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Forest Industry Associations
Regional Executive Directors
District Managers
Timber Sales Managers



Dear Sir or Madam:

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

Further to my memo of May 25, 2004, and in accordance with section 86 (6) of the Forest Planning and Practices Regulation, I am writing to:

- confirm the timing requirements for reporting of as-built road (ABR) information,
- describe the point in time at which the road is considered to be constructed, and
- address the contents of the spatial and attribute data for such reports.

To provide sufficient time for successfully transmitting or receiving electronic data for ABRs, the Forest Practices and Planning Regulation has been amended to extend the initial reporting date to no later than December 31, 2005, for road construction and deactivation (unless deactivation has been shown in a Forest Development Plan) that took place during the period April 1, 2003, to March 31, 2005. Starting in 2006 (for road construction and deactivation that takes place between April 1, 2005, and March 31, 2006), the regular reporting date thereafter has been amended to no later than September 1 of each year.

As part of the manner in which the information regarding road construction is to be reported, be advised that:

- a road or road section is considered to be constructed at the earliest when the road is stabilized but no later than when timber other than road right-of-way timber is being hauled over that road or road section;
- data for roads constructed must have been collected for the information required such that the instrumentation and the application of that instrumentation normally would provide a horizontal accuracy of at least plus or minus 10 m; and
- it is acceptable to adopt or adapt spatial information from the road Exhibit A to report deactivated roads.

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The electronic contents of the report and the schema developed to capture those contents were arrived at through a consultative process between ministry and industry staff. The contents of the Electronic Submission Framework (ESF), a user guide and examples of submission data to illustrate the schema can be found at the following Internet site:

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/esf/index_abr.htm

Note that the Data Quality section on pages 16 and 17 in the ESF user guide reflects TRIM requirements, which are not driven by this letter.

In addition, the Industry Guide to the Preparation and Submission of ABR Documents through the Electronic Submissions Framework, which details the process for industry submissions of ABR information, can be found at the Internet site:

http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/esf/index_guide.htm

Note that the Data Quality section on pages 20 and 21 in the industry guide for ABR documents reflects TRIM requirements, which are not driven by this letter.

Finally, to request access to ESF to submit ABR data (BCEID and Client Number), go to

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/his/esd/access.htm>

MOF district managers are requested to forward this information to major licensees operating in your district. Any questions regarding the electronic data submission process should be directed to Mark Ismay of MOF Information Management Group in Victoria by telephone at (250) 356-7743 or by e-mail at Mark.Ismay@gems7.gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

**ORIGINAL SIGNED BY
DOUG KONKIN**

Doug Konkin
Deputy Minister

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