

Memorandum

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SUBJECT APPROVAL – FOREST MANAGEMENT UNIT R11 FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dear Mr. Cartwright:

I have reviewed the Forest Management Plan (FMP) submitted on September 4, 2007 and approve it for implementation.

The following comments and direction apply:

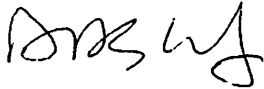
- 1.) This plan is approved as the effective FMP for the forest management unit (FMU) until it is replaced by an updated plan. The plan is termed “preliminary” which, in my assessment, inaccurately implies incompleteness. This plan admirably applies the concepts and principles embodied in the *Alberta Forest Management Planning Standard* to the management area. I request that the FMP be amended to remove all references to the plan being “preliminary” and publish a new version for general distribution.

Please provide 5 paper copies and one digital version of the amended and complete document to the Senior Manager, Forest Planning Section by October 30, 2007.

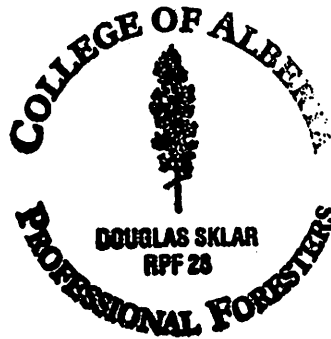
- 2.) The responses to the public input received address the issues raised in a prudent and reasonable manner. Please continue your efforts to meaningfully seek and address public input on this FMP as implementation progresses.
- 3.) The FMP is effective beginning May 1, 2007 and will continue to be in effect until it is updated or replaced by a subsequently approved FMP. The latest date for the FMP to be updated and approved shall be May 1, 2017.
- 4.) Please ensure the first Stewardship Report is received by the Senior Manager, Forest Planning Section on or before May 1, 2012.

I thank you and your staff for the diligent work completed to prepare this FMP. Please proceed with its implementation.

Sincerely,



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