

June 1, 2018

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Dear Mr. Daisley:

Subject: HARVESTING WITHIN THE LITTLE SMOKY AND A LA PECHE CARIBOU RANGES

As a follow up to our meeting on May 11, 2018 with the forest tenure holders affected by the Little Smoky and A La Peche (LSALP) caribou ranges, I am providing direction to move forward with planning for harvest areas within the caribou range for the May 1, 2018-19 timber year and subsequent periods as the range plan is being finalized.

Within FMU W15, the harvest areas outside of the caribou ranges will include all stands in the first and second periods as described in the existing approved Forest Management Plan. Companies are eligible to harvest within the caribou ranges following the caribou sub-units (i.e. series – map and shape file attached) that were presented at the May 11 meeting. Volumes available from within the caribou range will be limited to those outlined in the Denhoff Report through to April 30, 2021. The two attached guidelines documents provide direction on the timber harvest protocols that are to be followed for timber harvest activities within the caribou ranges.

Your Forest Management Plan will require revision when the caribou range plan for LSALP has been finalized which will include, but not limited to a new spatial harvest sequence and timber supply analyses incorporating direction from the approved range plan.

Yours truly,



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