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**Re: Follow-up survey results from 2009 Cariboo-Chilcotin Business Area,
Quesnel Field Team. Forest Practices Board Audit**

As a follow-up to the 2009 Cariboo-Chilcotin Business Area, Quesnel Field Team,
Forest Practices Board Audit comment:

“For the remainder, BC Timber Sales has scheduled additional surveys to evaluate seedling growth and health. The Board requests that BC Timber Sales provide the survey results by November 30, 2010, along with an action plan for future monitoring.”

Attached are copies of the 2010 silviculture surveys conducted on nine openings that were planted in the spring of 2008 where the seedlings exceed the seedling transfer guidelines. This survey data was prepared, signed and sealed by a professional forester registered in British Columbia and the data was also reviewed by a professional forester. The data collected from these surveys show normal and expected results for these sites. Growth rates, survival, and forest health incidence appeared acceptable at the time of the surveys. It is our intention to re-survey these openings within a two to three year timeframe. The planned plot intensity (one plot per hectare) will ensure adequate monitoring, and will also ensure subsequent, timely decisions to be made if issues arise.

Further on this issue, the Cariboo-Chilcotin Business Area applied for the approval of the Chief Forester to accept four seedlots planted in contravention of standards for seed use at time of planting but are now in compliance with the new standards. The Chief Forester did not grant our application to accept these trees as compliant with the amended seed transfer guidelines. Respective of our application, the Cariboo-Chilcotin Business Area has determined these seedlings are currently located in a compliant elevation seed transfer area



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(supporting their ecological suitability to the site). These areas will be managed within a normal silviculture stocking survey regime (a survey conducted every three to four years).

The remaining eight blocks with seedlot violations will also be managed under our normal silviculture stocking survey regime. The Quesnel Field Team has conducted a risk-based review, and as a result has determined that these eight remaining openings had either a small component of "off site" seedlings planted (< 4%). When our survey program identifies low stocking levels, areas of NSR, poor seedling performance, or areas with elevated incidence of disease, an appropriate response will be developed to ensure appropriate stocking levels and forest health to achieve free growing.

If you have any questions, please call Keith Sandve, Woodlands Supervisor at 250-992-4400.

Yours truly



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Attachments: 9 survey results

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