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To: Chris Stagg, Assistant Deputy Minister
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Woodlot Licence Holders via the Districts

From: Doug Stewart
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Re: Woodlot Licence Plan Template

I am writing to inform you of revisions to the Woodlot Licence Plan (WLP) template located at https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/farming-natural-resources-and-industry/forestry/timber-tenures/woodlots/woodlot_licence_plan_template_2018-04-05.docx. This template replaces the version dated November 2007.

The new template has been developed to provide updated guidance for staff and licensees and to promote provincial consistency in the interpretation and application of the *Forest Range and Practices Act* (FRPA) and specifically the Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation. The template was developed in recognition of fact that many of the original WLPs are now being extended or new plans are being submitted.

The template was developed in association with the Office of the Chief Forester and in consultation with the Federation of BC Woodlot Associations. The template is a guide to the required content of a WLP and establishes a consistent starting point for plan preparers. The example text provided in the template does not constitute default or pre-approved content. Those preparing the WLP are expected to consult relevant FRPA bulletins: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content?id=D65006C0326B4E0F838194044C10CA86>, provincial and district guidance documents, other legislation, applicable Government Actions Regulation orders, etc., to fully develop the content of a WLP.

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I appreciate the efforts of the district managers and the Federation of British Columbia Woodlot Associations in distributing this memo to woodlot licensees throughout the province.

Ministry staff and woodlot licensees are invited to provide ongoing feedback that may be considered in the periodic review and updating of the template. Please direct any questions or feedback to Emma Neill, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (250) 726-6249, emma.neill@gov.bc.ca or Geoff Klassen, Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (250) 387-8328, geoffrey.klassen@gov.bc.ca.



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