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Reg. #1827

Mr. Ivan Downton
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Dear Mr. Downton:

RE: Crown Zone 5 Five-year Forestry Operating Plan (2016-2020) – EA 1827

Your proposal has been reviewed by an interdepartmental screening committee and an opportunity to comment has been provided to the public as required by the Newfoundland and Labrador *Environmental Protection Act*, SNL 2002, cE-14.2. Please be advised that this undertaking is released from further environmental assessment subject to the following condition:

- The proponent must maintain a 30-metre buffer around wetland areas, maintain the hydrologic function of nearby wetlands, and direct any runoff from development away from wetlands.

The Water Resources Management Division of this department requires you to contact them regarding environmental permits for activities involving Protected Water Supply Areas. For further information, please contact the Water Resources Management Division at (709) 729-2563.

The Wildlife Division and the Parks and Natural Areas Division of this department require you to contact them regarding the proposed forestry operations in or adjacent to proposed or protected parks and natural areas. Specifically, the Parks and Natural Areas Division request that no new spur roads are constructed north of Rocky Pond North Road. For further information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (709) 637-2029 and the Parks and Natural Areas Division at (709) 637-2040.

The Department of Municipal Affairs advises that a development permit must be obtained from each municipality before proceeding with development inside municipal boundaries. They have also indicated where forestry is prohibited. For further information, please contact Municipal Affairs at (709) 729-3231.

The Agrifoods Branch of the Forestry and Agrifoods Agency advises that they should be contacted regarding forestry operations in or adjacent to the Wooddale Tree Nursery and other Agriculture Development Areas in Zone 5. For further information, please contact the Agrifoods Branch at (709) 637-2081.

The Department of Service NL advises that a development permit is required from the Government Service Centre prior to development within Building Control Lines established under the *Protected Road Zoning Regulations*. For further information, please contact the Government Service Centre at (709) 292-4206.

The Department of Natural Resources requires you to apply for and obtain a Quarry Permit from the Mines Branch to source aggregate for access road construction from a location outside of the immediate road right-of-way. For further information, please contact the Mines Branch at (709) 729-4044.

The Provincial Archaeology Office of the Department of Business, Tourism, Culture, and Rural Development advises that there are known archaeological sites within the boundaries of some of the harvesting blocks and there are other areas that have archaeological potential. For further information, please contact the Provincial Archaeology Office at (709) 729-2462.

The Department of Environment and Conservation supports Environment and Climate Change Canada's recommendation that in order to avoid nest destruction and to accommodate the breeding season of migratory songbirds and waterfowl, operations should consider nesting locations between April 15th and August 15th in this region. However, as some species protected under the *Migratory Birds Convention Act (MBCA)* do nest outside of this time period, it is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure that project activities are in compliance with the *MCBA* and associated regulations.

Although the undertaking, as proposed, is released from further environmental assessment, it is still subject to other legislative requirements. A summary of the comments received from government agencies during the review is attached to provide an indication of likely applicable permits, approvals and legislative requirements.

If you have any questions concerning these matters, please contact Mr. Bas Cleary, Director, Environmental Assessment Division at (709) 729-0673.

Sincerely,



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District of Lake Melville
Minister

Attachment