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To:

All Regional Executive Directors

All District Managers All Branch Directors

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FRPA Bulletin: First Nations Information Sharing Bulletin Re:

A new Forest and Range Practices Act Administration Bulletin (No. 1), "Forest Stewardship Planning: First Nations Information Sharing Bulletin", has been completed. The Bulletin is the product of a joint industry/Ministry of Forests working group, and will also be released as guidance to industry through their association channels.



The purpose of this Bulletin is to provide guidance regarding the shared industry and Ministry of Forests tasks and obligations with respect to the forest stewardship planning process as it relates to First Nations consultation requirements. The Bulletin contains background and information for consideration by the Delegated Decision-Maker, including the use of industry's information sharing activities when considering the adequacy of consultation with First Nations.



The Bulletin recognises the importance of the participation of First Nations groups in the consultation process to provide information about aboriginal interests (potential aboriginal rights and title), treaty rights and proven aboriginal rights. It also provides a suggested task list that can be utilised by both Forest Stewardship Plan preparers and the Ministry of Forests when facilitating the review and comment of the proposed forest stewardship plans.

Electronic copies will be available from the Provincial FRPA Implementation Team's website at the following address:

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/rco/pfit/index.htm

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