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PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED ON LILLOOET TSA ANALYSIS

VICTORIA – The public is invited to comment until Aug. 8 on a timber supply analysis that shows the allowable annual cut in the Lillooet timber supply area could remain at 635,900 cubic metres a year for as long as six decades.

The analysis, part of the third timber supply review for the Lillooet TSA, focuses on two forest management scenarios related to the 2004 Draft Lillooet Land and Resource Management Plan. The analysis projects that under both scenarios, the current allowable annual cut could be maintained for five to six decades before declining 40 to 43 per cent to a long-term harvest level – 379,920 cubic metres a year under current practices or 364,420 cubic metres a year if the draft land use plan is approved.

Under the draft land use plan, small decreases in timber supply will occur due to areas set aside for parks, management of wildlife species such as grizzly bear and deer, and management of visuals. This is offset by improved inventory information obtained through on the ground sampling and volume gain information related to the use of select seed.

Copies of the analysis report are available on the Ministry of Forests website at <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/tsa/tsa15/> or from the Cascades Forest District, Highway 5A and Airport Road in Merritt, or call 250 378-8400.

Under B.C.'s comprehensive timber supply review, the chief forester must determine how much wood can be harvested in each of B.C.'s 37 timber supply areas and 34 tree farm licences at least once every five years. The chief forester can postpone a determination for up to five more years if the annual harvest is not expected to change significantly or set a new harvest level earlier to deal with abnormal situations such as insect infestations or wildfires.

Each allowable annual cut determination is an independent professional judgment based on information ranging from technical forestry reports and public input to government's social and economic objectives. For more information about the provincial timber supply review process, visit <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/>.

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