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Dear Dr. Fraser:

Thank you for your reply to our comments of February 2, 2005, on the report titled "*Evaluating Mountain Pine Beetle Management in British Columbia.*"

I appreciate the discussion this report has raised and would like to thank the Board for providing an interesting external perspective on the current management efforts. Recent dialogue has served to clarify many of the issues raised. Upon further review, I believe that much of the Board's report is very useful and please be assured that the concepts raised will be reviewed carefully and incorporated into provincial bark beetle strategies where most appropriate.

Thank you again for the efforts made by the Forest Practices Board to provide clarity in a very complex issue.

Yours truly,

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