

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2017 3:43 PM

Subject: RE: How we dealt with your representations for our Complaint Investigation Report #15033 – Hydrology and Wildlife Concerns About a Large Cutblock

Ken,

In accordance with the recommendations contained in the Forest Practices Board Report FPB/IRC/203-November 2016, Interfor engaged Forsite Consultants Ltd. of Salmon Arm BC to conduct a Patch Size Distribution Analysis on the Boundary Landscape Unit, as well as twelve other landscape units where we operate in the Kootenay region. Forest professionals at Forsite have extensive experience in both conducting and interpreting such analysis.

Final project deliverables were received by Interfor on January 9, 2017. Our planning and GIS teams from both Kootenay operations met on January 16 in Castlegar to discuss the analysis process, the reported findings and to align on how we will utilize the information when assessing new development proposals, prescribing retention areas and writing rationales for blocks greater than 40 ha, consistent with FPPR sec 64. To ensure consistency going forward, we also agreed to conduct internal peer reviews of any rationales that reference the report data.

Trusting this adequately addresses the Boards recommendation. Please call if you have further questions.

Regards,

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Dear Randy Waterous:

Re: Your Response to the recommendation in *Complaint Investigation 15033 – Hydrology and Wildlife Concerns About a Large Cutblock.*

Thank you for your e-mail response of January 19, 2017 to the recommendation in the Board's report.

We were pleased to be informed that Interfor has conducted a patch size distribution analysis on the Boundary Landscape Unit and that Interfor will be using it when assessing new development proposals and prescribing retention areas.

I accept this as addressing the Board's recommendation.

We will now consider this file closed.

Yours sincerely,

Timothy S. Ryan, RPF
Chair

cc: Barry Brandow