sequentially as local interests for timber are met in each operating area. The timber harvesting is planned to meet needs for small volumes of timber (less than 1000 cubic meters) and local operators will harvest in small openings within an operating area. Once that area is completed, the neighbouring operating area will then be accessed.

The KFRSC is requesting a 30-day public review be considered for this plan.

This plan will be distributed by your office to be screened. The KFRSC will make the information available on its website, and at its Watson Lake office. The KFRSC requests that the material be available to local residents, at Yukon Government Energy, Mines, and Resources offices within the Kaska Traditional Territory.

I am available for further discussion or questions at your convenience.

Thank you,



Norm MacLean
Chair
Kaska Forest Resources Stewardship Council

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May 26, 2005

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RE: Interim Wood Supply Final Recommendations

The Kaska Forest Resources Stewardship Council has by consensus agreed to final recommendations on our obligation to provide an interim wood supply for the Kaska traditional territory in southeast Yukon.

Now that the environmental assessment has been completed on the East Hyland Plan Unit, local timber needs have been addressed for Watson Lake and Ross River, and a salvage timber plan is being reviewed through an environmental assessment, it is expected that approximately 310,000 cubic meters of green timber would be available over the three years of interim wood supply. In addition, approximately 340,000 cubic meters of salvage timber could be available as part of the interim wood supply (KFRSC has indicated that salvage timber is considered commercial and meets the definition of interim wood). The Council through an open, community-based process has provided these opportunities.

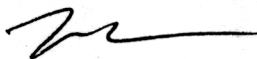
The KFRSC is pleased to provide the Southeast Yukon Forest Management Committee (SEYFMC) these plans to implement and begin developing opportunities in forest activities for the area. In addition to these plans, the KFRSC recognizes that there are short windows to access salvage timber, as well considerations to the best blending of the green timber on an annual basis, and needs for multi-year access to timber. The Council looks to the Kaska

and Yukon Government to provide direction to the KFRSC and SEYFMC on how to best provide local benefits to area, and support new initiatives.

Finally, the KFRSC is providing our consensus recommendations for review and approval by the Parties of the *MOU on Forest Stewardship for the Kaska Traditional Territory*. If concerns have not been provided by June 15, 2005, the KFRSC will assume that there are no concerns on interim wood and regional planning will continue to be the focus of the Council.

The Kaska Forest Resources Stewardship Council is available for further discussion or questions at your convenience.

Yours truly,



Norm MacLean

Chair

Kaska Forest Resources Stewardship Council

Cc: Dave Crampton, Co-chair, Southeast Yukon Forest Management Committee
Greg Komaromi, Co-chair, Southeast Yukon Forest Management Committee
Gary Miltenberger, Director, Forest Management Branch, Yukon Government

FINAL ROSS RIVER WOOD SUPPLY RECOMMENDATION

Kaska Forest Resources Stewardship Council Recommendation

May 26, 2005

CONTEXT:

1. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Forest Stewardship for the Kaska Traditional Territory was signed July 29, 2002
2. Clause 9.2 of the MOU reads "The Council will choose an interim wood supply area or areas within Y02 and Y03, making best efforts to avoid areas of high conflict with non-timber values, and lands that are under selection by the Kaska for active negotiation in the land claims process."
3. Council has been requested, and has discussed that some interim supply should be made available in the vicinity of the community of Ross River so that members of this community can also entertain forest activities during the planning process.
4. The interim wood supply for Ross River is not part of Interim Wood Supply for Y02 and Y03 (up to 128,000 m³/year for three years) and will managed separately from that wood supply.
5. Council has since January 2004 provided interim recommendations in the identification of an interim wood supply for the community of Ross River.

RECOMMENDATIONS (PLEASE NOTE ALL RECOMMENDATIONS HAVE A UNIQUE SEQUENTIAL NUMBER)

- 14. That an interim supply has been identified in the Coffee Lake area to provide local opportunities for small volumes of timber in the vicinity of Ross River.*
- 15. All recommendations provided to date will be considered as management direction for implementing the interim wood supply and have been attached to this final recommendation.*
- 16. That the Coffee Lake Area be managed as a "Community Forest", as currently occurring in British Columbia, between Ross River Dena Council and Yukon Forest Management Branch.*
- 17. That the Coffee Lake area be managed to maintain visual quality from adjacent lakes, highway, and OIC lands, and the area will only be harvested and accessed as local interest occurs over time.*
- 18. That large clearcuts will not occur, but the blocks are management boundaries for smaller openings to access small volumes of timber.*

FINAL ROSS RIVER WOOD SUPPLY RECOMMENDATION

19. That the access into the Coffee Lake area will only be developed as local needs arise to access timber.
20. That the main access will occur off the Campbell highway at the designated area.
21. That the levels for interim wood supply in the vicinity of Ross River not exceed 5000m³ over 3 years.

DETAILS: See attached recommendations for details of the interim wood supply

BACKGROUND: No

Recommended by:

Date:

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May 26, 2005

2. Allen Lomeau

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3. Dan Hous

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4. John Derris

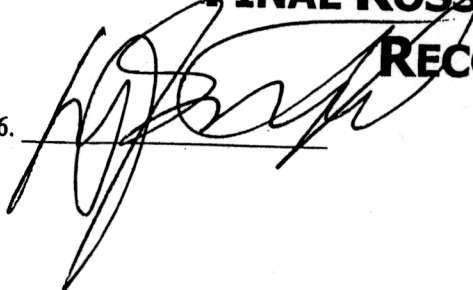
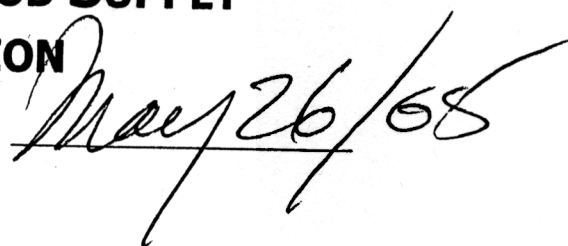
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5. Corine Foster

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**FINAL ROSS RIVER WOOD SUPPLY
RECOMMENDATION**

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