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To: Regional Executive Directors
District Managers

From: Diane Nicholls
Chief Forester

Re: Annual Road Reporting Requirement for One Cutting Permit on a Woodlot Licence

A new woodlot licence (WL) road reporting model has been developed to facilitate the collection and maintenance of accurate road inventory data for resource roads within a WL one cutting permit (1 CP). I am delegated the authority to specify these reporting requirements in accordance with [Section 76 \(3\)\(c\) of the Woodlot Licence Planning and Practices Regulation \(WLPPR\)](#).

Road Authorizations within a WL

A cutting permit (CP) road is generally an “on-block” road required for the term of a CP to facilitate timber harvesting activities. When a CP expires, and the licensee desires continued industrial road access, the licence holder will need to apply for authorization to use the road through the issuance of a road permit (RP). RPs have no expiry date and continue to be an option for long-term industrial roads within WLs. Industrial use of a road on Crown land within a WL is not permitted unless the road is authorized by a RP or a CP.

Reporting Requirement for Roads under 1 CP on a WL

Pursuant to the authority granted under Section 76(3)(c) of the WLPPR, upon expiry of a 1 CP, all on-block roads that were constructed, maintained, or used for an industrial purpose, and are to be retained for future industrial use, must be reported. WL licensees are required to report any pre-existing long-term roads used for industrial purposes and roads constructed under a 1 CP that have not been deactivated over the term of that CP. The reporting of a 1 CP road does not authorize industrial use in and of itself and there must be a 1 CP in place for industrial use of the road to be authorized.

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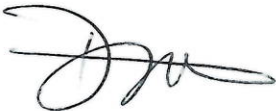
The holder of a WL is not required to report roads that have been deactivated. There is no need to report other authorized roads such as Forest Service roads or those covered by a RP, licence of occupation or special use permits through this system.

WL Road Reporting Information Submission (WLRRIS)

The WLRRIS form (see attached), including spatial data must be submitted to the district manager of the natural resource district in which the WL is located on, or before, May 31st of the year following the expiration of the 1 CP. Ministry staff will review the information and the submitter will be contacted if there are any submission errors or inconsistencies.

Ministry staff and woodlot licensees are invited to provide ongoing feedback that may be considered through periodic review of these updated road reporting requirements. Please direct any questions or feedback about this publication to Emma Neill, Senior Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (250) 726-6249, emma.neill@gov.bc.ca or Geoffrey Klassen, Timber Tenures Forester, Forest Tenures Branch at (778) 974-2456, geoffrey.klassen@gov.bc.ca.

I ask that district managers share this information, to the extent possible, with woodlot licensees within their natural resource districts.



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Attachments: Woodlot Licence Road Reporting Information Submission

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