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Bill Warner, RPF
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Re: Request for an Allowable Annual Cut Increase in the Morice Timber Supply Area

Dear Bill;

The public review process for the Morice and Lakes IFPA Forestry Plan completed December 4th 2006 and the final submission dated January 17, 2007 is enclosed for your review and approval. The request from holders of Innovative Forest Management Agreements in the Morice Timber Supply Area for a cumulative increase of 500,000 cubic metres to the Allowable Annual Cut in the management unit subsequent to Section 59.1 (7) of the *Forest Act* is unchanged.

The public review efforts of IFPA holders and the responses are summarized in appendices within the report. Significant effort was made to contact First Nations directly during the public review process, and this is summarized in the appendix E of the plan. Although there is little written response from First Nations, there was a common concern in conversation regarding the impact a section 59.1 AAC award may have on local log markets. Our response has been that an AAC increase will likely be a market factor but the apportionment of that AAC is not a significant factor in our opinion. The market factors that will determine which stands are salvaged will most likely continue to be price, quality and timing of availability of timber.

We would be pleased to meet with you and your staff to review this submission at your convenience. Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to meet with the proponents.

Sincerely,
Morice and Lakes IFPA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Burbee".

Jim Burbee, RPF
General Manager.