



File: 16290-20

March 9, 2006

Dr. Bruce Fraser
 Chair, Forest Practices Board
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Dear Dr. Fraser:

In the Board's *Audit of Visual Resource Management in Campbell River Forest District (May 2005)*, several recommendations were made, the second of which was:

In co-operation with applicable licensees and the public, the Campbell River Forest District should complete and implement a comprehensive strategy for managing visual resources along the Highway 19 corridor within the audit area.



District response

In December 2005, my staff notified affected forest licensees, stakeholders, agencies and the Board of an Order establishing scenic areas and visual quality objectives (VQOs) for the Campbell River Forest District. Attached is a copy of this Order and my determination rationale.

In particular, the rationale explains how visual resources along the Highway 19 corridor have been addressed through the scenic areas and VQOs. This order also addresses other issues that the Board encountered in its audit and clarifies government's objectives for visual management for the purposes of the *Forest and Range Practices Act*.

If you have any questions regarding the attachments and how they address the Board's recommendation, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at 250-286-9330.

Yours truly,


 Rory Annett, R.P.F.
 District Manager

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Dr. Fraser

- Attachment:
1. Notice of establishment of scenic areas and VQOs for the Campbell River Forest District (including notice, Order and web site reference to maps and digital data)
 2. District Manager Rationale for establishment of scenic areas and VQOs



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March 14, 2006

VIA FAX to (250) 286-9490

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Dear Rory Annett:

Re: Audit of Visual Resource Management, Campbell River Forest District

I make reference to the following recommendation in the above named audit report:

2. In cooperation with applicable licensees and the public, the Campbell River Forest District should complete and implement a comprehensive strategy for managing visual resources along the Highway 19 corridor within the audit area.

In accordance with section 132 of FRPA, the Board requests that the Campbell River Forest District report to the Board on its progress in meeting Recommendation 2, by December 31, 2005.

The Board concludes that the Campbell River Forest District has fulfilled the requirements of this recommendation and the audit file is now closed.

The Board has reviewed your letter dated March 9, 2006, and the attached Order and Rationale, detailing the action that the district has taken since the Board's recommendation in the May 2005 report. The Board has also examined the mapping of scenic areas and VQOs for the Highway 19 corridor contained in the Order. Through this material you have adequately notified the Board of the steps that have been taken in relation to the Board's recommendation.


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The Board is encouraged that many of the visual management issues identified in the audit are addressed in the Order and Rationale. In particular, the Board is hopeful that the ministry headquarters' development work on managing road corridor views will be completed soon and will facilitate improved visual management for these areas.

The Board considers that you have met the recommendation in the report and the file is now closed.

I would like to thank you again for the co-operation shown by you and your staff during this audit.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Bruce Fraser".

Bruce Fraser, PhD
Chair

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