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To: Forest Industry Associations
Regional Executive Directors
District Managers
Timber Sales Managers

Re: Annual Reports – Reporting of As-Built Road Information

This memo is intended to clarify the initial timing, for the construction period of April 1, 2003, to March 31, 2004, for submission of Annual Reports for roads required by Section 86 (2) and (3) of the *Forest Planning and Practices Regulation* and Section 8 (3) of the *Forest Road Regulation*. I am requesting that the forest industry associations forward a copy of this memo to their member companies and that the district managers forward a copy to the licensees operating within their district. This may result in some duplication, but this is preferable to inadvertently missing individual licensees.



According to those regulations, an agreement holder is required to report, in a manner prescribed by the Minister, the previous year's as-built road information to the district manager before June 1, with the first report scheduled for June 1, 2004. It has been determined that the as-built road information will be reported electronically rather than through paper-based mechanisms.



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However, the Ministry of Forests is not ready to receive electronic submissions for the 2003/04 reporting period until, by current estimate, the fall of 2004.

Accordingly, the initial reporting time will be revised by regulation, expected in July of this year, to provide for that first report to cover the time period April 1, 2003, to March 31, 2005, and for it to be submitted no later than June 1, 2005.

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In anticipation that this regulation change will be made, the report for 2003/04 can be submitted either once the system is ready, or held until next year and reported with the 2004/05 submission.

A detailed explanation of the spatial data and attributes will be provided as soon as the requirements have been fully discussed among industry and ministry representatives.

If you have any questions, contact John Mallett, Manager, Engineering and Operations, Resource Tenures and Engineering Branch directly at (250) 387-8657 or John.Mallett@gems1.gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,



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