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CUT LEVEL UNCHANGED FOR TREE FARM LICENCE 53

VICTORIA – The allowable annual cut for Tree Farm Licence 53, held by Dunkley Lumber Ltd., remains unchanged at 219,000 cubic metres, deputy chief forester Melanie Boyce announced today.

“Over the past few years Dunkley has been successful in mitigating timber supply impacts from the mountain pine beetle by concentrating their logging in damaged stands,” said Boyce. “As a result they are able to maintain harvest levels much the same as those prior to the infestation.”

Tree Farm Licence 53 covers about 87,700 hectares between Prince George and Quesnel. About 68,600 hectares of the tree farm licence are available for timber harvesting. The majority of the forests are made up of spruce, subalpine fir and pine.

The deputy chief forester's determination is an independent professional judgment based on information ranging from technical forestry reports, First Nations input and public input to the government's social and economic goals. The timber supply review accounts for environmental factors such as biodiversity (which includes old-growth forests), water resources, and scenic values, in addition to social and economic issues.

Under the timber supply review, the chief forester or deputy chief forester must determine how much wood can be harvested in each of the province's 38 timber supply areas and 34 tree farm licences at least once every 10 years. A new allowable annual cut may be determined earlier in response to abnormal situations, or postponed for another five years if an allowable annual cut level is not expected to change significantly.

Copies of the deputy chief forester's allowable annual cut determination are available on the Ministry of Forests and Range website at: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hts/> or from the Prince George forest district office.

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