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October 13, 1998

To: Ken Collingwood, Regional Manager
Vancouver Forest Region

Re: **Recommendation for Grandparenting Ungulate Winter Ranges for Tree Farm Licenses in South Island Forest District**

The *Forest Practices Code of British Columbia Act (FPC)* Operational Planning Regulation Part 1-Interpretation Section 1(1) defines "ungulate winter range" to mean an area that is identified as being necessary for the winter survival of an ungulate species by any of the following:



- (1)(a) a higher level plan;
- (b) the chief forester and Deputy Minister of Environment Lands and Parks under Section 69;
- (c) a wildlife management plan or strategy approved before October 15, 1998
 - (i) by
 - (A) the district manager or regional manager, and
 - (B) the designated environmental official,
 - (ii) by the chief forester, or
 - (iii) by the ministers,

but a wildlife management plan or strategy approved under this paragraph expires on October 15, 2003, unless

- (iv) modified under paragraphs (a) or (b), or
- (v) confirmed before that date under Section 69.

We, Cindy Stcm, District Manager, Ministry of Forests (MoF), South Island Forest District, and Judy Teskey, Forest Ecosystem Specialist, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, Vancouver Island Region, have reviewed existing ungulate winter ranges in the South Island Forest District as per the August 6, 1998 memorandum from Larry Pedersen, Chief Forester, MoF, and Jon O'Riordan, Assistant Deputy Minister, MELP, and in consideration of the criteria agreed to by MoF and MELP as provided on September 8, 1998 by Greg Jones, Chief of Wildlife, MELP. We have attached a list of existing ungulate winter ranges in Tree Farm Licenses in South Island Forest District and have identified those which we recommend for grandparenting as per the *FPC Operational Planning Regulation* Section 1(1)(c).

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We have considered the following Tree Farm Licenses within the South Island Forest District in making my recommendations: Tree Farm License 25 (Block 1, Jordan River); Tree Farm License 44, excluding any area within the Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision Area; Tree Farm License 46; Tree Farm License 47 (Nanaimo Lakes); and Tree Farm License 54, excluding any area within the Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision Area.

We recognise that there are existing ungulate winter ranges within the Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision Area and acknowledge that they will be considered within the context of forest management planning under the Scientific Panel Recommendations by the Central Region Board. We recommend that existing ungulate winter ranges within the Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision Area not be considered for confirmation as per the *FPC Operational Planning Regulation* Section 1(1)(c).

We have determined that there are no existing ungulate winter ranges identified Tree Farm License 25 Management and Working Plan No. 9 (January 1, 1997 to December 31, 2001) and, as such, we recommend that none be grandparented as per the *FPC Operational Planning Regulation* Section 1(1)(c).

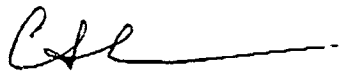
We have determined that all ungulate winter ranges identified in Tree Farm License 44 Management and Working Plan No. 3 (January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2002) outside the Clayoquot Sound Land use Decision Area, meet the criteria agreed to by MoF and MELP. Therefore, we recommend that all ungulate winter ranges identified in Tree Farm License 44 Management and Working Plan No. 3 (January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2002) be grandparented as per the *FPC Operational Planning Regulation* Section 1(1)(c).

We have determined that all existing ungulate winter ranges identified in Tree Farm License 46 Management and Working Plan No.3 (December 1, 1996 - November 30, 2001) meet the criteria agreed to by MoF and MELP. Therefore, we recommend that all ungulate winter ranges identified in Tree Farm License 46 Management and Working Plan No.3 (December 1, 1996 - November 30, 2001) be grandparented as per the *FPC Operational Planning Regulation* Section 1(1)(c).

We have determined that all ungulate winter ranges identified in Tree Farm License 47 Management and Working Plan No.2 (December 1, 1996 - November 30, 2001) meet the criteria agreed to by MoF and MELP. Therefore, we recommend that all ungulate winter ranges identified in Tree Farm License 47 Management and Working Plan No.2 (December 1, 1996 - November 30, 2001) be grandparented as per the *FPC Operational Planning Regulation* Section 1(1)(c).

We have determined that there are no existing ungulate winter ranges identified in Tree Farm License 54 Management and Working Plan No. 2 (January 1, 1996 to December 31, 2000) outside the Clayoquot Sound Land Use Decision Area and, as such, we recommend that none be grandparented as ungulate winter ranges as per the *FPC Operational Planning Regulation* Section 1(1)(c).

We recommend that prior to confirmation of ungulate winter ranges by 2003, the district manager and designated environment official may agree to minor boundary revisions as part of the Forest Development Plan approval process.



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South Island Forest District
Ministry of Forests



Judy Teskey
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Vancouver Island Region

pc: Earl Warnock, Regional Director
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Vancouver Island Regional Headquarters

Attach.

I have reviewed the information as submitted and confirm on behalf of the Chief Forester that the areas as recommended, meet the definition of ungulate winter range as outlined in Section 1, subsection 1 (c)(ii), of the Operational Planning Regulation.

 Oct. 14 1998.

Ken Collingwood

Regional Manager, Vancouver Forest Region