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Dear Manitobans:

Manitoba is home to a generous expanse of boreal forests. It is crucial that we maintain healthy forests to serve a broad range of uses and sustain environmental, cultural, social and economic values our forests provide.

To achieve this goal, the province is committed to developing forest practice guidebooks that provide direction for forestry activities in Manitoba. Provincial government agencies responsible for managing Crown forests are co-operating with forest product companies to develop effective forest practice guidelines. Guidebooks will address all forest resource values and will be reviewed and revised as required. Forestry companies conducting activities in Manitoba's forests will be required to fulfill objectives found in these guidebooks.

Guidebooks can be found at the Manitoba Conservation Forestry Branch Web site at www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/forestry/forest-practices/fpp-contents.html. The public is encouraged to submit comments and recommendations.

Our government extends its full support of the development of forest practice guidelines and we are committed to following these guidelines. These wise forest management practices will help ensure that Manitoba's forests, and the values they provide will continue to serve future generations

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Ashton".

Steve Ashton
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