



Conservation

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Dear Quota Holder,

RE: Five-Year Timber Utilization Review and Future Quota Policy

As prescribed by Timber Quota Policy, a review of the volume harvested by each Quota holder is generally conducted at end of each Quota period.

We understand that during the 2005-2010 Quota period there has been an unprecedented decline in all Forest Product markets and we have witnessed some extreme timber damage from wind and fire. This has made it difficult for many Quota holders to harvest their full quota volumes. For these reasons, the Five Year Timber Utilization Review will not affect 2010-15 Quotas. No Quotas will be reduced or cancelled at this time for cutting less than volumes normally prescribed by Quota policy.

Please note however that the Two-Year Carry Forward policy is still in effect and the opportunity to cut any volume not harvested within two years will be lost (forfeiture).

In the fall of 2009 the Forestry Branch will be conducting meetings throughout the province to discuss this, the 2010-2015 Quota Policy as well as other Timber Management related topics. The Forest Industry Association and all regional associations will be notified of upcoming meetings however each Quota Holder should look for dates, locations and other information on the Forestry Management website at:

www.gov.mb.ca/conservation/forestry/forest_management

Yours truly,

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