

File: 97250-20/060746

October 6, 2009

Ian Hamann, Timber Sales Manager British Columbia Timber Sales 2000 S. Ospika Boulevard Prince George, BC V2N 4W5

Dear Ian Hamann:

## Re: Complaint 060746: Response to recommendation

In its complaint investigation report "*Construction of the McCorkall and Woodpecker Forestry Roads*", the Forest Practices Board recommended that BCTS and the Ministry of Forests and Range take steps to mitigate any damage to the complainants' businesses resulting from the opening up of access via the McCorkall and Woodpecker connectors.

The Board requested that BCTS advise it on the implementation of mitigation measures for impacts to the complainants range tenures by September 30, 2009, and on mitigation of road access impacts by September 30, 2010.

I understand that BCTS has completed most of the fencing required to mitigate the effects of the roads on the complainant's range tenure, and that the remainder of the fencing will be completed once harvesting in the area is finished.

Thanks very much for keeping us informed on the progress of mitigation measures and the Board looks forward to confirmation in the new year about completion of the remaining work.

Yours sincerely,

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Dr. Bruce Fraser, PhD Chair

Cc: Alfred and Marianne Schneider, Almas Farms



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November 29, 2010

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We received your report of September 30, 2010, in which you explain the steps BCTS has taken. We discussed the report with the complainant and although he agreed these measures were an improvement, he still was not satisfied.

The complainant reported that he lost eight animals off his range tenure in the last two years. I understand that BCTS completed fencing this week and anticipate that it will help to reduce the complainant's losses. As well, BCTS will deactivate about 13 kilometers of road in the complainant's range tenure after doing silviculture work in 2011. The Board trusts that you will continue to communicate with the complainant to minimize future impacts on his range tenure and other interests.

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BCTS has also deactivated the McCorkall Connector Road to mitigate the impact that road had on the complainant's interests. Still, the complainant maintains that he has lost business and he is not satisfied. However, the Board is optimistic that deactivation of the road will help him reestablish his business.

In light of the measures that you have taken to mitigate the impact of your operations on the complainant, I consider this matter closed. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Glen Pilling at 250 836 3279.

Yours sincerely,

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R. A. (Al) Gorley, RPF Chair

Cc: Alfred Schneider